

St John's Primary School Newsletter

26th April 2024

Dear Parents,

This week Headteachers from the OPEN partnership of schools (Cholsey, Ladygrove and Willowcroft) visited St John's to complete our annual Peer Review. As part of the day, Headteachers observed teaching, met with staff and children, looked at books and monitored the priorities of the school. This included observing Phonics and hearing children read as well as looking at our provision for pupils with SEND. The visit is always a really useful opportunity to have other professionals evaluate the school and give us areas for development. The review was overwhelmingly positive. They observed lots of strengths throughout the school and also left us with some areas to develop further which we will feed into our action plans. I would like to thank the staff for their preparation for the day and for welcoming visitors into their classrooms.

Year 5 have had a whole week of Junior Active Leaders training this week. As a school we fund the Junior Active Leaders Programme for our Year 5 children from our Sports Premium Funding. The children learn how to plan and run games for groups of their peers and for groups of younger pupils. The programme involves reflecting on what makes a good leader, how they cooperate in group, how they remain calm under pressure and are patient with younger children. They also learnt some First Aid! We have been very proud of how they have taken on the challenges set and pushed themselves out of their comfort zones. We look forward to Year 5 leading games on the playground in their bright orange T-shirts!

Year 5 also had a lovely Anglo-Saxon topic launch last week, visiting Dorchester Abbey for the day. They will spend the rest of the term becoming experts on this period of History!

Year 4 have been learning all about Rivers in Geography and also took a trip to the river to practise their water-colour painting on Friday. It was a lovely peaceful way to end their week! Later in the term, Year 3 take on a bouldering experience at Moultsford School as part of their learning about Mountains.

We also have the Life Education Workshops next week and will have a large tent taking up residence in the hall on Monday and Tuesday. Each class will have a session with the Life Education teacher covering a range of topics around keeping safe and healthy and making positive choices. Do ask your children what they have discussed in the tent!

Year 4 have been enjoying weekly swimming lessons this term and Year 5 will have their swimming lessons after half term.

As always we have a busy diary! Have a lovely weekend.

Nicky Hughes

Upcoming dates :

Monday 29th and Tuesday 30th April—Life Education Sessions

Wednesday 1st May—7pm—PTFA Meeting in school

Monday 6th May—Bank Holiday

Week beginning 13th May—Year 6 SATs week

Week beginning 20th May—Year 4 Residential

Friday 24th May—9am—Open Morning for parents

Week beginning 27th May—Half Term

Monday 3rd June—INSET Day

Monday 24th June—9.30am—SPORTS DAY



Year 5 visit to Dorchester Abbey

Anglo-Saxons Trip



Year 5 Junior Active Leader Training





Year 3 checking on their caterpillars!

Headteacher Recruitment Pack

St John's Primary School
Wallingford
Spring 2024



[Staff Vacancies – St John's Wallingford Primary
School \(stjohnswallingford.org.uk\)](http://stjohnswallingford.org.uk)

We are advertising for a Headteacher. More details can be found on our website, by following the link above.

Sports Day—Monday 24th June at 9.30am

Do come and join us for our Sports Day on the field on Monday 24th June from 9.30am. Children will be competing for their Houses and will need to wear a T shirt in the colour of their House.

Air—Yellow

Fire—Red

Earth—Green

Water—Blue

