



St John's Primary School Newsletter

25th October 2024

I would like to say THANK YOU to all parents, carers, grandparents and other adults who have greeted me so warmly in my first term at St John's. It has been a real pleasure beginning to get to know the children this term, but also to meet you; their families. I feel very lucky to have joined such a positive and vibrant community. I hope you all have a wonderful week of adventures and / or relaxation and look forward to welcoming the children back into school on Monday 4th November.

I would also like to extend a plea for help. I know our fantastic PTFA will run a **Love Your School Day** later in the year, but in the meantime, if there is anyone who could offer any tiling, plastering, painting skills for small fixes / projects, we would love to hear from you!

Materials and copious amounts of biscuits and tea would be supplied by school!

thank you

We are delighted to announce the first children to join our School Leadership. Again, all of the children should be congratulated for their effort and enthusiasm.

Head Boy: Tom Flavell

Head Girl: Elin Shipway

House Captains for **AIR**: Charlie Jennings and Lila Hammerschmidt

House Captains for **WATER**: Elsie Small and Bea Hemphill- Jones

House Captains for **FIRE**: Monty Pearmain and Eva Oliver

House Captains for **EARTH**: Jack Peplow and Ruby Underhill.

Classes will be voting for their School Council and Eco Council

Representatives this week and these will be announced in

the first Monday Assembly back after our Half-term break.



Stars of the week

Foundation - Sam & Theodore E.W

Year 4 - Loki, Alfie & Riley

Year 1 - Euan & Isla L.

Year 5 - Charlotte & Mirabelle

Year 2 - Naomi, Sophie & Finley

Year 6 - Aliyah, Jasmine & Jake

Year 3 - Robin & Evie



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Dates for your diary:



- 4th November Return to School
- 6th November Flu Vaccinations
- 8th November PTFA Spooky Disco
- **12th November 3.30 – 5.30pm Parents' Evening**
- 14th November 2:00 – 3:00 Foundation Open Afternoon for prospective parents
- **14th November 3:30 – 7.00pm Parents' Evening**
- 16th November 10:00 - 11:00 School Open Morning for prospective parents
- **21st November 5.30 - 6.30pm Parents' Forum**
- **25th November INSET Day - School closed for children**
- 26th November Year 6 visit to Cineworld Didcot.
- 29th November Mufti Day for PTFA Christmas Hampers
- **9th December pm (Times to be finalised) Carol Service at St Mary's**
- **10th December 2:30pm Infant Nativity**
- 11th December Years 3 & 4 visit to Watermill Theatre
- 12th December Years 5 & 6 visit to Watermill Theatre
- **12th December 6:00pm Infant Nativity**
- 16th – 20th December Year 6 Residential to Yenworthy
- 18th December – School Christmas Lunch
- 20th December – In-school Theatre Company for KS1
- 20th December at 1pm End of Term
- **6th January 2025 INSET Day - School closed for children**
- 7th January 2025 Start of Spring Term
- **2nd April 2025 pm Easter Service at St Mary's**
- 4th April 2025 at 1:00pm End of Term
- **2nd June 2025 INSET - School closed for children**



A HEAD'S UP:

In the Summer Term, we will be hosting a **Careers Fayre for Year 5 and Year 6**. If you or someone / a company you know would be interested in getting involved, please would you make the School Office aware. We would like to amass a range of industries and job types to inspire and enthuse the children.

KS1 led our Harvest Celebrations beautifully – their confidence was hugely impressive, as was the enormous haul of food that we were able to donate to the Wallingford Emergency Food Bank on your behalf. Thank you for joining us to celebrate Harvest and for your generosity. Thank you also to the KS1 Team for their work to ensure the children really enjoyed their performance experience and to Mrs. Beckett for making sure we could all sing along.



22 October 2024

Ms Claire Linfield
St John's Primary School
St John's Road
Wallingford
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Dear Ms Linfield,

I write on behalf of the Wallingford food bank to thank your students, parents and staff for the harvest donations received recently.

We were so grateful to receive your gifts of food. It is very reassuring to find the community at St John's school, still able to support us in this way.

We continue to see very high demand for our service, so the food you have donated is very welcome.

Yours sincerely



Alice Penney
Manager

"I was hungry and you gave me something to eat."
Registered Charity No. 1169402
Chairman: Anthony Clements Manager: Alice Penney
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Stay and Learn

We had a fantastic turn-out for our first Stay and Learn session. Thank you to all of you who attended. Year 6 did an amazing job of showing parents and carers to the different classes and the children were very excited to have you join in with their learning.

We will work on getting your children to you at the end of the session in a more timely manner for next time, and if there any other suggestions you have, then please do bring them along to the Parents' Forum on November 21st or catch one of us on the school gate.

Year 5 have been combining their Science and Art learning this week, with amazing volcanic representations.



In P.E., they've also reached new heights, whilst developing their core strength and partner work by creating paired balance poses.

Day: Every week on Friday
Time: 7:00pm - 7:45pm
Run by: Judith
Where: Ward
St Mary le more church Wallingford

Junior Church Choir

Ages 4-17

Please Join!

Do you love singing and interacting with others? If so Junior church choir is the place for you. We sing in services and participate in cathedral tours. It's completely free plus you get biscuits at the end of each rehearsal.

P.S. There is an adult choir too!

To register your interest, email: domwallingfordchoir@gmail.com or speak to Caitlin and Elin!

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