



St John's Primary School Newsletter

3rd February 2025

An ENORMOUS THANK YOU to KINECROFT ACADEMY of DANCE and to INGHAM CLARK LODGE who have both donated funds to our school in the past few weeks. This will allow us to start work on our infant library much sooner than we anticipated and is hugely appreciated. Lucy from Kinecroft Academy of Dance will be coming into school after half-term to talk to the children further about dance and the benefits of it. We are immensely proud to be part of such a generous community.

Thank you to all of you who have gone onto FixMyStreet over the past few months to notify them about the state of the pavement through the walkway and at the front of the school. Myself and Mrs. Clements have been haranguing the council regularly and are delighted that this work has been completed today. We are hoping that a drop kerb will be placed at the back of the school in the Summer Term to aid access further.

Thank you also to all parents and carers who helped bring their child's idea of a new school logo into being. We will be awarding prizes for effort and participation, as well as revealing our starting point next week. We also had help from an ex-pupil, George, who is now at Wallingford School, and who gave us a real sense of what could be achieved – thank you.

We will be welcoming a variety of visitors into school this week. The NSPCC will be delivering workshops to Years 2, 5 & 6, whilst the whole school had NSPCC assemblies last week. There will be an author visit in Years 4 and 5 on Thursday, which is always a cause for great excitement.

Next week, there are **parents' meetings**. **Please do visit our Art Gallery and taste the foods on offer from Radish. Remember that St John's children should not be attending meetings with you.**

Karolina (Year 6): On 28th January, we went to Wallingford School to compete in a series of challenges which were single relay races (with a baton), double relay races (also with a baton), an obstacle course, long jump, vertical jump, speed bumps, sitting down chest push, javelin throw and an under-and-over race. We would recommend it! It was very fun!

Vincent (Year 5): On Tuesday 28th January, we went to the amazing Wallingford School and had a blast. We went there because we were competing in the Sportshall Athletics and we came 3rd. Throughout this competition, we did many different races and all of them were fantastic. I think everyone would want to go in the future because it was so much fun.

Thank you to Miss Cave, Ms Beckett, Mrs. Underhill for facilitating the children's participation in the different activities. I can confirm that they enjoyed it enormously and were, as ever, fantastic ambassadors for our school.

Sports Update



Thank you to those parents who came along to our PARENTS' FORUM.

Please watch out for a parental questionnaire soon after half-term.

Dates for your diary:

- **30th January 5.30-6.30pm Parent Forum**
- 4th February NSPCC Workshops in School for Years 2, 5 & 6
- **11th February Parents' Evening 3.30- 6.00pm**
- **13th February Parents' Evening 3.30 – 7.00pm**
- **14th February Stay and Learn 09:00 – 09:30 & 09.30 – 10.00am**
- 17th – 21st February Half Term Holiday
- **27th February Year 2 Class Assembly 09:00 -09:30am**
- 6th March World Book day
- 7th March St John's Reading Awards
- **20th March Stay & Learn 2.00 – 2.30 & 2.30 – 3.00pm**
- **20th March 5.30 – 6.30pm Parent Forum**
- **21st March Comic Relief Red Nose Day**
- **27th March SATs Meeting for Year 6 parents**
- 1st April Life Bus visiting school
- **1st April Year 3 /4 Performance afternoon**
- **2nd April 2025 pm Easter Service at St Mary's**
- **3rd April Year 3/ 4 Performance Evening**
- **4th April at 1pm End of Term**
- 22nd April Start of Summer Term
- 24th April – Year 4 swimming starts at Didcot Wave for 6 weeks
- **1st May Year 5 Class Assembly 09:00 -09:30am**
- 12 – 15th May – SATs Week
- **22nd May Foundation Class Assembly 09:00 -09:30am**
- 26th – 30th May Half Term Holiday
- **2nd June 2025 INSET - School closed for children**
- 12th June – Year 5 swimming starts at Didcot Wave for 6 weeks
- 12th - 13th June – Year 4 to Court Hill
- 16th – 17th June Year 5 to Youlbury
- **19th June Year 4 Class Assembly 09:00 -09:30am**

Dates for your diary (continued):

- 27th June Stay and Learn 09:00 – 09:30 & 09:30 – 10:00
- 3rd July Year 3 Class Assembly 09:00 -09:30am
- 10th July Year 1 Class Assembly 09:00 -09:30am
- 11th July Sports Day
- 15th July Reports home
- 15th July Year 6 Production afternoon performance
- 17th July Year 6 Production evening performance
- 22nd July Leavers' Assembly
- **22nd July at 1pm School Year Ends**
- Monday 1st September INSET – school closed for children
- Tuesday 2nd September INSET – school closed for children
- Wednesday 3rd September – Autumn Term Starts
- Friday 24th October INSET – school closed for children
- Friday 22nd May INSET – school closed for children
- End of term Summer 2026 – Friday 17th July.

Stars of the week

Foundation - Poppy S, Milo and Theodore

Year 1 - Isla M. ,Otis , Zia, Matilda, Eden, Isla

Year 2 - Isla S, Sofia and Billy

Year 3 - Evie, Mabel and Bea

Year 4 - Everyone & Alfie, Nyra and Maggie

Year 5 - Skylar, Vincent and Maisie

Year 6 - Isla, Bobby and Ruby

