



St John's Primary School Newsletter

28th March 2025

We are fast approaching the Easter break and at last, the weather appears to be improving! We have had an exceptionally busy term and still have some exciting things planned for the final week.

We will visit the Church on Wednesday 2nd at 13:30 and parents are welcome to join us for an Easter service, The children and our choir will be singing a variety of Easter and Spring songs (including everybody's favourite, "Spring Chicken!")

We will also have our Year 3 and 4 production this week. If the dress rehearsal today is anything to go by – it will be an astounding success next week. Timings are in the dates section.

On Thursday, we will be saying farewell to Mrs. Burgess. Thank you for the generosity you have shown her (the ParentPay link will stay in operation until end of day on Tuesday if you still would like to donate towards her gift) - we will be making sure she is suitably honoured and spoiled on her final day and she definitely won't be a stranger to us. We have already booked her for SATs week!

We are currently advertising for a Deputy Headteacher and have had much interest already. We will be showing a variety of potential candidates around the school next week and are looking forward to appointing a Deputy Headteacher to start in September. Through the Summer Term, Mrs. Ball will have an extended leadership role and will be helping to fill the gap of Mrs. Burgess' departure.



Thank you to those parents who have returned the parental questionnaire. It is great to read your thoughts and ideas and we are very glad that the vast majority of parents are very happy with their child's experience at St John's.

Just to address a couple of comments, there is still 1:1 reading happening in the school between adults and children. Also, I tend to stand at the black gate entrance to the school because that gate is unmanned in the mornings and we would neither want strangers to come in, nor toddlers or our children to go out. The main playground is staffed in the morning. The greetings are a gorgeous bonus to this (it is my favourite part of the day!). After Easter, we will endeavour to mix it up a bit, so that children who enter from both gates are greeted by school staff.

We hope that those of you who joined us for Stay and Learn enjoyed seeing the amazing work the children produced for World Book Day which is now decorating the school.

Huge congratulations for the whopping £306.50 raised for **Comic Relief!**

Dates for your diary:

- 31st March and 1st April Life Bus visiting school
- **1st April Year 3 / 4 Performance afternoon at 2:15pm**
- **1.30pm 2nd April 2025 pm Easter Service at St Mary's**
- **3rd April Year 3/ 4 Performance Evening at 6pm**
- **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**
- **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**

Dates for your diary (continued):

- 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.