



St John's Primary School Newsletter

2nd May 2025

This term is very short but exceptionally busy and so far, very, very warm! Thank you very much for ensuring that your child(ren) have come to school equipped with hats and water bottles. They have all coped with the heat admirably.



Music Lessons:

As part of our school questionnaire, some parents stated that there were not sufficient opportunities for the children to learn instruments. I have therefore been meeting with OCC Music Services and would ask that you complete the Google Form below. This is an initial questionnaire to garner the level of interest for hosting music lessons in school. It will not tie you into any future lessons. The cost of lessons are £6.80 for small group (3 or 4 children); £10.50 for paired lessons, and £18.60 for individual lessons. The choice of lessons is quite impressive. I will be meeting with Music Services again in a fortnight to arrange lessons to start in September at the latest, so please do respond at your earliest opportunity – thank you.

<https://forms.gle/8A1J8GN2Fs8uMK789>

Sports Workshops

We are also working hard to provide the children with more sporting opportunities. Next week, we will welcome Simon Parker, head coach at Benson Tennis Club to school on Friday, when he will provide all of the children with a free tennis workshop. We will also be having a free dance workshop in June, thanks to Lucy at Kinecroft School of Dance. If you or your child is involved in a sport that might be able to be offered at school, please do let me know.

Staffing

We are delighted to announce that Mrs Zoe Parks will be joining us in September as our new Deputy Headteacher. We had an overwhelming number of visits and applications and are very pleased with the calibre of candidates that the school attracted. Mrs. Parks will be coming into school from the beginning of June to begin to get to know the school, children, families and staff before the start of the new school year. Mrs. Burgess will be with us in SATs week to assist with the administration of the tests, so you may also see her.

VE Day – 8th May



On VE day, we will be exploring what peace means to the children and creating some visual representations that you will notice in the following days. We will also have a whole school assembly. If the children would like to add some **red**, white or **blue** to their uniform, such as socks, t-shirts or hair ties, please do!

Dates for your diary:

9th May Tennis Workshop

9th May Author visit for years 4 & 5

10th May LOVE MY SCHOOL

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 June Year 1 to Windsor Castle

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

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Monday 1st September INSET – school closed for children

Tuesday 2nd September INSET – school closed for children

Wednesday 3rd September – Autumn Term Starts

Thursday 23rd October INSET – school closed for children

Friday 24th October INSET – school closed for children

Friday 22nd May 2026 INSET – school closed for children

Monday 20th July 2026- term ends