



St John's Primary School Newsletter

16nd May 2025

An **ENORMOUS** and hugely appreciative



to the families who came into school last Saturday for Love My School Day. Absolutely proving that many hands do indeed make light work, I am amazed by how much was accomplished and how hard everybody worked. The school is so very lucky to have the parent body it has and a huge difference has been made to the lives of staff and children as a result.

If you come into school, you will see that the tissue-paper tree is no more. It will stay as it is now until the summer holidays, when it will be revitalised! Scroll down for photos of the day!

We also need to send a massive St John's thank you to Si Parker from **Benson Tennis Club**. The children from Foundation to Year 6 enjoyed a great tennis workshop. This was provided free-of-charge. If your child is interested in more tennis, the link to the club is here and we know that Si will be back on other occasions.

<https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/bensontennisclub>

Further gratitude goes to **The Wallingford Bookshop** and Jennie Jennings for organising an author visit for Years 3, 4 and 5. The children found the presentation really interesting and I am sure it has spurred on some future authors. Again, scroll down for some photos.

Last, but by no means least, our Year 6 children took part in their SATs tests this week. They have been such a credit to the school throughout the week and we are all enormously proud of them. They are already showing us that their secondary schools will be blessed to inherit such a brilliant bunch of young people.

The rest of the school was also affected by the administration of the SATs tests and every single child has played their part. The children have enjoyed working with their older or younger partner classes and their behaviour has been exemplary throughout the week. St. John's children are undoubtedly something very special.

Music Lessons

If you would like your child to have lessons in keyboard / piano, guitar or woodwind, please can you register on the OCC Music Service website

<https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/residents/music-service/music-lessons/learning-instrument>

You will need to find St John's School from the dropdown menu and then choose both the instrument and type of lesson. Lessons will be available for children Year 2 and above from September.

Please complete this by 24th June. You do not have to have registered interest previously.

Dates for your diary:

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

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

9th and 10th July Year 4 to Hill End Centre

11th July Sports Day

15th July Reports home

15th July Year 6 Production afternoon performance – this will now be an evening 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



Perseverance, Ambition, Curiosity, Kindness