



St John's Primary School Newsletter

17th July 2025

BUGSY MALONE

Huge congratulations to the children of Year 5 and 6 and their outstanding production of Buggy Malone. The applause on Tuesday night was long and loud and I am expecting the same today, as the children take to the stage for their final night. Thank you to all parents for their help with props, costumes and learning of lines – I could see many parent mouths mirroring the words being spoken on stage!

Enormous thanks go to the Year 5 & 6 team: Ms Beckett, Mrs. Long, Mrs. Johnson, Mrs. Brotherton, Mrs. Miles, Mrs. Plumb, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Underhill and Mrs. Flavell, as well as all of the extra staff who have come on the night to assist; Mrs. Fuller and Mrs. Haggert.

We were delighted to welcome the Wallingford Mayor, Ros Lester, as well as Fin Lewis, from Wallingford School and Maff Potts, who hosts Funky Fridays to the performance. Like the rest of the audience, they were astounded by the performances of the children, as well as the back-stage hands. An amazing night!

As we near the end of the school year, I would like to extend some very heartfelt thanks to you all for your warm welcome and for your wonderful children. St. John's is a very special place and a large part of that is because of you and of course, your children. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very relaxing and fun-filled summer break and am looking forward to September already!

In final staffing news, we would like to congratulate Mr. Wootton on his successful appointment as a Sports Technician at The Wallingford School. We will miss him and are glad that many children will still work with him as they transfer to secondary school.

This newsletter contains information about summer events run by the library and the museum, as well as opportunities to join a new tennis club hosted at St John's in the Autumn Term, so please do scroll down. At the end, you will find a great many dates for next year. We have, at present, our final day in July as Monday 20th - this would be a half day. We would like to canvas you to see if you would prefer this to stay as it is, or if we should cancel the school's INSET from 22nd May and therefore, finish on Friday 17th. Please mark your preference in the GoogleForm <https://forms.gle/gD81ktJT8JCE6sL36>

SPORTS DAY

Sports Day will be held on the field on Friday. Children may wear their house colours if they wish. They must have a hat and a water bottle with them.

Infant races will start at approximately 9:30, and Junior races at approximately 10:15. We expect to finish by 11:45.



After School Tennis Club at St John's Primary School



Learn Tennis!



Chais Sports is delighted to offer Years 4, 5 and 6 a Tennis Club at St John's Primary School. This Club is limited to 16 places.

The Club will take place on Mondays from 3:20-4:20pm

This course will run for 7 weeks at a cost of £42 (£6 per session)

First session will be on Monday 8th September



After School Tennis Club at St John's Primary School



Learn Mini Tennis



Chais Sports is delighted to offer Years 1, 2 and 3 a Mini Tennis Club at St John's Primary School. This Club is limited to 16 places.

The Club will take place on Fridays from 3:20-4:20pm

This course will run for 8 weeks at a cost of £48 (£6 per session)

First session will be on Friday 5th September



To book a place please contact
office@chaisports.co.uk

★ When booking, please
indicate the Club you are
wishing to book for ★



Perseverance, Ambition, Curiosity, Kindness



Summer of fun for all the family

We're very excited that this year's summer exhibition at the Oxfordshire Museum is on the Ice Age in Oxfordshire. All our Summer of Fun activities over the holidays will be themed around this.

There will be chances for visitors to create their own hand axe, beetle model, dancing mammoth or Ice Age landscape, meaning there is something for everyone to enjoy this summer with us.

[Summer of Fun](#)

Dates for your diary:

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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

Tuesday 16th September – Flu Vaccines

Wednesday 24th September – Year 2 to Story Museum

Tuesday 30th September – Stay and Learn 9:00- 10:00 am

Wednesday 1st October – School Photographs

Monday 6th October – KS2 visiting virtual Henley Literacy Festival

Tuesday 7th October – KS1 Visiting virtual Henley Literacy Festival

Tuesday 7th October – Year 6 to Henley Literary Festival

Monday 20th October – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 5:30pm

Tuesday 21st October – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 7:00pm

Thursday 23rd October INSET – school closed for children

Friday 24th October INSET – school closed for children

Monday 27th – Friday 31st October – Half term break

Wednesday 19th November – Stay and Learn 2-3pm

Thursday 4th December – FS Dress Rehearsal

Friday 5th December – KS1 Dress Rehearsal

Friday 5th December – Foundation Stage Christmas Production 2:15pm

Saturday 6th December – Singing at Earth Trust Christmas Fayre

Monday 8th December – KS1 Nativity Performance 2:15pm

Tuesday 9th December – KS1 Nativity Performance 6:00 – 7:00pm

Thursday 11th December – KS2 to Watermill Theatre

Monday 15th – Friday 19th December – Year 6 to Yenworthy.

Friday 19th December – term ends at 1:00pm

Monday 5th January – Term starts

Friday 23rd January – Stay and Learn 09:00 – 10:00

Monday 9th February – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 5:30pm

Tuesday 10th February – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 7:00pm

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 23rd March – Year 3 & 4 Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 24th March – Year 3 / 4 performance 2:15pm

Thursday 26th March – Year 3 & 4 performance 6pm

Thursday 29th April – Stay and Learn 9:00- 10:00am

Monday 11th – Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATS Week

Monday 8th June – class photos

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th June – Year 4 to Hill End

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th June – Year 5 to Youlbury

Tuesday 23rd June – Sports Day

Friday 26th June – Year 3 Sleepover

Monday 13th July – Year 5 & 6 Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th – Year 5 & 6 Production at 6.30pm

Friday 17th July – Leavers' Assembly



Story Garden



Explore nature with a **FREE** children's reading challenge at your local Oxfordshire library!

5 July to 6 September 2025

The 2025 Summer Reading Challenge, **Story Garden**, celebrates adventure, fantasy and the great outdoors.

Tap into a world of imagination through reading and exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.



Finish the challenge and get your own medal and certificate!



Look out for fantastic new books and activities at your library!

www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/libraries
www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk