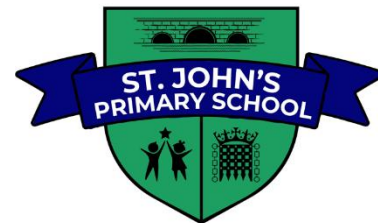


St John's Primary School Newsletter

12th September 2025



A GREAT START

Our first full week has been brilliant. The children are tired today after their first full week back after the summer, but they have jumped straight back into their learning and are already showing us how amazing they are!

Thank you for getting them here on time with all the right paraphernalia for the mad weather we have had this last week. Children are welcome to bring umbrellas into school, if they are walking. We would ask, that if you are walking with them, you take them back home, but only because space on coat hooks is limited.

The weather looks like it will remain changeable next week, so please continue to send in coats, even on the sunny days – thank you.

Music lessons and tennis club have started, as well as our extended wraparound service.

As ever, please feel free to contact the school office, if you have any questions.

Have a lovely weekend and see you on Monday.

SAFEGUARDING

We have been made aware that there has been heightened use of an anonymous messaging app amongst older children in Wallingford. These apps allow people to send messages to another's WhatsApp without being identified and have been used to send bullying or racist insults.

We speak to the children often about staying safe online and being responsible messengers / posters, but if your child has a phone, please talk with them about the dangers of posting anonymously and what they should do if they receive one of these messages.

There is very useful advice on Childnet, the UK Safer Internet Centre, CEOP, Think U Know and NSPCC.

BIKES AND SCOOTERS

We love how many children are bringing bikes and scooters to school. It is such a healthy way to travel. Please could we ask that all children (whether they are at our school or too young yet) dismount on the school grounds and wheel their scooter or bike through the school or on paths. This is purely to protect everyone, and especially our smallest children, from accidental collisions. Thank you.

HOME LEARNING

On Monday, your child will bring home their home learning book. This will have a front sheet which details the expectations for home learning and a home learning matrix.

We would ask that all children read 5 days out of 7, with you, to you or near you. This would be for between 5 and 20 minutes depending on their age and ability. Please would you, or they, record this in their reading diary and once a week, please can you or another responsible adult sign their reading record. If your child reads independently, it is still important to talk with them about what they are reading and how they are responding to the text. It is also still lovely to be read to at any age, especially if it is a book that is a little out of your child's own reading ability. Remember, reading can also be recipes, comics, newspapers, whatever grabs your child's interest. Children should have their reading records in school each day please.

On Fridays, in Years 1 to 6, a reading fluency extract will be sent home. This is just to read with or to your child and if you have time, an initial discussion about the sort of text it is, whether they like it, etc..

Your child will also be asked to complete either Numbots or TTRS consolidation activities each week.

The matrix will allow your child to choose three pieces of home learning from six suggestions, so that they are completing each piece across two weeks. They should bring their home learning into school on any Wednesday. This does not mean that they have to wait two weeks before bringing in their next piece – it can be any Wednesday and of course, they can do more than three if they wish.

We hope that the children will enjoy this home learning and will be keen to celebrate it with their class.

Thank you for your support.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is now situated at the back of the hall. We will clear the Lost Property box every three weeks by donating items to charity. Please ensure that your child's clothes and possessions are clearly named, so that we can return anything mislaid to them. Please feel free to come and check the box at the end of the school day.

Dates for your diary:

2025/26

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 watching virtual Henley Literacy Festival

Tuesday 7th October – KS1 watching virtual Henley Literacy Festival

Tuesday 7th October – Year 6 to Henley Literacy Festival

Friday 10th October – Year 6 watching virtual Literacy Festival

Thursday 16th October Year 4 Class Assembly

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

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

Wednesday 22nd October – Harvest Festival

Thursday 23rd October INSET – School closed for children

Friday 24th October INSET – School closed for children

Monday 27th to 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. Date to be rearranged~~

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

Monday 5th January – Term starts

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

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

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

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February - Half term break

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 23rd March – Year 3 & 4 Dress Rehearsal

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

Wednesday 25th March – Easter Bonnet Parade 2:15pm

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

Friday 27th March – Term ends at 1:00pm

Monday 13th April – Term starts

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

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

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May- Half term break

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

TERM ENDS at 1:00pm on Friday 17th July