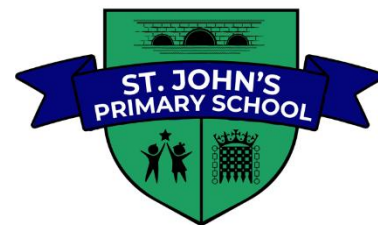


St John's Primary School Newsletter

10th October 2025



LUNCH CLUB AND WELFARE ROOM

We have made some changes to the inside of school, so that we now have a lovely, cosy welfare room and a great Lunch Club room. Lunch Club is for any children who would like to be off the playground or out of the dining room for a day or longer. Sometimes, we suggest that children might like to attend, but mostly it is up to the children.

We would really like more games for it: Knex, Lego, Uno and board games like Connect 4. If you have any complete games at home that are unwanted, please do think of donating.

Lunch Club is always run by school staff who are familiar to the children.



HEALTHY SNACKS

We appear to have a growing number of children eating crisps, chocolate, or other unhealthy snacks at break-time. Foundation, Years 1 and 2 have fruit provided for their snack, but all other year groups should be bringing a healthy snack for break time. This can be fruit, unsweetened popcorn or a cereal bar.

Please do check that any cereal bars do not contain any nuts, as we have children and staff with nut allergies. Thank you.

ROBLOX

Lots of children are playing Roblox and we have had some reports of scary content from children. If your child does play, Roblox has some good recommendations for children under 13 (the NSPCC recommended age of play) at the following link: <https://corp.roblox.com/families>.

Parentzone, Internet Matters and NSPCC also have useful advice about levels of control that can, and should be, in place for younger players.

FOREST SCHOOL

Regular Forest School stopped at the school before I arrived and we are exploring lots of ways to get it back up and running, in a way that is sustainable for the school. At present, we would like to run regular Woodland / Field sessions with the children and are asking for your help to run these. Please follow the link to register if you are able to help out with these sessions; whether it be weekly, monthly or once a year. It is really important that the children get out in the open and explore their learning in a variety of settings, so we are hoping that together we can facilitate this for the children.

<https://forms.gle/jzbmcJzWnfB2yoGL7> Once we have an idea of numbers, we will contact again within year groups for names and specific dates – thank you.



LET'S TALK ABOUT SJPS

In our parent newsletter last year, many parents commented that they would like more Breakfast and JACs Club places, more music and more sport in the school. All of these are happening, with more to still do. We now offer tennis, cricket and football clubs and the field is more in use for sports. Music is taught by a peripatetic music teacher in Years 3 & 4 and we have flute and guitar lessons happening in school. Unfortunately, the piano teacher has let down both us and the Oxfordshire Music Service, but we are working hard to find someone who will provide piano lessons for the children.

I am aware that there is more to do and that parents would like to contribute their ideas. Last year, I offered some evening parent forums, but these were poorly attended (thank you if you came!), so this year, I would like to garner your opinions on how we get to hear your opinions! Please click on the link to tell us how you would like your views to be heard – thank you.

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PUMPKIN PATCH COMPETITION



Bring your amazing pumpkin carvings to school on WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER and enter our *Pumpkin Patch* competition.

Entries cost £1 and there will be winners across KS1 and KS2.

You will be able to take your pumpkin home for Halloween. The judging team (our Head Pupils) will be looking for wonderful ideas and concepts, as well as carving skills!

The entry fee will be used to help buy banded books for our KS2 readers – thank you in advance for your support!



CHILDREN IN NEED



On Friday 14th November, we would ask that the children come into school

in colour – this can be just their socks or top, but can be from the tips of their toes to the crown of their head – it is up to them! If they want to wear sports shirts, these are fine as long as they are local youth clubs which the children belong to.

School Council will be leading the decision next week about what our **Challenge Yourself to 25** will involve and we will let you know soon after. We will be asking each child to make a donation of 50p+.

OUT AND ABOUT

In the last few weeks, Years 3, 4 and 5 have been down to Wallingford Community Hospital to help launch their outdoor area. The children painted, created bird boxes and helped out with weeding. All the children from Years 1 – 6 have taken part in Henley Literary Festival virtually in school and Year 6 have also caught the public bus into Henley to take part.

Foundations have been put and about collecting (and playing) in Autumn leaves and they are loving buddying up with Year 6 for lunch.





STARS OF THE WEEK



Congratulations to the first Stars of the Week of this academic year:

Year 1: Alex, Charlie and Ffion

Year 4: Shay and Ellie

Year 2: Isla and Raphael

Year 5: Neve and Zach

Year 3: Sofia, Ruan, Ezra and Ted

Year 6: Luke B. and Luke S.



Dates below



Have a lovely weekend 😊

Dates for your diary:

2025/26

Friday 10th October – Year 6 watching virtual Literacy Festival

Thursday 16th October Year 4 Class Assembly 09:00

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

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

Wednesday 22nd October – Harvest Festival 09:00

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

Thursday 13th November – Year 5 Class Assembly 09:00

Friday 14th November – Children in Need

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

Tuesday 16th December – Christmas Church Service pm

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

Monday 5th January – Term starts

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

26th – 30th January – Year 6 to Yenworthy

Thursday 29th January – Year 3 Class Assembly

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

Thursday 12th March – Year 6 Class Assembly

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 23rd April – Foundation Stage Class Assembly

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

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

Thursday 21st May – Year 1 Class Assembly

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

Thursday 4th June – Year 2 Class Assembly

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