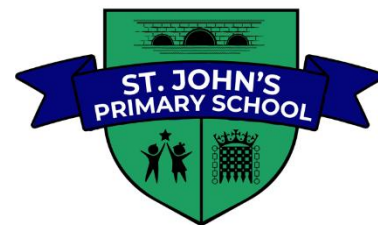


St John's Primary School Newsletter

21st November 2025



OWL LEARNING

Our newly-named Outdoor Woodland Learning is off to a great start. We will work now to increase the sessions for children so that all children have opportunities to explore and learn within our beautiful field and woodland settings on a regular basis. Thank you to those parents who have responded to our initial call for help – we will be calling on you soon!

WALLINGFORD LANTERN PARADE

There will be a lantern parade as part of the Wallingford Christmas Fayre. This year, the organisers are hoping that children might join the parade dressed as characters from the Nativity and are really keen that St John's families are invited to take part. Parents and carers will walk with the children

In the lead-up to the event, there will be free lantern-making workshops as follows:

- **Friday & Saturday** – Dolphin
- **Sunday** – St Mary's Church

The Lantern Parade will leave the **Market Place at 4:00pm**, walking to **St Leonard's** before returning into town, where the children will collect Santa from his grotto. The parade will finish in front of the Town Hall, where the Mayor will light the Christmas tree and the crowd will join together to sing carols. All activities will be finished by **5:00pm**.

This might be a lovely way to start the Christmas season and start getting those warm and fizzy Christmas feelings. Posters for the lantern making and the Christmas Fayre are attached below and are up in the school window.

STAFFING

We are delighted to announce that we have appointed a new school Business Manager, Mrs. Halasz, and a new Finance Officer, Mrs. Xu. Mrs. Halasz will be joining us from January 12th, whilst Mrs. Xu from mid-December. In the meantime, Mrs. Hill will continue to hold the fort with assistance from Mrs. Evans (SBM at Crowmarsh Gifford) and Mrs. Belcher (SBM at Willowcroft). We are hugely grateful to all three for their support and resilience. Please continue to bear with us as we induct our new staff, as well as continue with our transition to Arbor.

★ ★ ★ STARS OF THE WEEK ★ ★ ★

Congratulations to this week's Stars of the Week:

Year 1: Sam

Year 4: Charles

Year 2: Martha

Year 5: Loki

Year 3: Connie

Year 6: Ben

Also celebrated this week in Celebration assembly was Monty (Year 4) for his selection to play cricket for County and Bea (Year 6) for her excellent home learning.

CHRISTMAS CARDS/MERCHANDISE

Due to popular demand, we have extended the deadline for any additional orders to **1st December**. These orders will be delivered by 14th December. Please follow the steps to order online at shop.classfundraising.co.uk/unlock using the codes on your order card. Orders are beginning to arrive in the school office. If you would like to collect your order, rather than it going home with your child, please email the office to let us know.

Please ensure you read the letter sent out about our heating!



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QUIZ NIGHT

Wallingford School Association (WSA)

SIP, SNACK & SHOW OFF YOUR SMARTS

28 NOVEMBER

Start at 19:30
Wallingford School Hall

£12 PER PERSON
Enter a team of up to eight or let us help you find one




OXFORD

TARGET NETBALL ACADEMY
EST. 2014

2nd January - 1:1s available
9-10am
10-11am
12-1pm
1-2pm
2-3pm

3rd January - CHRISTMAS CAMP
09:00-15:00pm
10-14yrs
£50pp

SIGN UP LINK IN BIO OR EMAIL US!!

targetnetballacademy@gmail.com
07469196478

First come first serve basis...



WALLINGFORD

CHRISTMAS FAYRE

SUNDAY, 7TH DECEMBER 2025

MARKET PLACE ENTERTAINMENT

09:30 Santa Dash Registration until 10:45

10:00 Market Stalls Open

11:25 Santa Dash Warm-Up

11:30 SANTA DASH

12:00 **SANTA'S GROTTO UNTIL 04:00 PM**

12:30 Dance Connection

13:15 The Coverbuys

14:00 Dog Show Competition

PRIZES!

- Best Trick
- Waggiest Tail
- Best Christmas Outfit

Register your dog at: admin@wallywoodcic.co.uk

15:00 Maff Potts & Band

16:00 Lantern Parade from St Mary's Church with Cholsey Silver Band

16:40 Lighting of the Christmas Tree with Mayor Ros Lester

16:45 Christmas Carols with Cholsey Silver Band

17:00 Finishing Address from Reverend Sarah Nesbitt

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Dates for your diary:

2025/26

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
15th – 19th December – Year 6 to Yenworthy
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
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