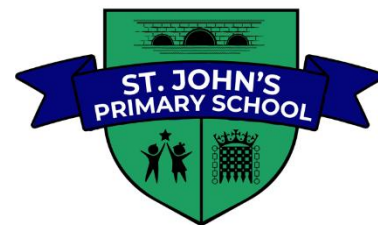


St John's Primary School

Newsletter - 9th January 2026



WELCOME BACK

Happy new year to you all. I hope that you have had wonderful Christmas breaks and have had a fantastic (if chilly) start to 2026.



Thank you very much for all the Christmas cards and gifts that I and other members of staff received from you. It is very thoughtful and most appreciated.

This term, we have welcomed Miss Kaczorowska to Year 1. and Mrs. Xu and Mrs. Halasz to the school office as our new Finance Officer and School Business Manager respectively. We know that the whole St. John's family will make them feel very welcome.

CORRECTION OF DATES

Apologies for the miscommunication of dates – in April, the Stay and Learn session will be **Wednesday** 29th (not Thursday 29th, as that does not exist!).

Also, Year 4's residential will be Wednesday 10th – Thursday 11th June.

Thank you for spotting these errors and apologies for any inconvenience caused.

CENSUS DAY

It is Census Day on Thursday 15th January and we would like as many children in KS1 to have a school lunch. **Our census numbers affect funding for our school and are affected by the number of children that take a school lunch.** There will be a special Pizza Party menu. Please encourage your child to have a school lunch on this day.

The pizza option on Monday will be replaced with mild chicken curry with mixed rice.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Year 1: Eddie

Year 2: Kaycee

Year 3: Isla O.

Year 4: Nancy-Sue

Year 5: Bella

Year 6: Jacob



Dates for your diary:

2025/26

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

Wednesday 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 – Thursday 11th 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

PIZZA PARTY!

Thursday 15th January 2026

MAINS

Texas BBQ Chicken Pizza

or

Cheese and Tomato Pizza (V)

SIDES

Potato Wedges, Sweetcorn and Baked Beans

DESSERT

Ice Cream and Chocolate Sauce

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IT'S ALL GOOD

Free activity sessions

WED 14 JANUARY - 11 FEBRUARY

Cholsey Pavilion, Station Road, OX10 9PT

3.30-4.00pm
Age 2-4 Born to Move
Story based fitness adventure, where will we go next - library, toy box. Come along and explore with us.

4.15-5pm
Age 5-12 Born to Move
Fitness session to music with tracks including dance, kick, punch, jump, yoga and even games.

SCAN ME

FREE

For more information and to book, visit southandvale.gov.uk/termtimeactivities or scan the QR code

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7th January 2026

Dear Sir/Madam,

Re: Invitation to Lunar New Year (Year of the Horse) Celebration on Sunday 22nd February 2026

On behalf of Oxfordshire Chinese Community and Advice Centre (OCCAC), I am writing to invite your staff and student members to join our Lunar New Year Celebration on Sunday 22nd February 2026.

OCCAC has been running the Lunar New Year Celebration, the most important traditional festival in the Chinese calendar, at Oxford Town Hall since 1992. The celebration has become a very popular event for both the Chinese and local people over the last 34 years, and brings a multi-cultural flavour and cross-cultural harmony to Oxford City by giving the local people a chance to join in. The celebrations attracted an audience of about 800 people each year. About 30% of participants were non-Chinese.

OCCAC firmly believes in fostering a vibrant and supportive Chinese community in Oxfordshire, and welcomes greater participation and involvement from student bodies/societies such as yours.

Details of the Celebration are as follows:

Date: Sunday 22nd February 2026 (6th day of the Lunar New Year)

Venue: Oxford Town Hall, St. Aldates, Oxford OX1 1BX

Programme: 12:30noon – 1:30pm **Entry & Simple Lunch**

1:20pm

Lion Dance

1:30pm – 2:15 pm

Mini Dragon Dance Workshop

1:30pm - 3:00pm

Cultural Performances: Lion Dance, Dragon Dance, Martial Arts, Beijing Opera, Guzheng, Pipa and Jinghu Duet, Chinese Folk Dances & Songs, Piano Recital, Skit and Charity Raffle Draw

2:00pm - 4:00pm

New Year Market: Chinese calligraphy, crafts, papercutting, dressing-up in traditional Chinese costumes etc.



Ticket (Snacks included)	Early Bird Price (Before 31 st January)	Normal Price (Begins on 1 st February)	At the Door
Child (3-12)	£10	£12	£14
Adult (13+)	£16	£18	£20
Premium Seat	£30		

Attached please find a poster for the Lunar New Year celebration. We would be most grateful if you would share the poster and encourage your members to purchase the entry tickets by Saturday 31st January 2026, to benefit from the Early Bird offer. Tickets are more expensive, if they are bought on Sunday 22nd February 2026 at the Oxford Town Hall. In addition, availability of tickets at the door cannot be guaranteed. Please note that tickets are non-refundable.

Please make **cheques** payable to "Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice Centre" or "OCCAC" OR pay via **bank transfer**. OCCAC bank details:

Account name: Oxfordshire Chinese Community & Advice Centre
Account number: 6069 0805 Sort code: 20 65 18

Please kindly email us payment confirmation if you pay via bank transfer.

Online ticketing is also available through the link: <https://occac-lunarnewyear2026.eventbrite.co.uk/>

We look forward to welcoming you and your students at the Lunar New Year Celebration.

Yours faithfully,

Irene Leung (Ms), Lunar New Year Celebration Coordinator

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