

St John's Primary School

Newsletter – 23rd January 2026



JANUARY 2026

I cannot believe that we are nearing the end of January already! Soon, the days will lengthen and we will hopefully, get some drier days. We can already see signs of Spring dotted around the school site. At school, we have introduced a new feedback and marking policy, as well as a new presentation policy, which includes some non-negotiables for the children's writing. Those of you who joined us for Stay and Learn today may have seen the new display in the entrance hall which shows the progression in writing as we move through the school. These new policies will be up on the website for the start of the week.

Foundation and Year 4 have been out on a very successful visit to the Science Park in Oxford, where their enthusiasm, behaviour and manners were very positively commented upon by the staff. They will bring many aspects of what they learned back into the classroom.

The children are all participating in OWL sessions when they are not at risk of being washed away in the rain! Please be aware that the children will also be using the field more for PE games sessions, so they do need PE kit trainers that you are happy to get wet & a bit muddy for these sessions too.

Thank you to our parent volunteers who have supported these visits and therefore allowed these sessions to go ahead.

KEYRINGS ON BAG

Lots of the children are adorning their school bags with all sorts of keyrings, with all sorts of creatures and figures hanging from them. We have had a few occasions where the chain for the keyring has broken and the toy part has fallen and been lost. We are very happy that children continue to decorate and accessorise their bags if they wish, but please do make it clear to them that these items may get lost, broken or dirtied whilst in school. If they would find this very upsetting, please ask them to leave their keyrings at home. Children should not be bring toys into school please.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

We will be holding Parent Evenings on 9th and 10th February. You will be sent information for these next Wednesday. Please do come and talk with your child's class teacher. We have a child-minding service for St John's children should they need to come to school with you.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Foundation: Xander & all the children

Year 1: Archie & Reevea

Year 2: Dom & Hallie

Year 3: Sophie

Year 4: Jacob & Evie

Year 5: Jack and Gracie

Year 6: Skylar & River

Special mention also to Charlotte, Vincent & Charlie (Year 6) for their exceptional writing.



WORLD BOOK DAY – THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

World Book day is fast approaching and we are planning some wonderful, reading-based activities for the children. To give you plenty of notice, we would love the children to come to school on that day in either a character / author or book-related costume or to come in cosy, comfy reading clothes.

Please do NOT feel the need to buy a costume – let your child be creative and inventive, or simply wear pjs!

Dates for your diary:

2025/26

Friday 6th February – Valentine's Disco

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

Tuesday 3rd March – Author Visit

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 Youldbury

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

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Christingle Service

We will be making Christingles during the morning service. Everything will be provided.

in St Mary's Church
Sunday 25 January
10.00am



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SCIENCE BAZAAR

Saturday 21 February 2026

9:30am - 11:30am Relaxed autism-friendly early opening
11:30am-4pm Open to all

Fun activities, hands-on workshops, experiments, talks, show, competitions and cafe

BOOK TICKETS

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RAINBOW PRE SCHOOL

FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY CLUB

FOR 2 - 9 YEAR OLDS

MONDAY 16TH FEB -
FRIDAY 20TH FEB
8.30AM - 4.30PM
£45 PER DAY

Seasonal arts & crafts
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for a booking form

WWW.RAINBOWPRESCHOOL.ORG.UK

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MORE NURTURING

We remain, quite deliberately, small enough that we can know every one of our pupils in the way that their parents know them – their hopes and fears, their enthusiasms and trepidations. **We have created an atmosphere that is challenging yet not intimidating, because education here happens one pupil at a time.**

SENIOR SCHOOL EXPERIENCE DAYS
YEAR 5 & 6
TUESDAY 9 JUNE
THURSDAY 18 JUNE



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MORE CHALLENGE

"All our children have thrived in their own way. From academic and sporting success, to art and drama triumphs, they have all found something that has given them confidence in themselves and led them to professional and personal success. We couldn't be more proud." – *An Oratory Parent*

We see the best in people, so that each finds a place at the top of *their* tree.

OPEN MORNING
SATURDAY 7 MARCH



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 **You're invited!**

UK SCHOOLS CHARITY TRIATHLON

The ENGLAND SOUTH - HENLEY TRIATHLON
 Venue: Henley Leisure Centre and Gillotts School, Oxfordshire, RG9 1PS
 When: For ages 5 to 16 years When: Saturday 30th May 2026

A Fun charity triathlon for all abilities with FREE Registration

Simply choose your event & start fundraising for your school/charity
 Easily create your fundraising page to share with family & friends

EVENT	AGE GUIDE	SWIM	CYCLE	RUN
TIN	5 - 7 yrs	10m	1000m	500m
ZINC	6 - 9 yrs	25m	1000m	500m
STEEL	8 - 11 yrs	50m	2000m	1000m
BRONZE	10 - 13 yrs	50m	3000m	1500m
SILVER	12 - 15 yrs	100m	4000m	2000m
GOLD	14 - 16 yrs	150m	4000m	2500m

WHAT'S INCLUDED

- Official Finishers Medal
- Achievement certificate for all finishers
- Your own fundraising page & link to share
- Free Les Mills Born to Move exercise videos

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UK Charity Triathlon is a non-profit charity dedicated to hosting fun-filled events, designed to boost children's physical and mental well-being. Regardless of age, background, or ability, children can swim, cycle, and run in our safe, professionally managed venues to build confidence and raise funds for your school/charity.

     

 **HALF TERM SCHEDULE**

14th Feb, Saturday **OPENING DAY**
2 PM – 5 PM

15th – 16th Feb
Sunday – Monday 10 AM – 5 PM

17th Feb, Tuesday
Open & SEN Bounce 11 AM – 5 PM
 10AM-11AM FOR SEN

18th Feb, Wednesday
Open & Tots Bounce 11 AM – 5 PM
 10AM-11AM FOR TOTS

19th – 21st Feb
Thursday – Saturday 10 AM – 5 PM

22nd Feb, Sunday **CLOSING DAY**
10 AM – 2 PM

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February Half Term Holiday Workshop

ACRO, DANCE, TRICKS FUN AND GAMES

FUN FRIENDLY WORKSHOPS FOR ALL AGES.
WEDNESDAY 18TH FEBRUARY
 Upton Village Hall Didcot
 OX11 9HX
 10am-3pm
 £25 per child.
 LIMITED PLACES ,Strictly on a First come first served Basis.

Everyone is welcome!!
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FEBRUARY HALF TERM HOLIDAY COURSE

MONDAY 16TH - THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2026
 9AM - 3PM EACH DAY
ST. BLAISE PRIMARY SCHOOL, MILTON HEIGHTS, OX14 4DR
FOR CHILDREN AGED 4 - 11 YEARS OLD
1 DAY - £25 2+ DAYS - £20 EACH DAY

ACTIVITIES

- Warm Up Games
- Ball Mastery & Skilled Based Games
- Small Sided Games
- Tournaments

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Please find below an overview of **upcoming one-off sessions and key updates** at **Wigod Way Wallingford Family Centre**.

All sessions take place at **Wigod Way Wallingford Family Centre** unless otherwise stated.

Bookings for applicable sessions can be made via Eventbrite:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/wigod-way-wallingford-family-centre-33482229381>

Session	Date	Time	Who It's For
Family Information Drop-In (with OCC FIS & LCSS)	Thursday 29 January	10:00am – 11:30am	Expectant parents & families
A Special Time To Play (SEN Session)	Saturday 31 January	2:00pm – 3:00pm	Families with children with additional needs (primary age & below)
Understanding Anxiety in Children and Teens	Monday 2 February	1:00pm – 2:00pm	Parents & carers
Swap Shop	Tuesday 3 February 2026	1:15pm – 2:15pm	All
Funky Friday	Friday 20 February	1:30pm – 2:30pm	All families
Sleeping Like a Baby Workshop	Wednesday 25 February	12:45pm – 1:45pm	Families with babies under 6 months
Bump Club	Monday 9 March	6:00pm – 7:30pm	Expectant parents

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Session Details

Family Information Drop-In (with OCC FIS & LCSS)

An informal drop-in supported by Oxfordshire County Council's Family Information Service and Locality Community Support Service. Families can access advice on childcare, local services, financial support, and local support available.

No booking required.

A Special Time To Play

A relaxed **stay and play session** for families with children with additional needs.

- Suitable for children of **primary school age and below**
 - A **safe, secure and supportive** environment
- Opportunity for families to play, connect and access informal support

Important booking note:

Please **only book for adults attending.**

Booking is **free of charge**. As we are a charity, **donations are welcome** and can be made during the session if families are able.

Understanding Anxiety in Children and Teens

A supportive session helping parents and carers understand how anxiety can present at different ages, with practical strategies to support children's emotional wellbeing at home.

Funky Friday

Part of Wallingford Winter Blues and Jazz 2026

A special edition of the much-loved **Funky Friday** music session, led by Wallingford musician **Maff Potts**.

This lively, family-friendly session introduces children and adults to Funk, Soul, Jazz, Blues and Disco through singing, dancing and movement, while learning about music legends and the joy of rhythm and expression.

Booking note:

Book via: [What's On - Wallingford Winter Blues and Jazz 2026](#)

Sleeping Like a Baby Workshop

Led by a qualified Infant Sleep Practitioner, this session explores what is normal in early infant sleep and offers reassurance and practical guidance for families at the start of their parenting journey.

Bump Club

A relaxed evening session for expectant parents, providing an opportunity to meet others, ask questions, and feel more prepared and confident about life with a new baby.

Swap Shop

Swap Shop is a community session where families can bring good-quality clothes and bric-a-brac to exchange for items they will use. Families may still attend if they do not have items to donate on this occasion and can bring an empty bag.

Key information to share with families:

- Maximum of **2 bags per person**
- Items should be clean and in usable condition