

St John's Primary School

Newsletter – 6th March 2026



COMIC RELIEF AND WORLD DOWN SYNDROME DAY



On Friday 20th March, we will be celebrating Comic Relief and World Down Syndrome Day in school. We would love children to spice up their school uniform to bring some colour and individuality into school. To deepen our understanding of Down Syndrome and to encourage inventiveness and creativity on the part of the children (something we know our children have in spades), we ask that only one thing is changed, to mirror the one extra chromosome of Down Syndrome. This one change could be through crazy hair, odd socks, bright tights or trousers, a sash – there are bound to be some great ideas. Children are welcome to wear noses too.

This year, Comic Relief is all about doodles, so we will be doodling in chalks across our playground on Friday, to see if we can create a whole school of colour and individuality. Please do come into school at pickup on Friday to see your child's contribution.

We will take cash donations for both Comic Relief and Down Syndrome Oxford on Friday – any monies raised will be shared between the two charities, or you can donate yourself online to either or both!

EASTER BONNET / HAT COMPETITION

On **Thursday 26th March**, we invite your child(ren) to bring their homemade Easter bonnets to school for a parade on the playground at 2.30pm. School Council and our Head Pupils will judge the Easter hats and there will be some egg-tastic prizes up for grabs. This date has changed as we will now be visiting St Mary's Church on the afternoon of Wednesday 25th.

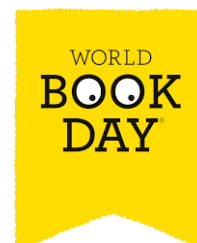
You are very welcome to join us at both events.



WORLD BOOK DAY

The children (and staff) looked AMAZING on World Book Day and great fun was had by all in exploring our shared text: **Tuesday by David Weisner**. There were origami, silhouetted and felt frogs to name but a few and the whole school created a shared story.

A huge thank you to the Wallingford Bookshop and Jennie Jennings for bringing this year's World Book Day publications into school for the children to take home.





AUTHOR VISIT IN KS2

KS2 were treated to a visit by Nat Harrison who shared details of her book and the writing process with the children. We have so many budding authors in school; it is great for them to meet people who have gone on to choose writing as a career, as well as to discover new books and authors they might wish to read.

Another huge thanks to the Wallingford Bookshop and Jennie Jennings for providing our children with such enriching experiences.

PARENT VIEWS

Thank you to all parents who have responded to our recent parental survey. It is lovely to hear that the vast majority of parents are happy with their child(ren)'s experience at St John's. Of course, there will always be areas that you and we would like to develop as a school and a community and we are grateful for your suggestions of where the focus should be.

We will be inviting parents in to look at a variety of areas in greater detail in the Summer Term – please watch this space and be prepared to continue to give your thoughts and ideas.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Foundation: Albie and Rohan

Year 1: Lily and Jack S.

Year 2: Ester and all the children

Year 3: Victoria and Bonnie

Year 4: Theo and Phoebe

Year 5: Oliver and Maisie

Year 6: Ollie and Vivi



New school year term dates below!

Dates for your diary:

2025/26

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 visit to St Mary's 1:15pm

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

CHANGE of DATE – Thursday 26th March Easter bonnet parade 2:30pm

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

Thursday 4th June – Year 2 Class Assembly

Monday 8th June – class photos

Wednesday 10th – Thursday 11th 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

CHANGE OF DATE: Monday 6th July Sports Day

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

NEW SCHOOL YEAR 2026-27

Tuesday 1st September - INSET

Wednesday 2nd September - Term starts

Thursday & Friday 22nd & 23rd October - INSET

Half term: 26th – 30th October

Monday 2nd November - Term starts

TERM ENDS at 1:00pm on Friday 18th December

Monday 4th January – INSET

Tuesday 5th January - Term starts

Half term: 15th – 19th February

Monday 22nd February- Term starts

TERM ENDS at 1:00pm on Thursday 25th March

Monday 12th April - Term starts

Friday 28th May – INSET

Half term: 31st May – 4th June

Monday 7th June - Term starts

TERM ENDS at 1:00pm on Wednesday 21st July

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Every child under the age of five is entitled to free school milk. Simply register your child online.

Child
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Children in receipt of benefits-based free school meals are eligible for free school milk. Speak to the school for further information.

Free milk for under 5s is funded by the Department of Health and milk for over 5s is subsidised by DEFRA.

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 at www.coolmilk.com/contact
 or give us a call on 0800 321 3248

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ELITE CAMPS WALLINGFORD

30th March - 10th April
 Wallingford School, OX10 8HH

Elite Activities Include..

- Laser Tag
- Nerf Wars
- Soft Archery
- Crazy Golf
- Mini Olympics
- and much more..

10% Early Bird Code:
EASTER10
 Code Expires 15/03/26

BOOK NOW

HAF Available

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 ELITE CAMPS

CAMP INFO

30th March - 10th April

Timings:
5-13 Years Old
 Standard day: 9:00 - 15:30
 Extended day: 8:30 - 17:00
4 Years Old
 Half day session: 9:00 - 13:00

BOOK NOW

eliteyouthsports.co.uk
 info@eliteyouthsports.co.uk
 01235 415846

Funded Places Available

This camp has limited funded places available through the Holiday Activities and Food scheme (HAF) for children 5-13, on benefits related free school meals. Check your eligibility and register at eequ.org

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BUMP CLUB

Join us in our welcoming space at
Wallingford Family Centre



**Monday
9th March
6pm - 7.30pm**



For full info and to book visit
www.bump-club.eventbrite.co.uk
or scan the QR code



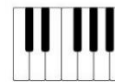
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Music Open Day

Come and try our engaging music courses
on Sunday 15 March - book now!

Children start their music journey with us between
the ages of 2 - 7 and can continue through to 18



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Working on skills,
tactics, match play
and fun!!

TARGET NETBALL ACADEMY
EST. 2024

EASTER NETBALL CAMPS

OXFORD	OXFORD
1st April 2026	8th April 2026
9-14yrs	9-14yrs
09:00-15:00pm	09:00-15:00pm
£40pp (sibling discount)	£40pp (sibling discount)
Oxford High School, Belbroughton Road	Oxford High School, Belbroughton Road

EMAIL TO BOOK!

Or google forms on
social media.

targetnetballacademy@gmail.com



The North Wall
Arts Centre

Coalesce Dance Theatre presents

Mika and the Polar Bear

Saturday 14 March
11am & 2pm

An imaginative and unforgettable journey into the wonders of our natural world.



For ages
4-11

Tickets: £12 (children £8, under 2s free)

Bookings: 01865 319450 / thenorthwall.com

EASTER HOLIDAY COURSE



MONDAY 30TH MARCH - THURSDAY 2ND APRIL
TUESDAY 7TH APRIL - FRIDAY 10TH APRIL 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



SCAN ME!



CONTACT US :

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07951633817









FREE TO ENTER - SCAN QR CODE TO BOOK
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THE GREAT SCHOOL RUN

AT STONOR PARK
SUNDAY 17 MAY · 9.30AM
CROSS COUNTRY RACES

FOR ALL LOCAL NURSERY AND SCHOOL CHILDREN AGED 3-17 AND FOR THEIR GROWN-UPS AND SCHOOL STAFF!




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