

St John's Primary School

Newsletter – 27th March 2026



It has been a short term, but we have packed an awful lot into it! From tennis workshops, football and tag rugby tournaments, performances, Easter bonnets, playground painting, charity fundraising and Friday lunch discos, the children have run, danced and smiled through the term. This is as well as striving to achieve their best within the classroom. They have done the school (and you) proud.

We have said a few sad goodbyes today. Jack, Charlie, Teddy and Bill may have left the school, but they will always be part of the St John's community and we hope that we will see their faces again. We know that many of you will be keeping in touch with them and we are already looking forward to hearing how they get on in their new schools.

Mr. Rudd has left us to go travelling and will be visiting a vast array of European cities and destinations. Mrs. Attwood has also decided that she will retire from her post as a lunchtime supervisor, although we may still see her occasionally when needed. The children and staff have thanked both for their help and support.

After the holidays, we will be embarking on a large fundraising campaign to refit our KS2 toilets, so please do:

- 1. Investigate any potential in your workplace to match fund / donate.**
- 2. Start collecting your change (coppers and silver coins) for the first annual COIN WARS early in the summer term.**

Have a wonderful Easter break and see you all on Monday 13th April (keep your fingers crossed for sunshine!)



STARS OF THE WEEK

Foundation: Arthur

Year 1: Poppy

Year 2: Marcello

Year 3: Bill

Year 4: all and Mabel

Year 5 : Teddy

Year 6: Tommy



Dates for your diary:

2025/26

Monday 13th April – Term starts

Thursday 23rd April – Foundation Stage Class Assembly @9am – parents welcome

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

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 20th 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

Need some quiet space in the Easter holidays?

Walk the labyrinth and experience the simple prayer spaces in St Mary's Church on Tuesday 31st March and Wednesday 1st April between 9am and 5pm. Everyone is welcome, the activities are suitable for all ages but parents/carers are responsible for supervising children please.



ASTON MARTIN
HERITAGE TRUST

The museum will be offering **free
flow tickets** during these dates in
April 2026:

Wednesday 8th April

Thursday 16th April

Visit us between the hours of **10am - 4pm - no booking required.**
There will be family friendly activities available during the day.

Entry to the museum is **£6 per person**, children under 6 are free.

No tours available on these days.



**Free Easter
park trail at
Howbery Park**

Our popular park trail will be returning this year starting with an Easter theme. All our trail animals and birds will have a new look and will be joined by the Easter Bunny.

The Easter Trail will be on the park from Monday 30 March to Friday 10 April. Free trail maps can be picked up from the Manor Café (between 8.30am-4pm) on working weekdays.

Please note, the café will be closed over the Easter bank holiday weekend: Friday 3 - Monday 6 April.

This free event is open to all. We invite you to visit us to explore our fantastic park and find the Howbery Park Easter Bunny.

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Is your child finding it hard to make friends?

The award-winning makers of *The Dog House* are **casting** for a brand-new **BBC** series about **friendship**.

We are looking for **children aged 5 to 8** from all over the UK who need a little help navigating the world of friendship. Over three days, a team of child psychologists will help them build the social skills and confidence to make real, lasting connections with other kids.

If you'd like to help your child make a new friend (with no pressure to take part), please apply at:

bemyfriend.tv



**Beezee
FAMILIES**

Hello Easter Holidays!



Longer days, lighter mornings and a fresh little window to reset as a family. This Easter break, let's move more, eat well, and feel good together with no pressure, just progress. Here's a few tips to get you started;

Activity 1:

Get active as a family

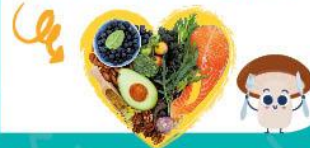
Park trip, bike ride, or follow along movement video



Activity 2:

Try a mini "mission"

A nature walk, screen free hour, new fruit/veg, or learn some new dance moves



Activity 2:

Keep it simple with food

Why not bake something wholesome together like Easter carrot cupcakes or wholemeal hot cross buns



Our free Beezee Families programme is here to help you feel healthier and happier as a family. Hop into a healthier you this Easter holidays and see the difference all year round!

 OXFORDSHIRE
COUNTY COUNCIL



Want more healthy lifestyle support?

Check out our website to find out how we can help your family.*

Scan here
or
Click the link



oxf.manitrusuk.co.uk

*Our courses are designed for families with children aged 5 and up.

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We are pleased to share that following our recent tennis sessions delivered in school by the National Tennis Association, all children and adults have been invited to continue playing locally.

Families can access a **FREE trial session plus 50% off the first month of coaching** at the following local venues, all sessions are suitable for total beginners and all equipment is provided (including rackets):

- Boundary Park Tennis – [BOOK HERE](#)
- Blewbury Tennis Club – [BOOK HERE](#)
- Portcullis Tennis Club – [BOOK HERE](#)

Sessions are suitable for all abilities, and all equipment is provided.

To claim the offer, please register via the links above (these are limited).

If you had any questions or needed support - hello@nationaltennis.org.uk

The Golden Egg Escapade

Calling all young designers, engineers and inventors



Join us for a creative brick building workshop

AGE 5-15

£22

Just bring your imagination

Immersive and engaging play experience

Monday 30th March Sonning Common Village Hall **09:30 – 11:30**

Wednesday 1st April Woodcote Village Hall **09:30-11:30**

Thursday 2nd April Madley Park Hall, Witney **09:30- 11:30**

Thursday 2nd April Bricks & Burgers at the Bottle & Glass Inn – *Bricky Wonka's Chocolate Factory* **10:30 – 12:00**

Wednesday 8th April Badgemore Primary School, Henley **09:30 – 11:30**

Thursday 9th April Reading Town Hall **11:30 – 13:30**

Thursday 9th April Madley Park Hall, Witney – *Master Minecrafters* **09:30 – 11:30**

Friday 10th April The Heights Primary, Caversham **14:30 – 16:30**



Inspiring Creativity Through Brick Building Play



info@masterbuildersclub.co.uk
www.masterbuildersclub.co.uk




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OXFORDSHIRE COUNTY BADMINTON TRIALS

Radley College Sports
Centre
Sunday 3rd May
10am – 1pm

All levels welcome
– both community
and county places
offered!

See age group timings & book now:
bookwhen.com/nb-trials

NATIONALBADMINTON.ORG.UK



Sutton Courtenay

Environmental Education Centre

A journey of learning and discovery

Family Event 'Find the Fox Cubs'

30- 31 March; 1-2 April; 10am- 2pm

A springtime adventure - follow the trail and help mother fox find her missing cubs to earn an Easter treat! Including a craft activity and live storytelling. Suitable for 4-11 years.
£10 per child; BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Day Camp, Unbelievable Birds

Wednesday 8 April; 9:30am-3pm

A day camp for 8-12 year olds at Sutton Courtenay learning about the incredible features of birds.
£37 per child; BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Family Pond Dipping Workshops

Thursday 7 April; 10am- 11:30am and 1-2:30pm

Easter pond dipping fun for families with children 4-11 years - come and be amazed at what lurks below the surface!
£10 per head. BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Family Night Safari

Friday 22 May; 7:30-10pm

Bring your children aged 8+ and discover what amazing animals come out at night on the nature reserve. We'll be checking the small mammal traps, listening for bats with the bat detectors, shining a light on the newts in the pond and more.
£10 per person. BOOKING ESSENTIAL

Plus monthly Saturday wildlife clubs – Nature Tots (18 months to 4 years with an adult); Nature Explorers (4-7 years with an adult); Young Rangers (8-11 years unaccompanied); Teen Rangers (11-17 years unaccompanied). Visit the website for upcoming dates and booking.

Visit our website to book or for more info:



bbowt.org.uk/events

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More nature everywhere

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