

St John's Primary School

Newsletter – 5th June 2026



CARNIVAL

We will be taking part in Wallingford Carnival this year on **Saturday 20th June** and would like as many families as possible to join with us. It is a fantastic event and allows us to showcase our wonderful school and families within the local community. It will provide a great start to our Local History Week and we will be working with the children in school to create some props. We would love children (and adults) to dress up as characters from Wallingford's past; Anglo Saxons, Normans, workhouse children, evacuees, Empress Matilda, Agatha Christie (or Poirot) and a host of other kings, princes, rowers and actors. The children might wish to dress as farmers, soldiers from either World War (or members of the RAF from) or masons, boatmen or other trades people from the past.

We will be creating a banner and would also like to create a river, plane, boat and train costume, so will be asking for your assistance with this on **Wednesday 10th and Wednesday 17th June from 3.30 – 7pm**. These are fun and informal evenings and we would love you to pop in and help us to create a memorable event.

If you have any spare blue, silver or white materials or sparkly bits, please do drop them into school!

We have been invited to run a stall at the Carnival this year, which is a **fantastic fundraising opportunity**. **We would like to run a tombola, so need prizes please!** Please bring donations of any suitable tombola prizes to school in the week beginning **15th June**. We will have a MUFTI day on Friday 3rd July as a thank you!

If any one has access to a tombola spinner that we could borrow, please might you let us know asap! We also need help on the stall, to both set up and run it. Please let us know in the school office if you are able to help.

LOCAL HISTORY WEEK

We are excited to announce our first ever Local History Week which is taking place from the 22nd – 26th June. Working closely with the Wallingford Museum, we have devised a comprehensive programme designed to build our children's knowledge of Wallingford's rich and fascinating history and develop their pride of the place they live and learn. Each class will be working on a specific enquiry question with all learning focused on developing children's knowledge whilst also encompassing the wider curriculum including maths, English, art and DT maybe even music!

All classes will be going on educational visits whether it be to the Museum, around the town or inside local buildings, and some classes will be using artefacts supplied by the Oxfordshire Museum Service. To help us cover the additional costs of the visits and loaned resources, we are asking for a donation of £2 per child. Your class teacher will be in contact shortly to tell you more about the plans for their class and explain how to make your donation and provide support if you are able.

At the end of the week, we will be putting together a book of the children's learning which will be displayed in the Museum and in school for you to look at. We are sure the children will have a wonderful week and have much to tell you at the end of each day.

SPORTS DAY

We are changing the organization of our Sports day this year. It will be held on **Monday 6th July** on the school field. The day will start at:

09:15 – 10:30 Foundation and KS1 children will take part in a number of activities, such as target throw, shuttle run and an individual race. Parents can follow their child through the activities.

10:45 – 12:15 Year 3 & 4 will take part in a 50m, 400m and relay running events, as well as other events.

13:30 – 15:00 Year 5 & 6 will take part in 75m, 600m and relay running events, as well as other events.

At lunchtime, all of the children will return to the field for lunch with their families invited to bring blankets and picnics to share with their family.

We will provide school packed lunches for children who order them and these will need to be ordered as usual. There will also be class blankets for those children whose parents cannot attend and children will be able to sit with siblings if they wish.

We will be serving a selection of drinks (all proceeds to the school's Spend- A – Penny campaign) and would be really grateful for help in running this through the day.

PAINT MY SCHOOL DAY – Saturday 11th JULY

We would love to give the school a lick of paint and make it cleaner and nicer for our children and staff. We will therefore be hosting a **PAINT MY SCHOOL DAY** on **Saturday 11th July**.

We will supply the emulsion, if you are able to come and paint for half an hour, an hour or all day, we would be extremely appreciative. School will be open from 10am to 2pm. Please bring ladders, rollers and brushes with you (and any dust sheets and tape you don't mind us using). Tea and coffee will be available. If you cannot come but are happy to drop in any snacks for those who do, we would gratefully receive these on Friday 10th.

FINAL DAY & LEAVERS' ASSEMBLY

Leavers' Assembly will take place at **09:00** on Friday 17th July. All Year 6 parents and carers are invited to join us. We would imagine that the assembly will last about 40 minutes.

On Fridays, we have a playground disco and on this final day, we would invite parents to come and **join us on the playground at 12:00** to bust some moves with your children – sequins and leg warmers are optional but entirely welcome! **School will close at 1pm.**

There will be an ice cream van on the playground, so please bring your pennies – we will receive a percentage of all sales – thank you.

UNIFORM AND LOST PROPERTY

We recognise and understand the reluctance to buy new uniform when there is so little time left of the school year, but we are seeing a marked increase in children wearing sweatshirts with hoods, trainers, bright socks and bracelets. The school uniform policy is on the website and we would be grateful if parents could ensure their child is coming to school in appropriate uniform. They also need a hat (please name it!) this term. If there is a genuine reason for your child not wearing school uniform, please ensure that you speak to a member of SLT on the gate. Many thanks.

We have an enormous amount of **lost property** in school. We will put this out regularly on Thursdays between now and the end of term. It will be donated to a textile recycling plant at the end of term, so please do ensure that you either come into school to check or look at the end of school day next and following Thursdays.

TRANSITION

Wallingford School will be holding their transition day on Thursday 2nd July. Therefore, we will also host our transition mornings on that day and children will spend the morning in their new classes. We will inform you of where each teaching will be before this date. Transition morning is a fun few hours getting to know the classroom and new teacher; we will work hard with the children to negate any anxiety about their move.

New children and parents joining the school in September will receive separate communication about their start at St. John's.

STARS OF THE WEEK

Foundation – Quinn & Annie

Year 1 – Lily D., whole class & Jack S.

Year 2- Zia & Noah

Year 3 – Lorcan & Nell Year 6 – William & Charlotte

Year 4 – Toby & Shay

Year 5 –Rory & Peter



Dates for your diary:

2025/26

Monday 8th June – class photos

Wednesday 10th June – carnival workshop 3.30- 7pm

Wednesday 10th – Thursday 11th June – Year 4 to Hill End

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th June – Year 5 to Youlbury

Wednesday 17th June – carnival workshop 3.30 – 7pm

~~Tuesday 23rd June – Sports Day~~

Friday 26th June – Year 3 Sleepover

CHANGE OF DATE: Monday 6th July Sports Day

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 at 09:00

Friday 17th July – Playground Disco 12:00 noon

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 3rd 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

