



ST JOHN'S
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Newsletter

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Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Tuesday 18th June

Reception trip to Rand Farm

Friday 21st June

Early Talkers session 9.30am

FoS Disco Y1-6

Monday 24th—Wednesday 26th June

Y6 residential

Wednesday 26th June

Year 1 Welcome Meeting

Thursday 27th June

Year 3 Welcome Meeting

Tuesday 2nd July

ADHD Lincs Parent Session—2.30pm

Wednesday 3rd July

Year 1 trip—Whisby

Friday 5th July

Year 6 Leavers Event

Wednesday 10th July

Sports Day

Dear St John's families,

It's been a busy start to the new term and the children have got stuck in with their new topics as well as being involved with the much loved 'arts week' at St John's. Our curriculum newsletters have been sent to all families for you to see what your children will be learning about this term.

We were delighted last week to launch our new website. I hope you have had chance to have a quick look and it will be a place where you'll be able to find any key information about our school.

Last week, we launched our value of the term which is 'tolerance.' More information about what that value means to us at St John's can be found in this newsletter.

We are very proud of our Year 1 and Year 4 pupils who have completed their phonics screening check and the multiplication check. They did brilliantly and took it all in their stride due to how well they have been prepared by the wonderful staff team. A huge well done to the children and staff involved!

Finally, it was amazing to see so many families at the family science event last week. I don't think I've ever seen the hall so busy and I think the adults may have been having just as much fun, if not more, than the children! There were bridges, kites and helicopters and I'd like to thank Mrs Opie-Skinner for arranging such a fantastic event.

Thank you for all your continued support.

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“Championing children; making a difference”

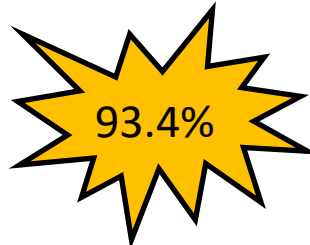
Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



FS RJR	95.9%
FS RAS	94.3%
Y1CT	90.1%
Y1RT	94.8%
Y2ST	96.3%
Y2F	94.2%
Y3B	88.1%
Y3HC	84.3%
Y4O	91.5%
Y4BC	93.8%
Y5M	94%
Y5N	96.7%
Y6B	97.5%
Y6D	96.6%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



NB: A school day is split into 2 sessions—AM and PM

Attendance Updates

We have launched some exciting new attendance initiatives across the school.

Class Challenge Update

Mrs Saunders' class continue to lead the way in our class attendance challenge although Mrs Ballard's class are close behind! There are 5 more weeks before the winners will be announced and they'll receive a visit from the ice cream van!

100 club

We had 179 children in the 100 club for Term 5 which is an incredible achievement. Those children were allocated a place on our spinning wheel which was spun to randomly select our winners who are:

EY/KS1 = Rebeca 2ST Norah 1RT

KS2 = Edward 3B Florence 6B

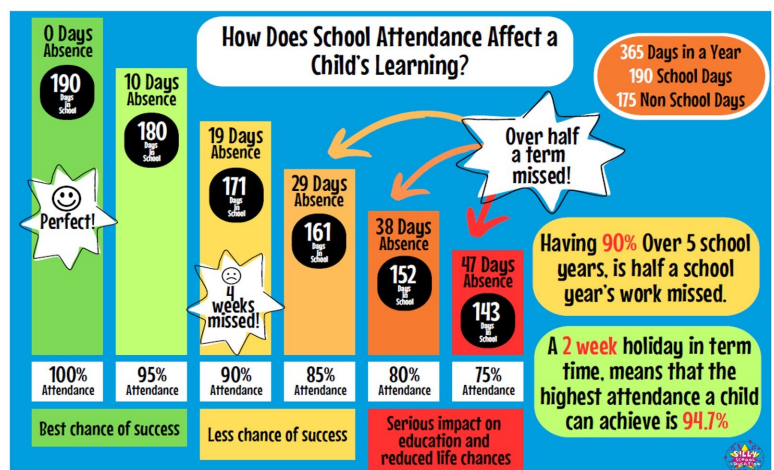
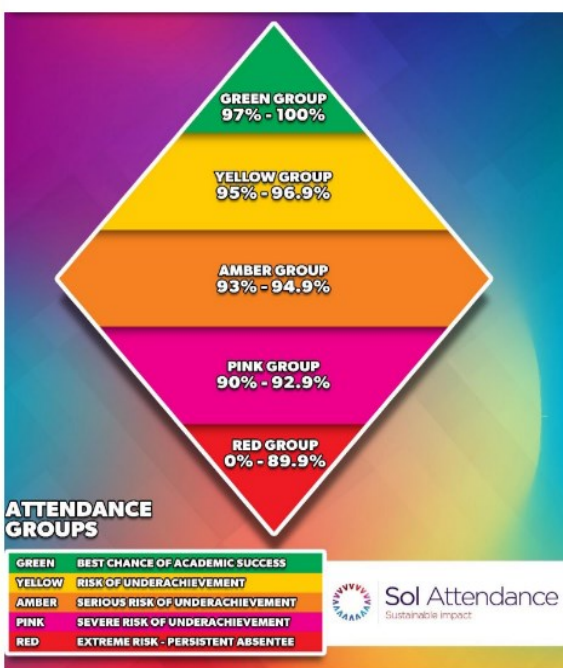
The 100 club is now reset and anyone with 100% attendance in Term 6 will be entered into the next draw.

Unauthorised holidays

Please be reminded that we will use the Priory Federation policy for attendance in full from September which will include issuing fixed penalty notices for holidays taken in term time.

If you ever wish to discuss your child's attendance then please contact Mrs Jefferson by getting in touch with the school office.

Attendance Ladder

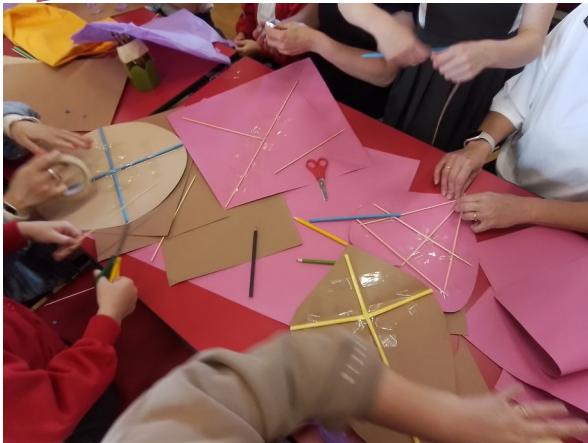
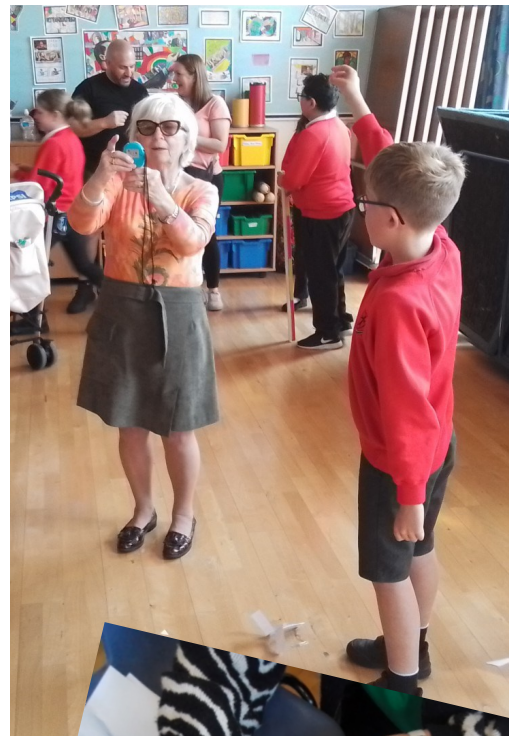
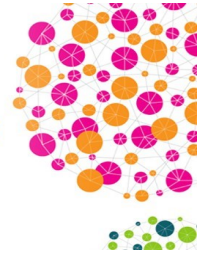




Family Science Event

Our family science event was a huge success. We invited families of pupils in Years 3, 4 and 5 to come and take part in some of the activities the children had taken part in during Science week. It was lovely to see different generations working together to problem solve and use their scientific enquiry skills to test what they had made. We had spinning helicopters, strong kites and very sturdy bridges! Here is just a snapshot of the fun that was had!

British
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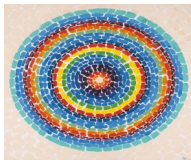


This year our Arts' Week theme is 'Champion – Don't let the start determine the finish'. This links with our new school motto and our vision which is about being a champion for every child. As always, each year group has been given a starting point from which their artwork will evolve. Children will be introduced to people (some famous, some not famous) who have championed something within our world. We have a people's champion, a champion for wildlife and the environment and even a 5 year old oceans champion to name just a few!

Art is not only fun, but studies have shown that art has a variety of unique, positive effects on young children that other activities don't provide. Art stimulates creativity and problem solving skills as well as promoting self-esteem and self-expression. Studies have found that getting involved with the arts can have powerful and lasting effects on health, particularly mental health allowing people to process and express thoughts and emotions without words.

Artist focus

EYFS - Alma Thomas



Year 1 - Anya Brock



Year 2 - Friedensreich Hundertwasser



Year 3 - David Bent



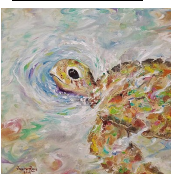
Year 4 - David Goodsell



Year 5 Foster and Partners



Year 6 Judith Rhue



Please note, we will have an exhibition straight after school at 3.45pm on Friday 12th July for families to walk through the corridors and see the amazing art the children have created.

Year 1 are exploring sea conservation



Reception have done a great job of creating work like Alma Thomas.



Year 5 have been studying champions of wildlife. I think these are absolutely stunning. Well done!



In Other News



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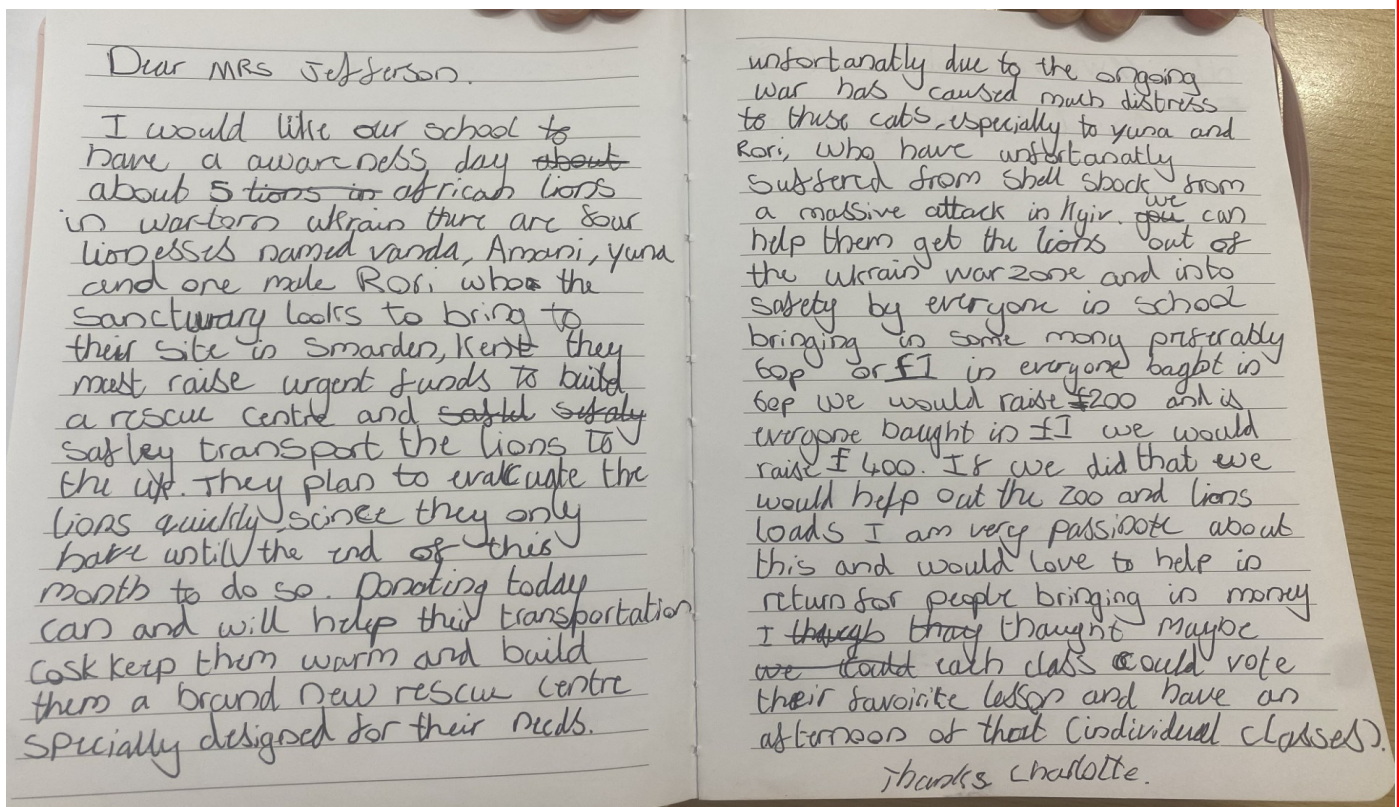
Extra-Curricular Clubs

Please look out for information being sent home next week about the clubs on offer for the children in the Autumn term from September—December. We have really tried to make sure we have broadened the range of clubs we are offering to pupils and are really excited for some new clubs we have starting. There will be the opportunity to sign up for these clubs ready for September over the next couple of weeks.



Charlotte's Campaigning Crusade!

I was delighted to receive this letter from Charlotte last week. She is working towards her campaigning badge with the guides and I'd really like to help her! Her letter is about rescuing lions from Ukraine to a new home in Kent. She would really like to try and raise some money to support with this. If her letter has made an impact on you, as it did me, then please feel free to bring any donations into the school office and we will support Charlotte and her family with making sure they reach the charity working towards helping these lions. Please can these be brought in by Friday 28th June. Well done Charlotte for acting on something you feel passionate about!



PSHE Consultation

On Monday, a letter was sent out to consult parents on our PSHE curriculum and aspects of Sex and Relationship Education. All of the information can be found on our website [here](#) and we'd welcome you to return your thoughts on the survey linked on the letter.



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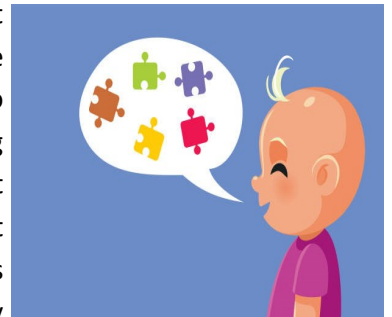
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Staffing News

You will have received information last week about which teachers will be working in each year group next year. We are also sorry to say that Mrs Jarish will be leaving us at the end of the Summer term. Mrs Jarish has done a wonderful job tutoring KS2 pupils this year and has worked at St John's for coming up to ten years. I know you will join me in wishing her the best for the future and we thank her for her dedication and hard work for the pupils at St John's. In other staffing news, I'm delighted to announce that Mrs Opie-Skinner and Mrs Ballard will be joining the senior leadership team from September as LKS2 Lead and UKS2 Lead.

Early Talkers

We are delighted to be hosting a free Early Talkers session on Friday 21st June at 9.30am-10.15am for families with children aged 0-4 in our school hall. This will be delivered by the early years alliance and will involve supporting children to become confident communicators through songs, rhymes, exploring and sharing books! If this is successful, we're hoping for this to become a regular activity at school and is a way of engaging with families before their children start at St John's. Please feel free to attend with any younger siblings or pass this information to anyone in the community who has younger children who may enjoy a social and fun activity!



Well done Harry!

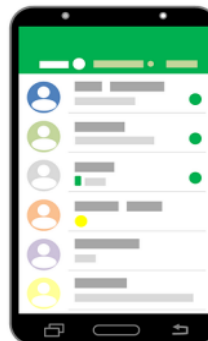
Harry in Year 5 has done an amazing job, walking 100 miles to achieve this medal. He also walked an additional distance of 15k to be rewarded with another medal. Great perseverance Harry! My feet ache just thinking about it!

Chatting online



Following a recent report by the BBC detailing how a child was asked for inappropriate images when chatting online (source: <https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-gloucestershire-68616730>), we thought we would discuss the dangers your child might face when communicating with strangers online.

In addition to social media apps that include a chat facility, most online games also allow communication, for example FIFA and Fortnite. Depending on the game, this may be via the in-game text chat, direct messages or talking through headphones. Some games do offer the ability to switch communication off or restrict bad language so make sure settings appropriate to your child are set up for each of the games they play. You need to be aware that there are people who may use these games to start chatting to your child and then encourage them to chat on alternative apps (which are more private, encrypted or have fewer safety options). Talk to your child about the dangers of doing this.



Tips to promote positive body image

If your child is viewing content online, particularly on social media, then the images they are seeing may be edited or even fake. A child may not yet be able to distinguish between reality and what is not real/fake, which may impact their own body image.

Internet Matters provide advice on how to empower your child to develop a positive body image and what you can do to help. Find out more here: <https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/promoting-positive-body-image-with-children/>

In the Community

The Heath Library and Community Hub

The parish council are launching a community art project to make a rock snake! Everyone can decorate a rock/pebble which will be used to make a rock snake for the village. The first rock painting session will be at the library on Saturday 29th June 10am—12pm to get the snake started!

Chess mornings continue from 10am-12pm on Saturday 22nd June, 27th July and 17th August.

Finally, the library also holds story time on the first Wednesday of the month for pre-school children. On Wednesday 3rd July at 11am, this will be stories with a sport theme and on Wednesday 7th July, it will be animal stories!

JUNE AND JULY

SUMMER 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

- SAT 22ND JUNE** **Chess Challenge** for all! Come and make the moves from 10am to 12 noon.
- SAT 29TH JUNE** **Paint a Rock** for the Bracebridge Heath Rock Snake from 10am to 12 noon.
- WED 3RD JULY** **Storytime** - let your child enjoy sporty stories, rhymes and have fun at 11am
- SAT 6TH JULY** **The Summer Reading Challenge Launch** - find out more later!
- THURS 11TH JULY** **Book Chatter** - join other book lovers to chat about books, share your favourites and grab a biscuit! from 6 to 7.30pm.
- SAT 13TH JULY** **The Bracebridge Heath Book Bake Off** - we need your entries please.
- SAT 13TH JULY** **The Community Tea Party** - come and join in 11.30 to 1pm - cake, chatting and children singing - all welcome.

Value of the Term

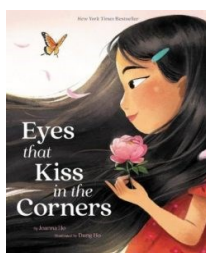
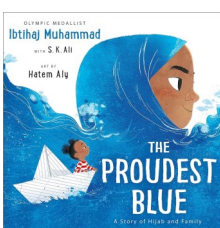
Our value of the term is tolerance. We have learnt that this means accepting and celebrating people's differences.

Our assemblies this term will focus on diversity and inclusion and celebrate all of us as unique individuals and the benefits this has on communities and our school.

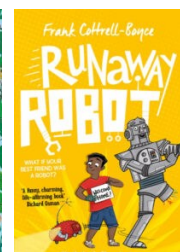
In our assembly this week, we learnt that Pride month is a month to celebrate love and friendship in all its forms. The children learnt that the rainbow flag represents the diversity in communities. As one child said 'its about being allowed to be who you truly are!' I'm always so proud of how accepting and open our pupils are and I look forward to how they live this value through their actions this term.

Book recommendations linked with tolerance

EYFS/KS1



LKS2



UKS2

