



ST JOHN'S
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Newsletter

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Key Dates

Wednesday 17th January

Parent Book Look - 3.40—4.30pm

Monday 29th—Friday 2nd January

National Storytelling Week

Wednesday 31st January and

Thursday 1st February

Parent Interviews

Monday 5th—Friday 9th February

Children's Mental Health Week

End of Term - Friday 9th February

Start of Term 4 - Monday 19th
February

Dear St John's Families,

I write to you at the end of my first full week as Headteacher of St John's and what a joy it has been. I've been welcomed with open arms by the wonderful pupils and staff team. I can say that the children here are well-mannered, kind and respectful and it has been an absolute pleasure to get to know them in the short space of time I've had. I've been able to go into classrooms and see their learning in action which has been a pleasure. It has filled me with excitement about St John's next chapter and the things we will be able to achieve together over the coming months and years.

I hope the children all made it home with their tokens. My vision is quite simple - for every child at our school to feel as though they have a champion. Everything that we do as a school community will be done to champion our wonderful pupils.

I'd also like to say thank you for the warm welcome you, as families, have given me. It's been lovely to have some chats with you on the playground. Please do come and say hello - I will always aim to be at the school gates or on the playground whenever possible and I'm really looking forward in the coming months to building our partnership and seeking your views and ideas about the school's strengths and next steps.

I look forward to all of the exciting times ahead.

Mrs Emma Jefferson

Headteacher

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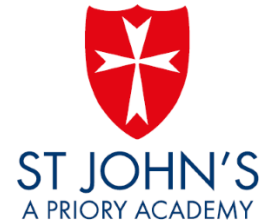
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GROWING YOUNG MINDS: A GREAT PLACE
TO ENJOY LEARNING!



Attendance and Safeguarding



FS RJR	96.1%
FS RAS	92.9%
Y1CT	92.1%
Y1RT	92.7%
Y2ST	95%
Y2F	96.3%
Y3B	96.4%
Y3HC	95.9%
Y4O	96.2%
Y4BC	93.7%
Y5M	93.9%
Y5N	94%
Y6B	96.7%
Y6D	93.7%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



Attendance Update:

At St John's, we want to work in partnership with families to ensure attendance for all pupils is as high as possible. Every child, every lesson, every day is what our ambition is in order to champion pupils and allow them to reach their full potential.

Attendance is an area which requires strong partnership between school and home. We will provide support and help and work with all of our families on ensuring every child is receiving the quality education they deserve.

If you ever wish to discuss your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

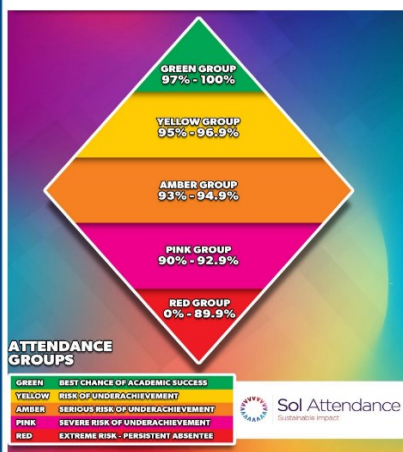
Safeguarding:

We have noticed that some pupils in school are wearing SMART watches. Our policy is that these are **NOT** to be worn in school. The camera and recording functions on them present a safeguarding risk. Pupils are more than welcome to wear a normal analogue or digital watch but not a SMART watch. Please can we ask for your support in ensuring that pupils do not come to school wearing these. Thank you.

Health and Safety:

We'd also like to remind families of our jewellery policy. No jewellery is to be worn other than one set of studs in the ears. We do not allow necklaces, rings, bracelets or hooped / dangly earrings for health and safety reasons. Pupils wearing these will be asked to remove them and we will keep them safe to be returned at the end of the day.

Attendance Ladder



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In other news:



School Admissions

If you have a child starting school in September 2024, then an application for their school place needs to be completed via the local authority by Monday 15th January 2024. More information can be found by clicking [here](#). If you would like a tour of the school, then please contact the school email address and Mrs Jefferson will be more than happy to show you life at St John's!

Parking

Please can we ask families to ensure that if using the Co-op car park that this is done so with care for everyone's safety and so as not to cause disruption to the work of the Co-op. Loading bays should be left clear and parking should be in designated spaces, not blocking any entrances or exits. Thank you for your consideration with this.



Head Bumps / First Aid



You may have noticed that in the events of accidents at school requiring first aid, a slip is coming home with the child to describe the accident and the treatment given. This is to communicate with you and for our own record keeping at school. In case of a head bump, the staff in the office will make a phone call to parents to let them know. In most cases, if the child seems well in themselves, we will make the phone call and reassure you that they're fine to remain in school and will be closely monitored by staff. If we're concerned after a head bump and they have other symptoms such as dizziness, headaches etc. then we will make the phone call for you to come and collect them.

Mrs Emma Richardson

It is with mixed emotions that we let you know that Mrs Emma Richardson will be leaving St John's in a few weeks time as she starts a new venture. We are delighted for her but we will also be sad to see her leave. Mrs Richardson has worked at the school for over 15 years and I know she will be greatly missed by children, staff and families. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank her for all that she has done at St John's and I know you'll join me in wishing her the best of luck in her new role.



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It has been a fantastic start to the term and the children are settling into some wonderful topics and learning experiences across the curriculum.

For more information on what your children are learning this term, please visit the curriculum page on our website [here](#). Over the coming weeks, I will be able to share photos and examples of what the children have been getting up to in class!

St John's Value of the Term—RESPECT



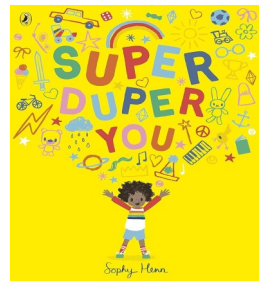
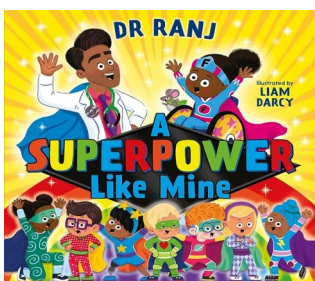
In our assemblies this week, we have explored what respect is and how we can live this value through our actions at school and home. We spoke about respect for others but also respect for ourselves.

Mrs Jefferson has set each class a challenge to complete before the end of term to live out our value of the term—RESPECT!

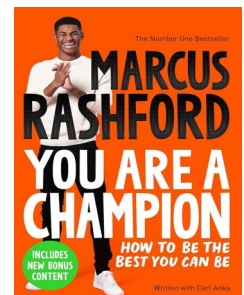
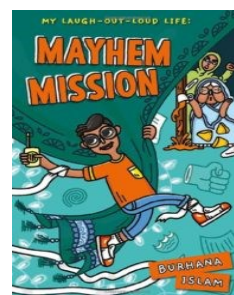
Mrs Jefferson's Book Recommendations

Each newsletter, Mrs Jefferson will recommend some books as Reading is high on our priority at St John's. We are on a mission to make every child a reader and for all children to love books as much as we do as staff!

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KS2



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