



ST JOHN'S
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Newsletter

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Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Friday 28th March 9.15am

Y2 Class Assembly—Families welcome

Friday 28th March

FoS Discos

Wednesday 2nd April

Year 5—Rainforest Explorer Workshop

Friday 4th April

End of Term 4

Tuesday 22nd April

Start of Term 5

Wednesday 23rd April

Year 2 Fire Safety Workshop

Thursday 8th May

Year 6 Identity PSHE Workshop

Mon 12th—Fri 16th May

SATs Week—Year 6

Thursday 22nd May

New EYFS starters information evening—
September 2025

Friday 23rd May—9.15am

Year 1 Class Assembly—families welcome

Friday 23rd May

End of Term 5

Dear St John's Families,

We've nearly reached the end of another term and find ourselves heading into the Summer terms which are always busy but lots of fun!

Over the last couple of weeks, we've been really busy. The children had a great time for Comic Relief and I want to say thank you to our families for helping us to raise a wonderful £336 for charities supported by Comic Relief. We had a great time singing hits from Abba, Cher and Tony Christie at the top of our voices before having some staff vs. pupil challenges with a 'red' theme. It was great to see everyone having such a good time.

We've also had our Parents Evenings and it was wonderful to see so many families in attendance. I hope you found them informative and I know the teachers enjoyed sharing all the wonderful things about your children as well as some targets for their coming terms.

Please remember our parent survey is still live. Thank you so much to everyone who has taken the time to complete it so far. It will be open for another couple of weeks so if you haven't yet given your views and would like to then please click the link [here](#). It only takes a few minutes and we do use your views to support further development in the school.

I look forward to a busy last week with the children and I hope you all have a fantastic Easter break when it arrives next week. Hopefully, we will get some nice Sunny weather to enjoy!

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Emma Jefferson

Headteacher

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Championing children; making a difference

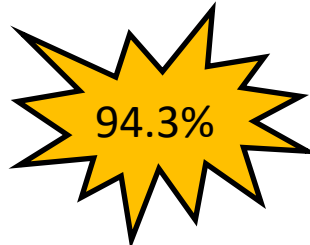
Attendance and Safeguarding

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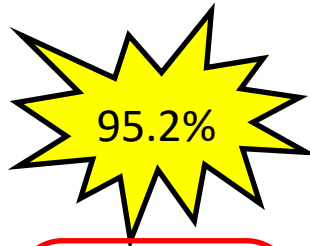


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RAS	87.4%
1T	99.8%
1HC	96.6%
2ST	96.1%
2F	94.2%
30S	95%
3B	91.5%
4T	92.9%
4D	95.6%
5N	89.5%
5BT	88.9%
6B	98.9%
6M	94.8%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



Our aim is to try and be in the green for our overall attendance across the year!

Attendance

We are closing in on our end of term class challenge so next week we will find out who our class winners are for the Spring term.

We will also draw our next '100 club' winners for Term 4 and this will be reset from Term 5.

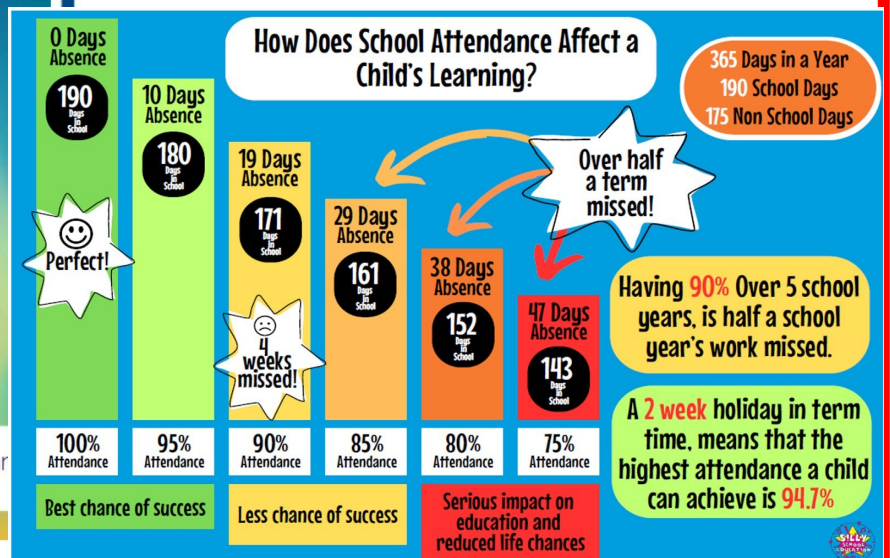
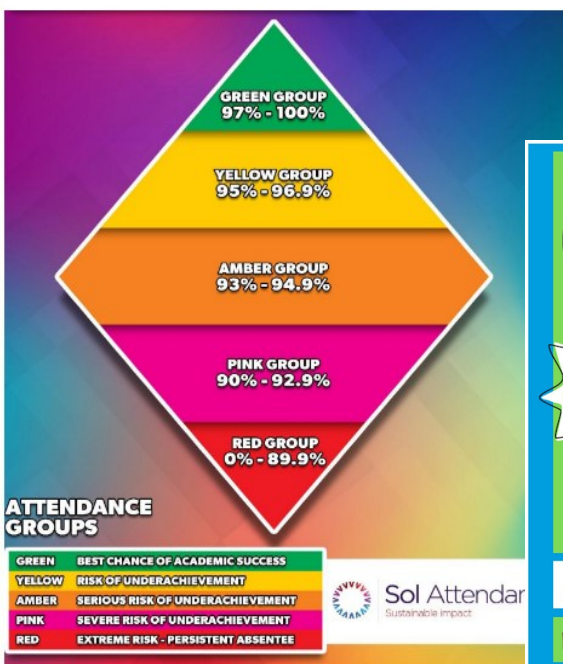
Thank you for your continued support in ensuring we have positive attendance at St John's.

Safeguarding

Please could we remind families that we are a nut-free school. We have several children in school with nut allergies and therefore want to keep them safe. We have noticed some children are bringing Nutella products into school. Please note that these do contain nuts so we would ask for Nutella spread in sandwiches or other Nutella products not to be put into lunchboxes. Thank you so much for your support in trying to keep everyone in our school community safe.



Attendance Ladder



Learning in class



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Early Years

The topic in Early Years this term is Amazing Animals. As part of their learning, they had an amazing visit from Mags at Creature Ark. Mags talked to the children about the different animals and how we needed to help look after them this by being nice and calm and quiet. As they looked at each animal, they talked about what they looked like, what they ate and how they were different to each other. Some of the animals had fur and some of the animals had scales. Some of the animals ate meat and some of the animals ate vegetables and fruit. Mags had taught the rats a special trick where they sat on someone's shoulder and then scurried down into their basket. The children had an opportunity to touch the animals if they wanted to. Mags brought in: Monty the python, Timotina the tortoise, Matilda the snail, Winston and Herbert the rat, Rosie and Poppy the guinea pigs and Charlotte the Chilean Rose Tarantula! What an amazing experience!



Year 2

Year 2 have been learning about Coding in Computing this term. They started with physical computing—using the Beebots! They can now create their own instructions (known as algorithms) to direct a Beebot to a specific part of a map. They have now started to also learn about coding on a tablet. The children investigated the different tiles and what each tile makes a character (sprite) do. It's all very exciting!



Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about digestion and food chains. They began by looking at what digestion is and the different organs involved in the process. The children have explored the mouth and its role in the digestive process, including the teeth and how we have three different types of tooth. The children had a great time taking part in an experiment to demonstrate the digestive system. They broke crackers up into small pieces (acting as teeth) They added some water, which acted as our saliva. They then put this into some orange juice which acted as the stomach acid inside our stomachs. This lovely concoction was then squeezed through the tights which acted as the intestines. Finally, they were left with the end product of the digestive process. The smell and shape of what was created was not the nicest but its helped to gain a good understanding of the digestive system!



In other news



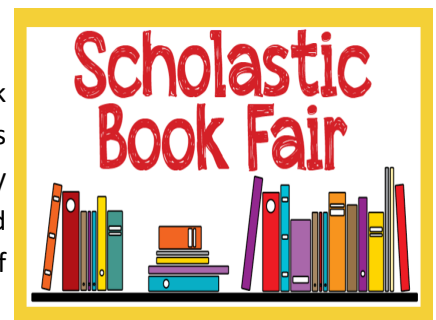
Primary Maths Challenge

We were able to take a team of Y5/6 pupils to take part in the Primary Maths Challenge at Sir William Robertson Academy. There were over 20 local primary schools there taking part. It was a very challenging day with logic problems, algebra and a Maths relay which sounded very intense. The children represented St John's brilliantly. We're absolutely delighted to say that they came back as the WINNERS of the entire competition! They tricked me when they got back but couldn't hide the smiles on their faces and then showed their medals and lovely plaque that they brought back for their achievements. We have some very talented Mathematicians at St John's and we're so proud of them!



Scholastic Book Fair

Thank you so much to families who attended and purchased from our book fair held during Parents Evenings. We took a total of just under £500 and this has given us back commission of £200 to spend on new books for our library and classrooms. Thank you so much for supporting the book fairs and providing us with precious funds to continue to keep our bookcases full of new children's literature



Mixed Football Regional Final

You may remember in the last newsletter, we were eagerly awaiting the mixed football teams regional final in Wigan! This included a very early morning departure from St John's to get to Wigan in time for the tournament. The team performed brilliantly, finishing second in their group, before succumbing to a narrow 1-0 defeat against Wigan Athletic in the quarter-finals. The event was eventually won by Burton Albion who earned their place in the national finals at Wembley Stadium in May. We are so proud of the team for representing not only St John's, but Lincoln City with pride and fantastic sportsmanship! Thank you also to Mr Morris and Coach Danny for travelling with the team and coping 6 hours on a bus!



Comic Relief

Thank you so much for all your kind donation to Comic Relief. We raised an incredible £336 and we explained to the children how this money helps people both in the UK and around the world.

St John's Fundraiser for Comic Relief



Red Nose Day 2025 - Primary Schools
Campaign by Comic Relief (RCN 326568)

In other news...



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LumiNova Parent Workshop

Lincolnshire County Council have commissioned an App to be available to all Lincolnshire families to support pupils aged 7-11 who may be experiencing mild to moderate anxieties and worries. This includes separation anxiety. We will be running a parent workshop to explain more about how the App works on **Monday 28th April at 9.15am** in the school hall. Anyone is welcome to attend. We recognise that supporting pupils' mental health is of great importance and want to play our part in signposting to services such as Luminova where we can see that they could be of great benefit to our children. We also work with the MHST (Mental Health in Schools Team) to provide support for pupils. If you ever wish to discuss your child's mental health or emotional wellbeing then please do contact the school.



Cross Country Success!

I just want to mention our incredible cross country team who have performed amazingly over the last few weeks. It was a pleasure to go and watch them yesterday at their final race at Bishop Grosseteste. I was so proud of their determination, resilience but also their support for one another. As soon as the girls race had finished, they were straight back out to go and cheer the boys round. We don't know the final results yet however we think the St John's team have done very well. We will let you know as soon as these are confirmed by the organisers. They were a credit to the school and should be so proud of themselves!

Recommended Reads

EYFS/KS1



KS2



In the community..



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PLAYERS WANTED

Reception to Year 6 - Boys and Girls

ACORNS TO OAKS

We're looking for boys and girls who will be in Year 5 (U10s) from September 2025 to join our junior rugby team!

No experience? No problem! Rugby is all about fun, teamwork, and learning as you play.

Come down and check us out this season! Your child can watch a session or even join in and get a feel for rugby before the summer break.

Sundays, 10am-11am
The Priory Witham Academy, LN6 7DT

Drop us a message or just turn up!

Hykeham Juniors Rugby | hykehamjuniorsrfc@gmail.com

North Hykeham Rugby Juniors

FAQ's

Fun • Fitness • Teamwork • Friendship

WHO CAN JOIN?

We welcome boys & girls aged 4-11 in the following age groups:

- U5 & U6 (Reception & Year 1) – Fun-based rugby activities, running, evasion, and ball-handling skills.
- U7 & U8 (Years 2 & 3) – Tag Rugby (Non-contact) – Focus on movement, passing, and teamwork.
- U9 (Year 4) – Tackling Introduced – Learning safe contact techniques.
- U10 & U11 (Years 5 & 6) – Developing Contact Skills – More game understanding and positional play.

No experience? No problem! Everyone learns at their own pace.

IS RUGBY SAFE?

- U5-U8 play tag rugby—no tackling!
- U9s begin tackling in a safe, controlled way.
- U10-U11 continue skill development with trained coaches.
- We follow RFU safety guidelines at all times.

WHAT DOES MY CHILD NEED?

- Sports kit (shorts, T-shirt)
- Gum shield (required for U9+)
- Rugby/football boots
- Water bottle

HOW MUCH DOES IT COST?

- First 3 sessions FREE!
- Membership: £100 per season (£60 per additional child)
- Financial support may be available—just ask!

WHEN & WHERE DO YOU TRAIN?

- Sundays 10am - 11am (Aug-May)
- The Priory Witham Academy, De Wint Avenue, Lincoln, LN6 7DT

HOW TO SIGN UP?

- Just turn up & give it a try!
- Contact us for more info!
- Hykeham Juniors Rugby
- hykehamjuniorsrfc@gmail.com

COME JOIN THE TEAM – SEE YOU ON THE PITCH!

Easter Fun!

Come along to try out different Easter themed activities

Can you

- ...pin the tail on the bunny?
- ...match the egg shapes?
- ...make a tangram rabbit?
- ...decorate egg shapes?
- ...make an Easter card?
- ...enjoy an Easter themed story?

At Bracebridge Heath Library
on Saturday 19th April
10am - 12 noon

A free event - all welcome.

