



**ST JOHN'S**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

# Newsletter

Issue 23—March 2025



**Respect   Kindness   Confidence   Tolerance   Self-Discipline**

## Key Dates

Friday 14th March 9.15am

Y4 Class Assembly - Families welcome

Tuesday 18th March

Creature Ark—Early Years

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March

Parents Evenings

Friday 21st March

Comic Relief

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

Dear St John's Families,

It was lovely to welcome so many of you into school last week for our learning showcase. I know the children thoroughly enjoyed showing you their learning and I really hope you enjoyed looking through their books at all the exciting things they do whilst in class.

You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at our upcoming Parents Evenings. Please remember that the book fayre will also be here in the school hall so please do pay that a visit as well.

We have a full newsletter covering lots that has been happening at St John's as well as some things coming up for you to keep your eye out for.

Our School Council did a phenomenal job this week organising a book and cuddly toy sale to raise funds for improvements on both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. Lots of children came along and it was a great success. Well done to the School Council and Mrs Swallow for doing such a good job.

This term, the value we are focusing on is Self-Discipline. KS2 had Reverend Jacqueline cone in and speak about the self-discipline Christians show during Lent and Mr Hussain kindly came into school to talk about the self-discipline Muslims show during Ramadan. It has been great to learn about how this value is lived by many different people. The children have certainly learned a lot.

We look forward to raising money for Comic Relief next Friday with some staff vs. children challenges!

Thank you as always for your continued support.

*Mrs Emma Jefferson*

*Headteacher*

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***Championing children; making a difference***

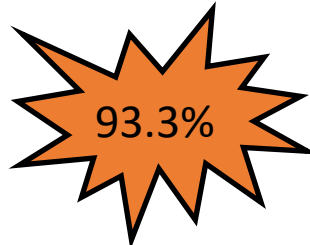
# Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



RJR	91.8%
RAS	89.2%
1T	92.8%
1HC	91.8%
2ST	90.1%
2F	90.5%
30S	95.9%
3B	94.1%
4T	95%
4D	95%
5N	93.2%
5BT	90.8%
6B	95.9%
6M	96.9%

**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

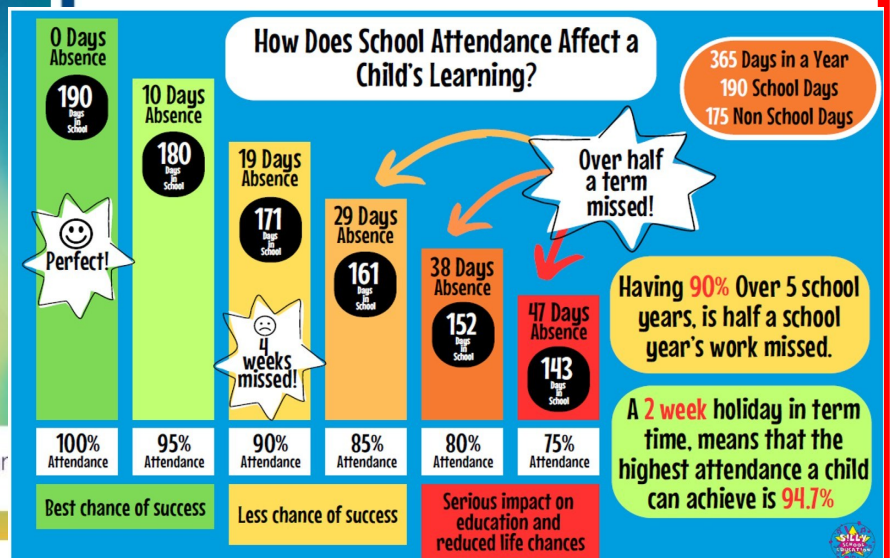
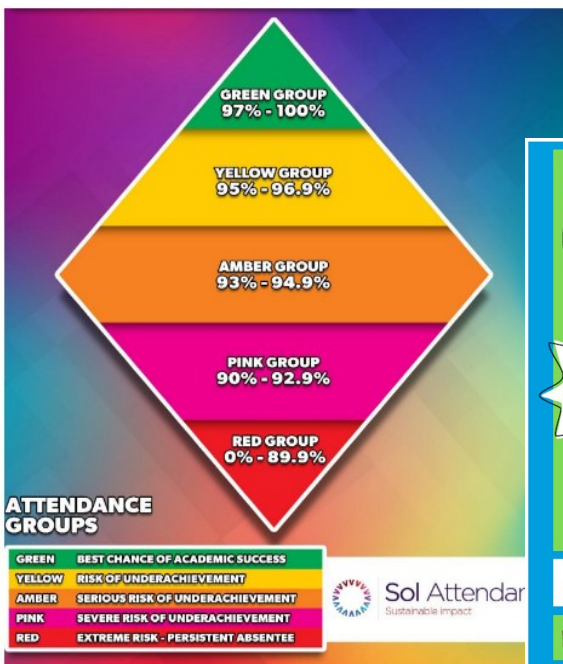
We have had chicken pox move through St John's over the last couple of weeks which is why our attendance has been low. This happens in school when you have children in close proximity to one another and so nothing can be done, however we seem to be coming out the other side of this which is good news for everyone!

Our school attendance for the year is currently above the National Average figures. Our persistent absence (the % of children with less than 90% attendance) is lower than the National Average figures. This is something for us to really celebrate. I'd like to thank our families for recognising the impact of good attendance on children's outcomes and experiences. We can, and do, continue to offer support where children may be struggling with their attendance and work with families together on this. Attendance was an area for us to improve following the last OFSTED inspection so these positive improvements are something to really celebrate.

Our class attendance challenge for the term is underway and it's currently a tie between Miss Richardson's class and Mrs Tasker's class! I wonder if they will hold on to their lead or if another class might sneak past them. We still have 4 more weeks of the challenge left!



## Attendance Ladder



# Learning in class

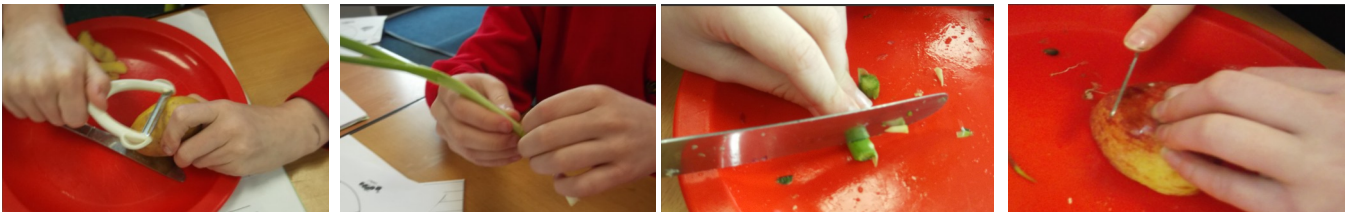
## Year 2

Year 2 had a fabulous trip to Lincoln Castle last week as part of their History learning about important Lincoln buildings! They learnt lots of interesting information all about Lincoln Castle and had the opportunity to walk around the walls—seeing some lovely views all across Lincoln.



## Year 3

This term, Year 3 are learning about eating seasonal fruit and vegetables grown in the UK. As part of this learning they learnt how to safely peel and chop a range of foods which can be grown in the UK during this time of the year. This included potatoes, apples, pears, radish, spring onions, cucumber and asparagus. They loved trying some of the food during the lesson to compare flavours. Lots of us loved the cucumber, apples and pears. However, the stronger flavours from the spring onion and radish were more debated! They will use this knowledge to help design their own seasonal tarts which they will be making later in the term alongside our food safety knowledge too.



## Year 6

Year 6 have been getting into the groove with their disco moves this term. Iconic moves such as the disco finger, the hustle, the bump and the funky chicken have been causing all sorts of fun and excitement! The children have listened to 'You to me are Everything' by the Real Thing and then using their listening and appraising skills to describe the music using terminology such as pitch, tempo and timbre. They have then compared the original to cover versions including Sonia to The Overtones. The children have given opinions about their favourites with excellent reasons to back up their answers. They have also enjoyed learning the song 'Celebration' - I think they might have to sing that one after SATs!



# Learning in class



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## Year 4

Year 4 had a First Aid Workshop with Mini First Aid Lincs as part of their PSHE learning around keeping safe. They learnt some basic first aid and what they should do in an emergency. They practiced how to give CPR and how to put someone in the recovery position. It's so important that children know some basic skills as we never know when they may find themselves in a position needing to use them. They did a fantastic job! Well done Year 4.



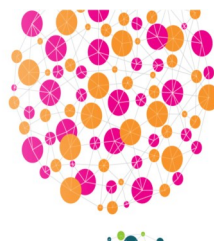
## British Science Week

We were so fortunate this week to welcome Siemens into our school for British Science Week. They came to do some STEM activities with pupils in Year 3 and Year 5. The children learnt about how power is created and considered the effect of these methods on the environment. They made their own windmills and designed circuit systems which made balls float, doorbells ring and turbines turn. It was very exciting. We can't wait to continue celebrating science with our own science week next term. Thank you so much to Siemens for coming in and providing this opportunity.



# SIEMENS

10-19 March  
British  
Science  
Week  
2023



# In other news...



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## Goodbye Mr Wright and Miss Guedes

We will be saying Goodbye to Mr Wright and Miss Guedes at the end of this term. Mr Wright has worked as a Teaching Assistant at St John's since 2021 and Miss Guedes has been part of our lunchtime team since 2023. We will miss them both but wish them the best of luck in their future endeavors from us all in the St John's community. I'd like to thank them for their hard work and dedication to the children of St John's.



## We are hiring!

This also means that we are hiring for staff to join our lunchtime team. We are looking to recruit a Mid-day Supervisory Assistant and Mid-day Controller. Lunchtimes are a busy time of day at St John's so if you want to join our fantastic team, please find more information for the roles [here](#).



## School Council Sale

Our School Council did a fantastic job this week with a cuddly toy and book sale, raising money to re-paint the playground markings on both the KS1 and KS2 playgrounds. It was great to watch them organise and set this up as well as run the stall, working efficiently with money and supporting younger pupils with how to spend their coins. Our School Council are so pro-active in wanting to improve the school and work very hard with Mrs Swallow to come up with suggestions and ideas. A huge well done to them all—they raised over £300, an incredible amount!



## Tractors and Lambs

We were delighted to welcome some visitors from Harmston Young Farmers who came to school with their tractor, a 1 week old lamb and various grains and cereals for the children to feel, explore and learn about. Reception are learning about Amazing Animals so loved meeting the lamb and getting to say hello. Year 4 are learning about the journey of food from field to plate so it was very timely for them to learn about how different crops are grown and harvested. It was such an enjoyable experience—especially getting to sit in the tractor!



# In other news...

## Thank you Mr Hussain!



Mr Hussain once again very kindly gave up some of his time to come and lead our KS2 assembly all about Ramadan. Last year, he was very impressed with our children's knowledge so this year he designed an ultra-hard quiz for us but our children still had brilliant knowledge! Next year, I think we will need an ultra-ultra difficult one! It was great to learn about Ramadan from someone observing this. Mr Hussain gave an insight into the self-discipline Muslims show during this time and shared some photos of his own routines, including a very early wake up call before the Sun rises. KS1 also had an assembly and I had 2 very special helpers— Duaa and Samia who were very keen to share their experiences as well! Thank you so much to them and to Mr Hussain.

## Music Festival

The singing group performed at SSPP Church for a mini Lincoln Choir Festival. They performed Celestial by Ed Sheeran and Supercalifragilisticexpialidocious from Mary Poppins. The children showed S.T.A.R Champion behaviour and represented the school so well and sang beautifully. It was a lovely musical experience and it was lovely to share this with other local schools. Thank you to Mrs Ballard for organising this opportunity.



## World Book Day

We had an amazing time on World Book Day. We were so impressed with the creativity of the children and families in creating some incredible 'repurposed and re-used' fashion. We had skirts made from magazines, jewellery made from recyclable materials and some fantastic repurposed items showing the importance of looking after the environment. We had a brilliant whole school assembly and then the children completed some book-related activities throughout the day. Thank you for all your effort with this!



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### Comic Relief

We will be raising money for Comic Relief on Friday 21st March. Children can come to school dressed in red / wearing red accessories. We will have some staff vs. children challenges in our assembly and, because it is 40 years this year of Comic Relief, we will be having a sing-a-thon of some of the best selling hits over the last 40 years. It promises to be a lot of fun. If you wish to donate towards comic relief and sponsor our fun for the day then you can do that [here](#).



### Swimming Success

We took a team of Year 6s to a swimming gala at Yarborough Leisure Centre. They did so well and performed with confidence and determination. Team B got 1st place in both of their finals. Team A got 2nd place in both of their finals. We are really proud of how they represented the school

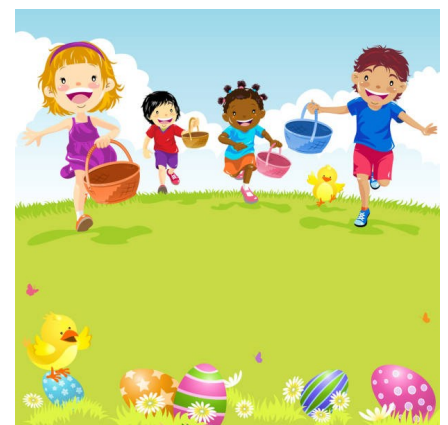
### Friends of the School

Friends of the School continue to work tirelessly to raise money for the school and have some upcoming events / competitions to look out for.

- Lincoln City FC signed football shirt—look out for a raffle for the chance to win this, signed by all of the Lincoln City players.
- An Easter colouring competition / quiz will be available for children to take part in.
- FoS are looking to organise a fun-run in the Summer term to continue to try and raise money for a new Trim Trail on the KS1 playground.



Information about the next FoS discos will be sent out next week. They will be on **Friday 28th March**. For Years 1,2 and 3 the disco will be from 3.30pm-4.30pm and for Years 4,5 and 6, the disco will be from 4.45pm-5.45pm. Please look out for information about dropping off and collecting from the disco as we move to these earlier times. Reception will have an Easter egg hunt organised by FoS in school time before the end of term.



# In the community..



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bookmarks here!



Choose a special bear bookmark, collect a sticker  
everytime you come to the library, after 5 stickers  
choose a new bookmark.

For all our young readers.

Bracebridge Heath Library



## 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.



Do you

like reading books?



like trying out different genres and authors?  
or love finding out about stuff?

If so come along to  
Bracebridge Heath Library  
Pop in on your way home from school.  
We are open Mondays, Wednesdays and  
Fridays until 4.30pm.  
On Saturdays from 10 until 12.

