



“Celebrate life in all its fullness. Let’s learn together in God’s love”

RESPECT

OPPORTUNITY

COLLABORATION

ASPIRATION

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see our new Reception children settling in so well and to begin to get to know them. We have also enjoyed talking with many parents at our welcome meetings this term for parents of Years 1 to 6. All the presentations will be available on the relevant class pages next week. Next week, we will be hosting our first Parent/Carer forum of the academic year. The meeting will take place on **Friday 29th September** from 9.15- 10.00am. Please contact the office to confirm your attendance. Tea and coffee will be available after drop off.

The weather is a little unpredictable at present and it has certainly felt a little cooler! Please ensure that your child brings a coat to school each day and that **all clothing** items are named so they can be returned to their owner.

Mrs Yeoman

Many of you will have noticed that Mrs Yeoman has been absent from school this week. Mrs Yeoman is often the first point of call for many of you and may well be supporting you and your family at present. Please do address any concerns or questions to the school office, these will then be passed on to the relevant staff member. We anticipate that Mrs Yeoman will be out for a period and have looked at our staffing structure to reallocate some of her essential pastoral roles.

Home School Agreement

We recognise that education is at its most effective when partnerships exist between home and school therefore developing good relationships is very important to us. We have a home school agreement; please see the attachment sent. Please read, discuss with your child and sign our [St Johns Home School Agreement](#) to ensure continuity of expectation between home and school. Please can I remind you to treat all members of the school community with respect and politeness, any email communication for class teachers must be sent through the school office email.

Pupil Leadership Roles

Last week we introduced our new School Council, Eco Council and Spiritual Leaders. A huge thank you to everyone who expressed an interest in the roles. This week, the School Council met to discuss the schools strengths and key areas of focus for the year ahead, they have elected a chair, vice-chair and secretary. Spiritual Leaders met together for the first time this week and are looking forward to leading their first collective worship on ‘thankfulness’ next week!

School Council	Eco Council	Spiritual Leaders
Year 1- Luka & Sienna Year 2- Yusuf and Carys Year 3- Ellen and Levi Year 4- Edie and Toby N Year 5- Amelie and Peter Year 6- Raphael and Mia M	Year 1- Jonah and Molly Year 2- Enzo and Claudia Year 3- Olive and Harper Year 4- Ellis and Bella Year 5- Ava and Ellie Year 6- Prince and Orlagh	Year 1- Freddie and Summer Year 2- Ralphie and Eleanor Year 3- Micaela and Scarlett Year 4- Seren and Charlie Year 5- Rose and Toby Year 6- Izzy, Emily, Oscar and Brodie

House Points

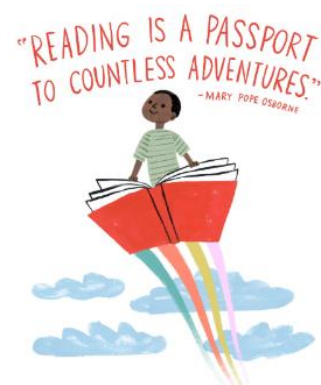
The excellent efforts and positive behaviours that our children show are praised and celebrated. Children have the chance to receive a variety of rewards and acknowledgement for demonstrating the school values during each day of school. Across the school, the children are divided into four houses: Earth, Fire, Water and Sun. Each week our Year 6 leaders collate the house point scores from each class. During our weekly celebration collective worship, we announce the winning house. Here are our results so far:

	Earth	Fire	Water	Sun
House Captains	Phoenix and Mia	Prince and Izzy	Alfie and Cora	Luka and Holly
Week 1	4 th	1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Week 2	4 th	2 nd	3 rd	1 st

Reading at St John's

At St John's we believe that reading is an important foundation of all learning. We focus on developing readers who read with fluency and accuracy and comprehend the texts they read and are read to them.

Daily reading is one of the best things you can do to support your children in their learning, whether that is reading to your child, hearing them read to you, asking them questions about the stories they have read or sharing a book together. Even a little bit every night before bedtime will have a dramatic effect on the quality of children's writing and their vocabulary. Your consistent encouragement at home would be a huge benefit in helping your children "catch" the reading habit and develop an enjoyment in reading for pleasure.



We ask that you do read daily with your child and note any reading activity, however brief, in their reading record. Each week in school we track how many times children have read. Our target is for all children to read **at least 4 times a week**. We celebrate these achievements in our weekly collective worship.

Reading Challenge Results

Congratulations to our Reading Challenge Winners:

KS1- Year 2 with 80% of children reading at least 4 times.

KS2- Year 6 with 65% of children reading at least 4 times.

Year	%
Year 1	31%
Year 2	80%
Year 3	40%
Year 4	45%
Year 5	48%
Year 6	65%

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 6 and Year 5 who were the winners of the attendance cup. A fantastic start to the year.



4th - 8th September

YR 99.6%

Y1 90.9%

Y2 95%

Y3 99.2%

Y4 95.3%

Y5 99.2%

Y6 100%

10th - 14th September

YR 99.3%

Y1 94.4%

Y2 95.3%

Y3 98.1%

Y4 99.3%

Y5 100%

Y6 97.6%

Holidays in term time

When it comes to booking family holidays, please support your child's learning and make sure that your holidays are planned during the 13 weeks of school holidays. All parents have a legal responsibility to ensure their child attends school. Please read our school attendance procedures for an understanding of our approach. We aim to work in partnership with parents to achieve high attendance and the best outcomes for all our children.

Safety around the school site

We have received some feedback from staff, parents- and even some of our children- about road safety awareness around our school.

Here are some reminders of what we expect:

- Please ensure that you do not ride bikes or scooters on the school grounds, this includes the car park entrance. At the beginning and the end of the day it is extremely busy and there is a risk of injury to others. If your child comes to school on a bike, we expect them to wear a helmet.
- Please do not enter the school car park between 8.30-3.30 unless you have discussed your individual circumstances and they have been approved by school. You may see a couple of cars entering or exiting the car park, these would have been approved.
- Please encourage your children to walk safely using the footpath and remind them to find a safe place to cross the road. There are often several parked cars and there have been reports of children running out between parked cars.

A busy week for Year 4.

On Wednesday 20th September Year 4 were fortunate to have Cath Burston come and teach the children new games and how to be great role-models and leaders. They participated in a range of games and discussed how they would adapt depending on the age group. This is all in preparation for Year 4 to become Playtime Partisans. They did brilliantly and will be superb play leaders!



On Thursday 21st September, Year 4 welcomed Cath Burston from the B&NES School Sports Partnership into their PE lesson for a Quads Kids Session. The children all participated in a 6 different activities. Mrs Burston was hugely impressed for the leadership shown and the encouragement the children gave to one another. Well done Year 4

Y3 and Y4 Hook Day

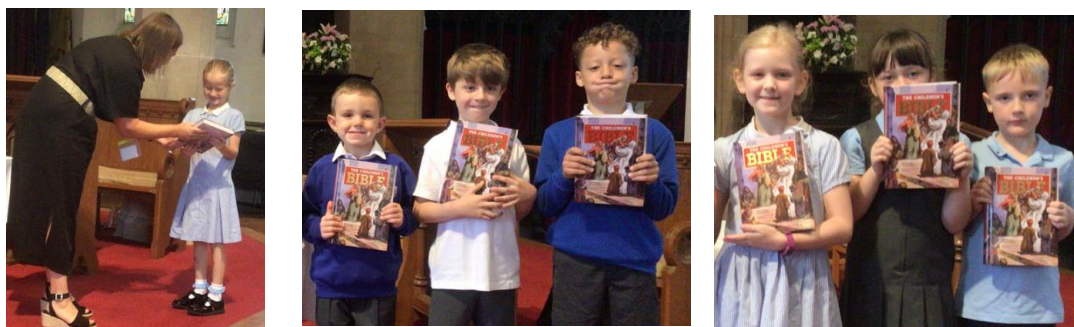
Y3 and Y4 launched their Wonderful World theme with a day spent exploring America. They made New York style chocolate chip cookies, designed their own American coin, used their painting skills to create their own American flag, before ending their day by giving group speeches to say why they should be the next American President. Miss Taylor and Mrs Bruton

were both very impressed with how all of the children gave 100% in all of the activities on offer. Well done, Year 3 and Year 4.



Y3 Bible Presentation

Y3 displayed exemplary behaviour when they were presented with their bibles last week at St John's Church. They were a credit to the school and should feel very proud of themselves.



Goodbye Rev M'Caw



Last week we said goodbye to Rev M'Caw who is retiring as vicar of St John's Church. We held a final collective worship for him so the children (and staff and governors) could say goodbye and wish him well. We sang a couple of hymns, watched a 'lego' bible story and presented Rev M'Caw with a couple of leaving gifts. The word art cross contained adjectives that the children came up with to describe Rev M'Caw, who has been coming to our school to take our collective worship for the past 13 years. Everyone, here at St John's, would like to wish him a very happy and healthy retirement.



Australia Adventures Hook Day

On Monday 11th September, children from KS1 were immersed into their new topic Australia Adventures. Arriving dressed for warm weather and passports in hand, pupils made their way through passport control to receive their boarding passes. Upon the plane, we took off and toured various landmarks of Australia from height such as Sydney, Uluru Rock and The Great Barrier Reef. After arriving in Sydney, the children made their own collage Koala bear and participated in a range of beach games such as volleyball, sea parachute games and Frisbee games then enjoyed cooling off with an ice lolly. Well done KS1.



#Hello Yellow Tuesday 10th October 2022

Here at St Johns we are very happy to be supporting this wonderful charity again this year.

This will be a uniform day, children are invited to come into school wearing something yellow on this day for a donation of £1.00, please use the link below in our diary dates to make donations. Please note Cash will not be accepted.

Notices



Message from Parent

“I’ve known about Macmillian Cancer Support for years and have lost a loved one to the disease. I have wanted to do something for a while to support the charity. Therefore, this year when Brave the Shave came about I decided I would like to take part. After speaking with my son Ethan, he and my mum said they would like to join me, so together we will be having our heads shaved on the 25th September and hopefully raise some money for this amazing charity. It will also give us an insight to how people feel when they sadly lose their hair. “

Brave the shave will take place on the school fields at 3.30pm on Monday 25th September, please bring pennies for the donation buckets.

FREE LIVE MUSIC TICKETS!

Enjoy a thrilling live performance from the region's leading professional orchestra

Building on the success of their #BathPhilForFree scheme, in which over 10,000 tickets have been gifted to local residents, Bath Philharmonia offers local people a free ticket for their concert at The Forum on 3 October 2023, the opening concert of their 23/24 season.

Featuring internationally renowned concert pianist, Peter Donohoe, the orchestra will perform not just one but two piano concertos (Mozart's simply delectable Piano Concerto No. 20 in D minor and Shostakovich's witty and gloriously beautiful Piano Concerto No. 2) in a programme of classical music that includes excerpts from Beethoven's most epic and exciting symphonies and music by one of Britain's most celebrated young composers, Ayanna Witter-Johnson.

Bath Philharmonia is opening-up the concert hall to those who may have never heard the magic of a live orchestra before or want to try something new.

Owen from Weston, who discovered his first orchestral concert this year, said *"Wow! I couldn't believe how good the musicians were and I got to experience the feeling of the music really close to the stage."*

Full details on how to claim the offer for this concert can be found at <https://bit.ly/bp43schools>

Santa Dash

The Saltford Santa Dash on 3 December 2023 is a community fun run to raise funds in support of locally connected charities working with young people.

The event includes a 5km or 5 mile route around Saltford and Keynsham as well as a mini dash for under 12s around the Saltford Sports Club ground.

Entry includes a Santa suit, running number and a medal.

All profits go towards 2 local children's charities

<https://www.butterflies-haven.com/>

<https://timeisprecious.org/>



St John's Association (PTA) Update

A warm welcome to new St John's families and welcome back to everyone else! Here are some upcoming dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 10th October at 7pm, School Hall: AGM with cheese & wine

Please come along to recap on last year's fundraising, appoint the committee and discuss plans for future fundraising events and initiatives for the children. As always, everyone is welcome to attend and be part of the PTA. Cheese and wine will be provided!

We are always pleased to meet new parents and carers who are ready and willing! Without volunteers, we are unable to run our events and raise funds for equipment, resources and experiences that the school requests, all of which enrich and enhance the children's school life. We are grateful for any time you can spare. Please contact your class rep or email talktothepta@outlook.com for further details.

Friday 13th October, after school: Colour Run (rescheduled)

 ST JOHN'S PTA
talktothepta@outlook.com

Colour Run

Friday 13th October, after school

Ticket sales carried over. New sales, £5 per child.
See FAQ sheet for more info.

BBQ, BAR, COFFEE & CAKE,
GLITTER & TATTOOS.



Thank you to our sponsors



We are looking forward to finally (fingers crossed) hosting this event. Ticket sales will be carried over from July and previous Y6 students will be invited back to attend. Ticket sales for new YR children, as well as those who were unable to make it last time, will be launched next week. This will be accompanied by an FAQ document which we hope will answer any questions you might have about the Colour Run. We still need volunteers to ensure the event runs smoothly, we will be sharing a link to signupgenius.com on class WhatsApp groups again, so please add yourself on this if you are able to help. Alternatively, please contact your class rep or email talktothepta@outlook.com.

Tuesday 7th November - Bags2School collection: Another excuse for a post half term clear out! Please drop bags in the undercover area by reception before 9am. Any waterproof bag or bin liner is fine. For details of items accepted for donation, please refer to posters (to follow).

Friday 8th December, after school: Christmas Fair & Grotto. Details to follow.

We will also be in touch about **Xmas4schools Christmas cards** and other events that we will be organising over the coming months.



Generate **free donations** for our PTA with the simple click of a button every time you shop online. Shop through the app or the donation reminder tool. Over 6,000 shops and sites will donate to our PTA whenever you buy with them online. You can still use your usual shop accounts and claim your customer rewards! Please click the link to register: <https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=115105&invite=uqm3kz&referral-campaign=c2s>

Dates for Diary

25 th September	Flu Nasal Spray	Parents to consent letter sent via MCAS
26 th September	Y5 Bikability Group 6	
28 th September	Y5 Bikeability Group 5 Year R Parent Workshop 5.30pm- 6.30pm in Reception	Rescheduled from 20 th September If you are unable to attend, please inform school office.
29 th September	Parent/Carer Forum	School Hall 9.30am please let the office know if you are attending

2 nd October	Open Morning for Reception 2024 at 9.15am	
2 nd October	Parents Evening virtual	To book via SchoolCloud
5 th October	Parents Evening in person CENSUS DAY	To book via SchoolCloud Menu change
10 th October	Hello Yellow PTA AGM	Children to wear yellow link below for donation https://www.justgiving.com/page/st-johns-primary-school-1694001781200?utm_term=ej2p28jE2 School Hall 7-8pm
12 th October	Open Afternoon for Reception 2024 at 2pm	
13 th October	Fraser Portraits individual PTA Colour Run	More information to follow 3.30-5.30 school field
18 th October	Harvest Celebration at School @10am (Y1 –Y6) YR Harvest Celebration	Parents invited 14:45 in classroom parents invited
20 th October	End of Term	
23 rd - 27 th October	Half Term	
30 th October	Back to school at 8.50 prompt	
2 nd November	Open Afternoon for Reception 2024 at 2pm	
7 th November	PTA Bags2School	
13 th November	Odd Socks Day – Anti Bulling week	More information to follow
17 th November	Children in Need Term 2 Open Afternoon	More information to follow 14:45 in classrooms parents invited
28 th November	Talent Show – celebrating differences	More information to follow
1 st December	Keynsham School carol concert 10.30-11.30am	KS2 Only
8 th December	Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day PTA Christmas School Fayre	More information to follow More information to follow
12 th December	Christingle Service	St Johns Church
13 th December	KS1 Nativity performance	
14 th December	KS2 Nativity Performance	
15 th December	Christmas party End of Term	

