

St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026

Message from the Head

I hope you have all had a lovely week. We have thoroughly enjoyed celebrating Mrs Crawford and Mrs Sykes' special birthdays this week!

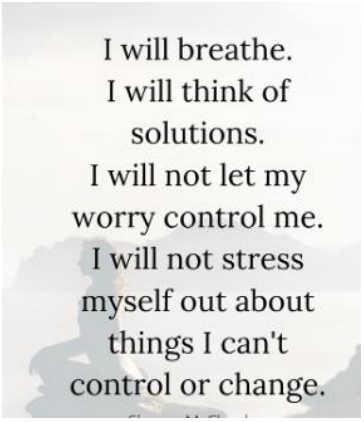


The children in Year 3 thoroughly enjoyed their Ancient Egyptian workshop as did the Year 5 children in their Ancient Greece workshop delivered by Wakefield Museum.

I would like to take the opportunity to wish all our wonderful Year 6 children the best for next week's SATs tests. They have all worked incredibly hard and we are all very proud of you.

Year 2 will be sharing their work in a Celebration Worship on Friday 15th May at 9:50am. We have another Art Day on 21st May. Don't forget that school is closed for an INSET day on Friday 22nd May.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Findlay



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Dates for your diary (all dates for the academic year are on the school app/website)

Week commencing 11th May	Y6 SATS
15th May	Y2 Celebration Worship at 9:50am
21st May	Art Day
22rd May	Inset Day – school closed
25th to 29th May	School closed – Half term

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St John's All Stars

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If you require childcare before or after school, we have St John's All Stars which opens from 7.30am and then again from 3.20pm -6.00pm Monday to Thursday and 3.20pm - 4.30pm on a Friday. Children can enjoy sausage sandwich Friday on Friday mornings! Look at the school website under Parent Information or contact wraparound@st-johns.wakefield.sch.uk for further details.

Celebration Worship – **Year 2** will be sharing all their good work in a Celebration Worship on Friday 15th May at 9:50am. Please come along if you are able to.





KS2 teacher led after school clubs – Clubs continue next week until week commencing Monday 18th May.



MP Sports - The afterschool club continues for EYFS/KS1 until Monday 18th May and Wednesday 20th May for KS2.



PTA Meeting – The next meeting will take place on Friday 15th May at 2:30pm. We will be planning the Summer Fair which takes place on Saturday 4th July from 1:00pm -3:30pm. Please come along if you are able to help with the organisation.



A few things happening next half term –

Year 3 Cricket v Newton Hill at Newton Hill Community School on Wednesday 3rd June.
Year 4 Cricket v Newton Hill at Newton Hill Community School on Thursday 4th June.



Year 1 Neil Armstrong Workshop with Alfresco Learning on Friday 5th June.



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Year 2 visit to Thackray Museum on Tuesday 9th June.



Year 5 visit to QEGS for the SPLATS event on Tuesday 9th June.



KS2 Sports Day (9:00am) and EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (1:30pm) on Wednesday 10th June.

YR visit to Cannon Hall Farm on Thursday 11th June.



Y3 visit to Bagshaw Museum on Thursday 11th June.



Y5/Y6 Cyber Crime Blueline Van on Monday 15th June.

Y1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Monday 15th June.

Y5/Y6 Fire Service talk on Wednesday 24th June.

St. John's Service at St. John's Church on Thursday 25th June at 10:00am.

Religion and World Views 'Parables' theme day on Thursday 25th June.



Y4 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Friday 26th June.

Y4 Big Sing event at Wakefield Cathedral on Tuesday 30th June.

Y6 'Moving on in Hope' Leavers' Celebration at Wakefield Cathedral on Wednesday 1st July.

Summer Concert on Thursday 2nd July at 6pm.



Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July.



EYFS and KS1 Airport Day on Tuesday 7th July.

School Reports to parents on Tuesday 7th July.

Year 6 Production on Wednesday 8th July at 6:00pm.



Year 6 Leavers' Celebration Worship on Thursday 16th July at 9:50am.

Annual Talent Show on Thursday 16th July at 1:30pm.



End of term Friday 17th July.

MP Sports Holiday Club: MP Sports Holiday Camps are coming to St John's during the half term Holidays (26th – 29th May). During these camps, children will be taking part in a range of activities from football, to dodgeball to crafts and gymnastics with a dinner provided by a local cafe as well!

To book your child in, please follow the link which will take you to the EEQU booking website and select the dates your child will be attending. Fill out the relevant information that we need for our registers and your child's place will be secured (It is a first come first serve basis). There are no funded places this time – all places are paid places and only for St. John's pupils.
https://eequ.org/book/mpse-st-johns-ce-junior-and-infant-school-with-mpse-community-engagement-cic-24427



Class Awards

Class R	**Improvement Cup**	**Linden**	**For fantastic improvement in his phonics and learning behaviours.**
Class 1	**Reading Cup**	**Yathiru**	**For amazing progress in reading!**
Class 2	**Kindness Cup**	**Ali**	**For always looking out for others and helping children and adults.**
Class 3	**PE Cup**	**Arsalan**	**For super throwing and catching in rounders.**
Class 4	**St John's Cup**	**Joshua**	**For phenomenal maths skills, superb!**
Class 5	**Arts Cup**	**Olivia**	**Amazing drawing skills. Your illustrations and pictures are always so detailed and elaborate.**
Class 6	**Topic Cup**	**Zain**	**For fantastic enthusiasm in History.**
Class 6	**Opal Award**	**Aizah-Imaan**	**Always tidying and being an OPAL superstar!**

School Uniform - Children are proud to wear the St John's uniform and it has many benefits such as giving a sense of belonging and making it easier for staff to identify children when on school trips. **All children are expected to wear the uniform:**

- Black school trousers (black shorts in summer are optional), skirt or pinafore dress
- White polo shirt or formal shirt
- Royal blue sweatshirt, cardigan or jumper
- Royal blue and white summer dress
- Plain white or black socks or black tights
- Plain black shoes or trainers





All children are expected to come to school in their PE kit on their class PE day:

- Plain white t-shirt
- Plain black shorts (no other logos)
- Plain black track suit (for outdoor activities if necessary)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Year 5 only – swimming kits and towel



ALL UNIFORM MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED.

All of our school uniform, with logo, can be purchased from Smart Uniforms in Wakefield https://smartuniforms.co.uk/product-category/schools-2/wakefield-2/primary-schools-3/ or School Trends who offer an online ordering service www.schooltrends.co.uk. Most high street stores also stock the black trousers and skirts, white polo shirts and royal blue jumpers. There is no obligation for parents to purchase uniform with the school logo. Any Hijab worn should be plain black, white or royal blue. Sensible footwear should be worn to ensure safety – no open-toe sandals to be worn. Nail varnish, make-up or unsuitable hairstyles or colouring do not complement the school uniform and are not allowed.

Jewellery - Children may only wear a pair of stud earrings if they have pierced ears. These must be removed by the child for physical activity. Children may also wear a watch. Wearing jewellery of any kind can be dangerous for your child because the jewellery may get caught or accidently pulled which can cause a painful and unpleasant accident.



Our 'Dinner Debate' for this newsletter is for you to discuss as a family if you wish

We are thinking about the Christian Value of Trust in Collective Worship and how we need to show honesty in order to be trusted. We will be listening to stories from the bible of people who put their trust in God, even when times were tough. We have been learning about the 10 Commandments and understanding how they help Christians to live their lives.

Our Dinner Debate for this week is:

What rules do we have to follow?

This question helps us to reflect on the 'Self' aspect of spiritual development by encouraging us to think about how we behave and try to follow the rules to keep everyone safe and to live in harmony.


St. John's School PTA
SUMMER FAIR
Saturday 4th July
1pm – 3:30pm
Join in the fun...
lots of stalls including tombola, bottle hoopla, refreshments, inflatables and much more!
St. John's C E (VA) Jnr School



First Session: Friday 1st May

Timings: 6pm - 7:30pm

Address: Wakefield Thornes CC, Field Lane, Wakefield, WF2 7RT

Led by ARCA and Yorkshire Pathways Coach Sam Wisniewski. Joined by current Derbyshire County Cricket Player Beth Slater!

All ages welcome, for more information, message Sam at +44 7828 476903

St JOHN'S CHURCH WAKEFIELD
Sharing Christ in the Community

Come and try our

LEGO BREAKFAST



Want to spend quality time with your children?
Do you like building with Lego, demolishing Jenga or playing traditional board games?
Like to share a bacon sandwich (vegetarian option available) and a drink, while playing games in good company?
All children please bring an adult.

Come along and join in:

St John's Church, Wentworth Street, WF1 2QU

Saturday 16 May 2026

9.00am - 11.00am

Free admission (no unaccompanied children, please)

Voluntary donation of £1 for a sandwich and a drink