

St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 24th April 2026

Message from the Head

Welcome back everyone! I hope you had a wonderful Easter holiday and enjoyed the lovely weather too. Hopefully, this will continue!

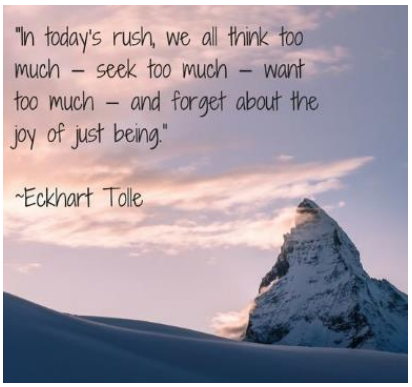
I would like to share the news that I am expecting my second baby in October. This will be a little brother or sister for Matthew. Once all plans are confirmed for the maternity cover, I will share these with you.

The children thoroughly enjoyed their TT Rockstars/Numbots day – they all looked amazing and the staff looked fantastic too! Thank you to everyone who came to the EYFS/KS1 disco with DJ Dan and the KS2 movie night – the children really enjoyed both events. Thank you to members of the PTA who helped run both evenings.

I cannot believe that it is the start of the summer term already but again, we have so much to look forward to this term. The children in Year 3 will be sharing all their good work on Friday 1st May in their Celebration Worship, Year 3 will be having an Ancient Egyptian workshop and Year 5 will be having an Ancient Greece workshop delivered by Wakefield Museum on Thursday 7th May, Year 6 will be doing their SATs tests during the week beginning 11th May, and we have another Art Day on 21st May. Don't forget that school is closed for an INSET day on Friday 22nd May.

We are also hosting another Parent/Carer SEND Coffee Morning on 7th May at 9am.

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)

4th May	May Day – school closed
7th May (9-10am)	SEND Coffee and Cake with Parent Carer Forum / Y3 Ancient Egypt Workshop / Y5 Ancient Greece Workshop with Wakefield Museum
Week commencing 11th May	Y6 SATS
22rd May	Inset Day – school closed
25th to 29th May	School closed – Half term

Growing together, becoming all that we are created to be

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 3** will be sharing all their good work in a Celebration Worship on Friday 1st May at 9:50am and **Year 2** on Friday 15th May. Please come along if you are able to.





KS2 teacher led after school clubs – Clubs continue next week until week commencing Monday 18th May (5 weeks for Monday clubs and 6 weeks for Thursday clubs).



MP Sports – The afterschool club continue for 5 weeks for EYFS/KS1 and Wednesday 15th April for 6 weeks for KS2.



PTA Events – The disco with DJ Dan was a huge success and the children in EYFS and KS1 thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I know there were some budding dancers and singers of the future!



The children in KS2 thoroughly enjoyed their Movie Night. They watched 'Back to the Outback', which was great. They definitely enjoyed the popcorn!



Thank you to everyone who helped on the night to support these events – it is much appreciated!

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.



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 (9am) 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 10am.

Religion and World Views 'Parables' theme day on Thursday 25th 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 6pm.



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.

School Visits:

We are very much looking forward to the upcoming class visits however, we have not yet received enough voluntary contributions to cover the cost of these visits. Unfortunately, if we do not receive sufficient funds, we will be forced to cancel the trips. If you haven't had a chance to contribute yet, please do so via Arbor by the deadline where you will need to consent also for your child/ren to go on the visit.



Class Awards

Class R	**Topic Cup**	**Willow**	**Super knowledge on our minibeast topic. Fantasic at sharing this with the class.**
Class 1	**Improvement Cup**	**Aaminah**	**For super improvement in writing!**
Class 2	**Reading Cup**	**Charlotte**	**Super confident reading aloud in our whole class reading sessions. Keep it up Charlotte, well done!**
Class 3	**Kindness Cup**	**Martha**	**For being kind and caring to peers at school.**
Class 4	**PE Cup**	**Sumayyah**	**For excellent listening skills and physical skills in athletics.**
Class 5	**St John's Cup**	**Elsie**	**Always putting 100% effort into everything you do!**
Class 6	**Arts Cup**	**Hashim**	**Absolutely stunning artwork looking at 3D form. Beautiful use of charcoal, pen and pencil!**
Class 4	**Opal Cup**	**Mohammad**	**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.
This week, we have heard the story of St. George and how he had to put his 'Armour of God' on in order to face the Romans. He was persecuted for being a Christian and unfortunately, we still see people being persecuted for their beliefs today.

Our Dinner Debate for this week is:

How can we be like St. George and put on our 'Armour of God'?

This question helps us to reflect on the 'Others' aspect of spiritual development by encouraging us to think about other people's feelings, how we treat others and how we listen and consider each other's views.


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!
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