

St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 27th March 2026

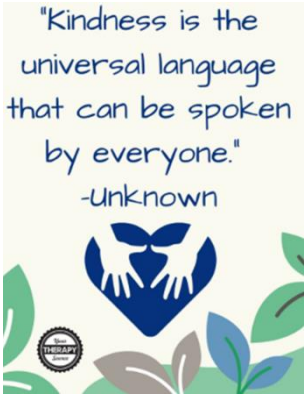
Message from the Head

Thank you to everyone who came to support the children at the Easter Service yesterday. It was a lovely celebration and the children read and sang beautifully. The children and staff enjoyed their non-uniform day for Comic Relief. Thank you to all those that donated to this wonderful cause. We raised £198.00 in total which is fantastic!

Thank you also for supporting the school book fair. We sold £1164.16 worth of books which means we have £582.08 to spend on books for school. We also raised £208 from refreshments for school funds. Thank you to all who came to the Chocolate Bingo Night – it was a lovely evening and everyone had a lot of fun!
We look forward to our PTA events next half term (KS1 Disco and KS2 Movie Night).

Now it is getting warmer, your child may wish to wear the summer uniform. Please see the information below regarding our school uniform.
Have a lovely Easter holiday and hopefully, the weather will stay nice for the couple of weeks.
We expect all children to return to school on Monday 13th April.

Have a lovely Easter,
Mrs Findlay



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

13th April	Return to School / Y5 and Y6 Cyber Crimes Van in all day
15th April	TT Rockstars and Numbots Dress-Up Day
21st April (5.00pm to 6.30pm)	EYFS / KS1 Disco
22nd April (5.00pm to 6.30pm)	KS2 Movie Night
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

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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 - Thank you to the Y4 parents/carers for coming to share in their children's celebration Worship. It was lovely to see so many of you.

Coffee Morning – Many thanks to all those who were able to join us for the coffee morning and book fair. It was lovely to see so many of you! We raised an amazing £208 from the beverages and cakes sold which is a fantastic amount for school funds.

Scholastic Book Fair – We sold an incredible £1164.16 worth of books at the book fair which means we will receive £582.08 to spend on books for school. Thank you to everyone who supported us

KS2 teacher led after school clubs – Clubs begin again week commencing Monday 13th April until week commencing Monday 18th May (5 weeks for Monday clubs and 6 weeks for Thursday clubs).



MP Sports - The afterschool club will commence Monday 13th April for 5 weeks for EYFS/KS1 and Wednesday 15th April for 6 weeks for KS2.



Red Nose Day – Many thanks to those who donated to this charity. We raised an amazing £198.



PTA Events - On Tuesday 21st April from 5.00pm-6.30pm, Disco Dan will be entertaining the EYFS and KS1 children again with his fantastic disco. There will be a £2.00 charge for admission (to help cover the cost of Disco Dan and for unlimited juice and biscuits) and there will be sweets to purchase on the night.
(See posters for further details)





On Wednesday 22nd April from 5:00pm-6:30pm, the KS2 children will be able to come to a Movie Night in the school hall (we are hoping to watch Hoppers). This will be a free event but popcorn, sweets and juice can be purchased on the night.

Chocolate Bingo Night – Thank you to all who came to the Chocolate Bingo Night – it was a great event and everyone had lots of fun! Well done to our raffle winners! Mrs Mitchell (Chair of Governors), won the Easter Egg Hamper, Oli in Year 6 won the Squishy Donut prize, Valentina in Year 4 and Geo in Year R won the small chocolate hampers and Elena in Year 1 won the calendar.



We raised £411.29 in total so thank you again for your continued support. This will go towards resources for the children in school.

Year 5 Celebration Worship - **Year 5** will be sharing their work with you on Friday 17th April at 9:50am. Please come and join us if you are able.



TT Rockstars and Numbots – We have relaunched TT Rockstars and Numbots with the children. These are two online resources that the children can access both at school and home to practice their Maths skills. TT Rockstars helps the children learn their times tables fluently and Numbots supports their understanding of addition and substraction. Each child has an individual login and password for the resources (this is the same for both TT Rockstars and Numbots). These will be sent home next week.

On **Wednesday 15th April**, we will be having a TT Rockstar and Numbots day. The children will be able to come dressed as a rockstar or robot and will be accessing these resources on that day in their classes.





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 by 12th April, 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- Special Mentions Week

Class R	**Elizabeth**	**Fantastic work in her phonics and working hard.**
Class 1	**Osman**	**For being a kind and caring member of the class who always works really hard.**
Class 2	**Nidhi**	**For always being so polite, working hard and being an excellent role model.**
Class 3	**Sohail**	**For being kind and helping a friend walk to church safely.**
Class 4	**Ava**	**Ava is always polite, helpful and kind.**
Class 5	**Olivia**	**Your growing confidence and resilience shine through each day, and your joyful spirit lights up our classroom.**
Class 6	**Hugo**	**For being an absolute gentleman and representing class 6 so well every day!**

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 continuing our Lent challenge to try to show kindness and do a 'little extra'. Some of the challenges include: giving a friend or family member a hug, helping someone with their work, making a list of things we are thankful for, saying sorry to someone we've upset, holding the door open for someone and giving someone a compliment.

Our Dinner Debate for this week is:

How can we help and support others (especially in their time of need)?

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 CE (VA) J&I School PTA
Spring Disco
EYFS/KS1 Tuesday 21st April 5-6:30pm
Venue: School Hall
With DJ Daniel on the decks!
£2 entry
(which includes unlimited drinks and biscuits)
Sweets will be available to buy
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