

St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 13th March 2026

Message from the Head

The children and staff had a wonderful time on World Book Day - they all looked fantastic! We also thoroughly enjoyed Science Day and loved carrying out experiments and the children had a great time at the NERF event.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Coffee Morning and Book Fair this morning and again, I thank you for supporting this event.

We look forward to our Easter Service on Thursday 26th March at St. John's Church and our PTA Chocolate Bingo event on Friday 20th March.

Have a lovely weekend.
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Dates for your diary (all dates for the academic year are on the school app/website)

18th March	Messy Church @ St John's Church 3.30pm to 5.30pm
19th March	Y6 Resurrection Workshop at Wakefield Cathedral
20th March	Comic Relief (Non-Uniform Day) / (9:50am)/PTA Chocolate Bingo Night
25th March	RE Themed Day – Crosses from around the World
26th March (10am)	Easter Service at St. John's Church

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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 4 will be sharing their work with you on Friday 27th February at 9:50am. Please come and join us if you are able.



Please note, we have postponed Year 5's Celebration Worship until Friday 17th April at 9:50am. This is due to so many children celebrating Eid on the 20th March.

Ramadan –

As a school we understand that Ramadan is an extremely important month for Muslims and we wish to work with parents to ensure that we support your child's experience during this time. It is vital that parents ensure they inform the school office/class teacher, in writing, if their child is due to be fasting or refraining from any other school activities. Unless we have this in writing from parents then all children will be fed. They will also take part in all activities taking advantage of the full school curriculum.

Reminders

The school day starts at 8.50am, doors open at 8.40am. Please ensure children are at school on time to reduce the increasing numbers coming through the office door.

Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform:

School 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

PE Kit:

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

ALL UNIFORM MUST BE CLEARLY NAMED

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.

KS2 teacher led after school clubs – Clubs continue through to week commencing 23rd March. Please contact the school office if your child is not able to attend on a particular day, they can then let the club leader know. Please collect your child from the main entrance at 4.20pm. Children can be collected by an adult or a child of 16 or over.



MP Sports -The afterschool club continues through to Monday 23rd March for EYFS/KS1 and Wednesday 25th March for KS2. As it is now lighter children can be collected, at 4.30pm, from the hall doors on the KS2 playground so please ensure you make your way around school via the gate to the left of the main office and follow the path round. You will need to wait on the KS2 playground and the MP Sports leader will ask you to come to the door to collect your child/ren. EYFS/KS1 children need to be collected by an adult after the club and KS2 children can be collected by an adult or a child of 16 or over.



PTA Chocolate Bingo Night – The PTA have organised an Easter Chocolate Bingo Night on Friday 20th March from 3:30-4:30pm. There will be lots of Easter Egg prizes to be won! Please come along and support the event if you are able to. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Tickets are priced at £5 for adults and £2 for children (these must be purchased from the School Office by Friday 13th March).



More details are on the poster attached.

Red Nose Day - On Friday 20th March, we will be having a non-uniform day to raise money for Comic Relief. The children can wear something red if they wish. Please use the link to donate to this worthy cause.



https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/rnd26-wakefield-st-johns-church-of-england-voluntary-aided-junior-and-infant-school

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 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. This will be a free event but popcorn, sweets and juice can be purchased on the night.



Class Awards

Class R	**The Reading Cup**	**Sami-Zayn**	**For fantastic effort in phonics.**
Class 1	**The Kindness Cup**	**Vienna**	**For always showing kindness and compassion towards others.**
Class 2	**The PE Cup**	**Delvin**	**Super work in gymnastics – great jumps and demonstrations.**
Class 3	**St John's Cup**	**Lula**	**Super RE and Science work! Being a good role model.**
Class 4	**The Arts Cup**	**Kelly**	**An effective drawing of the Holy Trinity.**
Class 5	**The Topic Cup**	**Musa A**	**Thoughtful and reflective contributions to our Religion and World View lessons.**
Class 6	**The Improvement Cup**	**Juliette**	**For fantastic efforts and improvements in all curriculum areas.**
Class 3	**OPAL Cup**	**Seth**	**Always tidying and being an OPAL Superstar**

Class Photos – The children had their class photographs taken this week. You will shortly be receiving a link, via app message, to order these on line through Tempest.



School Council – The children in the School Council have made some bracelets and keyrings to sell. These will be on sale on **Friday 27th March** priced between 50p and £1. The money will be donated to their chosen charity for this year, the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

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.


TIMES TABLES ROCK STARS


NUMBOTS



Dinner Debate:

Spirituality in School:

As a school, we have defined spirituality as: "Spirituality is not something we can see; it is something we feel inside
ourselves (Self) and how we treat others (Others). It is about awe and wonder (World),
asking questions, inspiration and being aware of something 'bigger' outside of ourselves (Meaning)."

Each newsletter will contain a 'Dinner Debate' for you to discuss as a family if you wish.

Is it easy to forgive and forget?

This question helps children think about forgiveness and letting things go, even when it is hard and we want to hold a grudge.

It supports Self by encouraging children to reflect on their own choices, and Others by helping them see how fair and truthful actions help everyone feel safe and respected.

You might like to share a simple time when you or your child chose to do the right thing — and how it made a difference.

Collective Worship:

This half term, we are thinking the Christian value of forgiveness. We will be listening to the parable of the unforgiving servant and the Prodigal Son and understanding how Jesus forgave Peter, even though he denied knowing him 3 times.


St. John's PTA Chocolate Bingo Night
Friday 20th March at 3:30pm – 4:30pm
Bingo!
Adult £5.00
Children £2.00
3 Games of Bingo •
Raffle •
Refreshments •
Tickets are available from the School Office – please purchase these by Friday 13th March.
Children must be accompanied by an adult.
Lots of Easter Egg prizes to be won!
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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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PTA
PRESENTS
KS2
Movie Night
Venue: School Hall
Wednesday 22nd April
5-6:30pm
Free entry
Sweets, juice and biscuits will be available to buy
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FILM NIGHT