

# St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 16th October 2026

## Message from the Head

We've had a busy and thoroughly enjoyable SMART Week, bringing children and staff together across a series of engaging, hands-on workshops. Thank you to all those parents who helped with the activities - it was much appreciated.

This year's theme, "Anyone can do any job," focused on breaking down stereotypes and opening up a world of possibilities for the future. Throughout the week it was wonderful to see the children exploring a variety of career paths, learning new skills, and working collaboratively to discover where their passions lie.

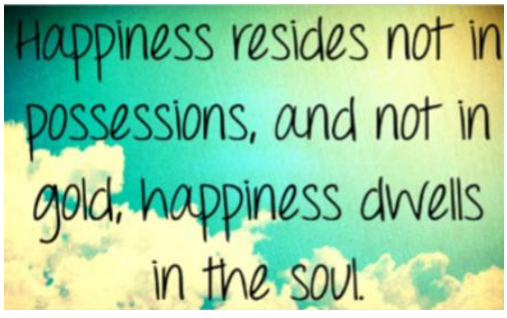
We wrapped up the week today with our SMART Dress-Up Day and the children looked absolutely amazing!

I would like to share the news that Mrs Lambourn will be leaving our school at the end of this half term to take early retirement. Mrs Lambourn has worked at St John's since 2007 and we are immensely grateful for all of her hard work and dedication over the years. She will be missed lots by both staff and children. We wish her all the very best in her next adventure.

Next week is our final week before the half-term break. Just a quick reminder that school will be closed to all pupils on Friday 23rd October for a staff INSET day.

Have a lovey weekend everyone and a restful half term holiday,

Miss Hale
Acting Headteacher




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**Growing together, becoming all that we are created to be**

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

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| 20th October | Art Day |
| 21st October | Parent Consultations (3:30-6pm) |
| 23rd October | INSET Day (School closed to children) |
| 26th October – 30th October | Half term holiday |
| 2nd November | School reopens |
| 4th November | PTA EYFS/KS1 Halloween Disco – 5:00pm to 6:00pm |
| 5th November | PTA KS2 Halloween Disco – 5:00pm to 6:00pm |
| 13th November | Children in Need non-uniform day |
| 16th - 20th November | Anti-Bullying week |
| 3rd December | PTA Christmas Fair – 3:30pm to 5:00pm |
| 4th December | EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production – 10:00am |
| 9th December | Christmas lunch |
| 11th December | Y3/Y4 Christmas Production – 10:00am |
| 17th December | Christmas Service at St. John's Church – 10:00am |
| 18th December | Y5/Y6 Christmas Production – 10:00am/ End of term |




### St John's All Stars

Need before or after-school childcare? St John's All Stars is here to help!

- Hours (Mon-Thu): 7:30am start | 3:20pm – 6:00pm
- Hours (Fri): 7:30am start | 3:20pm – 4:30pm
- Friday Bonus: Sausage Sandwich Friday mornings!

**Important:** Please book in advance. We are full most evenings so last-minute bookings may not be accommodated.
To book check the school website under Parent Information or contact the wraparound@st-johns.wakefield.sch.uk for further information.

**Y6 Transition to High School** - The closing date to make an on time application for transfer to secondary school in September 2027 is fast approaching. If you have not already submitted your application, please ensure you complete this process on the parent portal by the closing date of 31st October 2026. For further information about this process, please see the leaflet on the school website under the "parent" tab and "letters". This information has also been shared by email/App message. Although this date is during half term, the School Admissions Team are available should you require any advice or support.

**Poppy Appeal** - Year 6 children will be visiting classrooms from 2nd November with poppies and other merchandise for the Poppy Appeal, the last day will be Wednesday 11th November. We request voluntary contributions for the items but would suggest £2 for snap bands, £1 for wristbands, 50p for the reflective poppy keyrings, 50p for zippers and any donation for a poppy. Many thanks for your continued support for this worthy cause.

**Children in Need** - We will once again be raising money for Children in Need by having a non-uniform day on Friday 13th November. The link for this will be sent out to parents by app message after the half term break.

**School Odd Socks Day -** It is Anti-Bullying Week the week beginning 16th November. The theme this year is 'Break the Silence'. On Monday 16th November, children and staff can wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

**KS2 teacher led after school clubs** – All clubs for next half term can be registered for on Arbor. These will go out next week for you to book your child into a club. Please make sure you only book one club per evening. By requesting the club, you are consenting to your child attending. Clubs run from 3:20-4:20pm. They will begin the week beginning 2nd November and run for 6 weeks. Please collect your child from the main entrance at 4:20pm.

**MP Sports -** The club continues for KS1 children on Mondays and Wednesdays for KS2 children (6 weeks). Again, please let the school office know if your child is unable to attend on the day.

After the half term holiday the club will start again week commencing 2nd November and run for 6 weeks, with the last sessions taking place during week commencing 7th December. You can sign your child up directly through the Arbor app and payment is required at the time of signing up. Children must be signed up no later than Friday 30th October.

**End of the School Day Reminders**

- EYFS children should be greeted by a parent/carer on the KS1 playground.
- KS1 children should be greeted by a parent/carer on the KS1 playground.
- KS2 children should be greeted by a parent/carer outside the main entrance.

EYFS and KS1 children must be collected by an adult. KS2 children must be collected by an adult or older sibling from secondary school. If a parent/carer cannot collect their child, they must inform the school office as soon as possible and inform the office staff of who will be collecting their child at the end of the day.

**Xmas4Schools** –

If you would like to order anything from Xmas4Schools, the order form must be completed and handed to your child's teacher by **Monday 19th October** at the latest. The order form will then be sent off and you will receive a unique code via text and email for you to log on and place your order. For every order made, £1 will be donated to the school PTA funds.

**Class Awards**

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| **Class R** | **The PE Cup** | **Iga** | **For fantastic work in her rugby SMART week session.** |
| **Class 1** | **The PE Cup** | **Krishiv** | **Always being a polite and caring member of Class 1. This has been spotted by many people around school.** |
| **Class 2** | **The Arts Cup** | **Noor** | **Always producing beautiful work and trying so hard.** |
| **Class 3** | **The Topic Cup** | **Kanz** | **Great topic work!** |

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| **Class 4** | **The Improvement Cup** | **Moez** | **For trying really hard with his reading. Well done!** |
| **Class 5** | **The Reading Cup** | **Holly** | **Amazing fluency in our lessons and being really supportive of your reading partner.** |
| **Class 6** | **The Kindness Cup** | **Esme** | **Supporting playing with younger children at playtimes.** |
| | **Opal** | **Veldah**<br><br>**Ezrianna** | **Absolutely amazing, does everything well on time. Great at tidying up!** |

**CAPA-** Following SMART worshops this week, we have established a link with CAPA College who run separate free dance sessions for boys and girls. If your child is interested in attending these sessions please follow the link below for further information. Please note, Charge Boys is currently for 11 years plus, however the college are looking to deliver a Charge session for 8-11 year olds if there is enough interest.
https://www.capa.college/charge-classes-2/

**PTA Halloween Discos**

On **Wednesday 4rd November from 5.00pm-6.00pm**, DJ 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 DJ Dan and for unlimited juice and biscuits) and there will be sweets to purchase on the night.
(See posters for further details) Please do not send more that £5 for sweets. Children can dress up in Halloween costumes if they wish.




On **Thursday 5th November from 5.00pm-6.00pm**, the **KS2** children will have their Halloween disco with DJ Dan. There will be a £2 charge for admission (to help cover the cost of DJ Dan and for unlimited juice and biscuits) and there will be sweets to purchase on the night.

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**Easyfundraising -** If you purchase anything online, please go to the Easyfundraising website at www.easyfundraising.org.uk or download the Easyfundraising app.
You need to search for our cause which is:
**St John's School PTA Wakefield** and click 'Support this cause'.
You will need to create an account by putting in your name and email address and click 'Get Started'. You simply search for the retailer and it will direct you to the website of your choice.
Each time you purchase something, a percentage of your sale will be donated into our St. John's School PTA Wakefield account on the Easyfundraising page and we can then use the donations to purchase resources for school.

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**PTA Meeting** - The next PTA Meeting will take place on **Thursday 12th November at 2.30pm**. We will be finalising all the details of the Christmas Fair at this meeting. Please come along if you are able to.

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**Instagram** - We have a school Instagram page **wakefieldstjohns** for you to see what the children are getting up to each week. Each class will post pictures for you to see with a #StJohnsJ&ISchool including the year your child started school e.g. #StJohnsJ&ISchool2026 for Class R.




This half term, we are thinking about the Christian value of **'Creation'** and linking this to our school vision 'Growing together, becoming all that we are created to be'. Christians believe that they are created in God's image and so we are thinking about how we are special and unique and how we can live our 'One Life' well.

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.
Linked to our Christian value of 'Creation' and our focus on spiritual development (Self, Others, World and Meaning)

**We are all created unique and special. How can we use our different talents to help each other and look after our world together?**

This question helps us to reflect on ourselves as human beings and how God trusted us to look after His world. It reflects the 'World' aspect of spiritual development by encouraging us to appreciate everything we have.


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Games (once team is in the league)
Saturday mornings - WRGFL
Location WYCO, Sandal Hall Close, WF2 6ER
Contact - Liz: 07732126844

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**Are you looking for a friendly space to connect with others?**

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**We offer a warm, welcoming environment for all.**

There's always room for more laughter, support, and community.





Come and join us at
Stanley Family Hub
**Thursday 22nd October**
**9:30-11am**

Drop in session, no booking required.

Wakefield Families Together
Stanley Family Hub

**Telephone 01924 303181**