

St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 14th November 2025

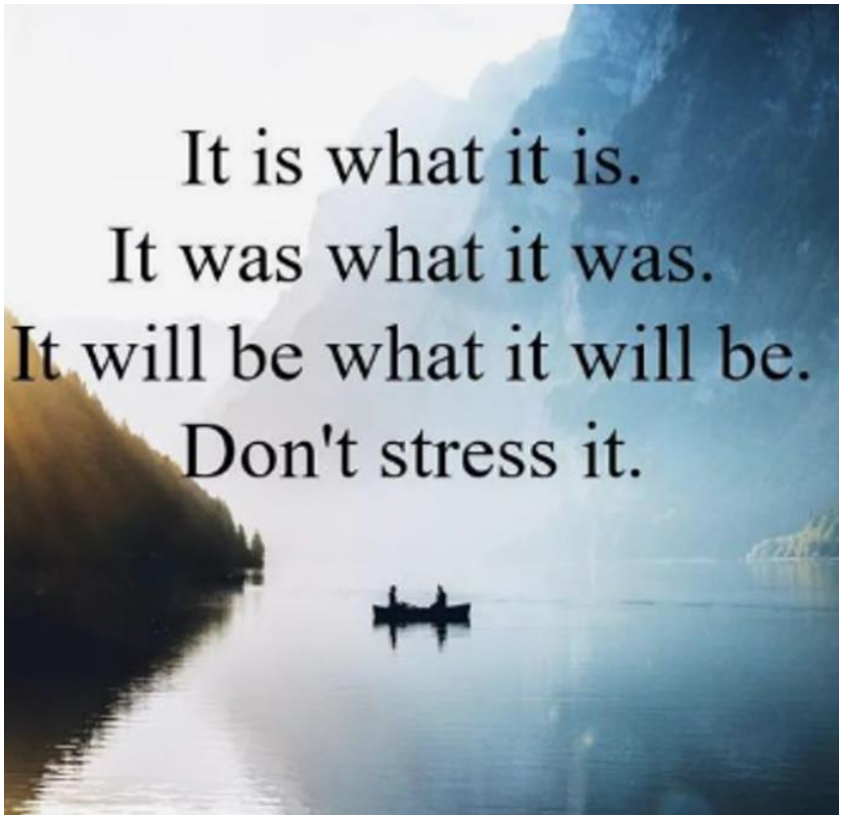
Message from the Head

Welcome back! I hope you all had a lovely half term holiday. Thank you to everyone who has donated to Children in Need - we have thoroughly enjoyed our non-uniform day today. We have such a busy half term planned so please keep checking the diary dates for events coming up.

Some of the things happening this half term include: the 'Wear something that makes you happy' fundraising event, the Y4 and Y3 Celebration Collective Worship, QEGS Music Concert, our Christmas Fair, the EYFS trip to Wakefield Cathedral for their Christmas Journey, our Christmas lunch, the Christmas productions, our school Christmas Service at St. John's Church and Christmas parties.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Findlay



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

21st November	Y4 Celebration Worship – 9:50am
28th November	Y3 Celebration Worship – 9:50am
4th December	PTA Christmas Fair – 3:30pm to 5:00pm
5th December	EYFS/KS1 Christmas Production – 10:00am
10th December	Christmas lunch Messy Church @ St John's Church – 3:30pm to 5:30pm
12th December	Y3/Y4 Christmas Production – 10:00am
18th December	Christmas service at St John's Church – 10:00am
19th December	Y5/Y6 Christmas Production – 10:00am



St John's All Stars

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.

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Christmas Chocolate Donations - Simon Lightwood, local MP for Wakefield and Rothwell has partnered with two local foodbanks, Leeds South and East Foodbank and Wakefield Street Kitchen and is asking for help with his Christmas Mission. He is aiming for a target of 200 Christmas chocolatey donations by Wednesday 19th November. We are asking for donations of anything chocolate – selection boxes, advent calendars, biscuits (free from products also welcome). Donations to be in school by Monday 17th November. Many thanks.



Christmas Jumper Day - This year, Christmas Jumper Day takes place on Friday 12th December. Children need to wear their uniform on this day but instead of their school jumper/cardigan they can come in their Christmas jumper.



Christmas Prize Draw - We are having the usual Christmas prize draw this year. Tickets can be purchased through Arbor priced at £1.00 per ticket from Monday. Please support school by purchasing some tickets, you never know you may be one of the lucky winners! We have lots of lovely prizes including an M&S hamper.



Christmas Fair - The event will take place on **Thursday 4th December from 3:30-5:00pm**. There will be lots of stalls including face painting, tombola, various games, refreshments to name just a few and of course we will be having the ever popular Santa's Grotto! We would be extremely grateful if you could send in donations of bottles of wine along with suitable items for the raffle. **Donations of cakes/mince pies would be welcomed from Wednesday 3rd December.** If anyone can help on a stall or alternatively help set up from 1.30pm please let the office know. Any help is always appreciated.
You will receive a slip of paper next week asking for a contribution of something small for the fair.



Christmas Cards - Children can bring their Christmas cards to school to give to their friends from Monday 1st December. These will be put into the post boxes in school and distributed to the classes each day. Please make sure names and classes are clearly written on the envelopes.



Christmas Lunch - Christmas lunch will be served on Wednesday 10th December. You will need to select your dinner as usual through the Arbor App. The menu for this dinner will be updated soon. If your child doesn't normally have school dinners please ensure any dietary needs are updated on Arbor and also make sure school are aware. School dinners cost £2.65 for KS2, this is to be paid through Arbor when the dinner has been taken.





St. John's CE (VA) J+I School PTA

Christmas Fair

Thursday 4th December 3:30-5pm

Santa's Grotto * Tombola * Games * Christmas Card Competition * Raffle * Hot Food Stalls * Refreshments * Face Painting and much much more...

Please see Mrs Findlay or contact the school office if you are able to help on the day!

Parentkind Member Association

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

How can we help to keep the peace in our community?

This question helps us to think about others and understand their viewpoints and although we might not always agree with others, we listen and respect their views.
It helps us to reflect on the 'World' aspect of spiritual development by encouraging us to have a peaceful world.

Collective Worship:

This half term, we are thinking about the Christian value of 'Peace' and linking this to our school vision 'Growing together, becoming all that we are created to be'. We are thinking about what peace is and how we can find peace, commemorating Remembrance Day, discussing peace in our community and world peace and looking at who have been peacemakers in the past and who are the modern day peacemakers.

FREE PARENTING CLINIC

ANISA LEWIS
POSITIVE PARENTING



HELPING KIDS TO NAVIGATE FRIENDSHIPS

Friendships can be tricky terrain for children and young people; one moment they're connected and confident, the next there's tension, tears, or that feeling of being left out.

Join Anisa Lewis, Parenting Coach, for a practical and honest conversation about what makes friendships thrive, why they sometimes falter, and how we can guide our children to build strong, healthy connections that last.

Expect simple strategies, lightbulb moments, and a sense of reassurance that you're not alone in navigating this part of family life.

Monday 17th November
at 12.00pm

Online via Zoom

The session will be recorded and shared with all who register.

IS YOUR CHILD:

- Struggling to make or keep friends
- Finding it hard to handle friendship ups and downs
- Feeling the pressure to fit in
- Or you simply want to understand how to support them better

Then this free 30-minute online clinic is for you.

Booking:
https://anisalewis.as.me/theclinic
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FREE Parenting Clinics

Anisa Lewis - Positive Parenting



November 2025
Helping kids to navigate friendships

December 2025
When your touched & talked out (Parent Wellbeing)

January 2026
Screens, scrolling and staying sane

February 2026
Raising Resilient Kids

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