

St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 24th October 2025

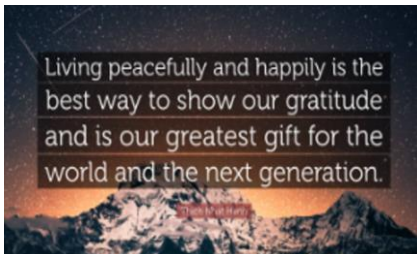
Message from the Head

We have had a wonderful start to the school year. The children and staff thoroughly enjoyed SMART Week and it was lovely to see children from different classes working together. Thank you to all those parents who helped with the activities - it was much appreciated!

We have a lot of lovely things happening next half term including our Christmas Fair, the Christmas productions, our school Christmas Service at St. John's Church and Christmas parties.

I hope you all have a great half term holidav.

Mrs Findlay



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Dates for your diary	
27th October - 31st October	Half Term holidays
10th - 14th November	Anti-Bullying week
14th November	Children in Need non-uniform day/Future in Mind coffee morning - 9:00am
4th December	PTA Christmas Fair – 3:30pm to 5:00pm
5th December	KS1 Christmas Production – 10:00am
10th December	Christmas Lunch/Messy Church 3:30pm to 5:30pm @ St John's Church
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

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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

GROWING TOGETHER, BECOMING ALL THAT WE ARE CREATED TO BE





Poppy Appeal - Year 6 children will be visiting classrooms from 3rd November with poppies and other merchandise for the Poppy Appeal, the last day will be Monday 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.

Y6 Transition to High School - The closing date to make an on time application for transfer to secondary school in September 2026 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 2025.

For further information about this process, please see the leaflet on the school website under the "parent" tab and "letters". This leaflet has also been e-mailed to all parents.

Although this date is during half term, the School Admissions Team are available should you require any advice or support.

School App – We are aware the school app is not notifying all parents when messages have been sent. Until this is rectified we would be grateful if parents could check in their app for messages as we don't want you missing out on information ie the Y5 residential and music tuition is now on Arbor. Both these can be found under trips.

School Odd Socks Day - It is Anti-Bullying Week the week beginning 10th November. The theme this year is 'The Power for Good'. On Monday 10th November, children and staff can wear odd socks to celebrate what makes us all unique.

Christmas Fair - The Christmas Fair will take place on **Thursday 4th December from 3:30-5:00pm.** There will be a rainbow tombola, a raffle with some great prizes (including the M&S Luxury Hamper), Santa's Grotto, refreshments, the cake stall and lots of games! If you are able to help, please let the school office staff know or see Mrs Findlay.

We will also be having our annual bauble competition. The children will be given a bauble to decorate and then pay £1 to enter the competition to win some fantastic prizes! More details will follow.



We will once again be raising money for Children in Need by having a non-uniform day on Friday 14th November. The link for this will be sent out to parents by app message after the half term break.

Bottle Discos - One of the games at the Christmas Fair is the very popular 'Bottle Hoopla'. So that we have plenty of bottles for this, we are having our bottle discos in the school hall. The children can come to school in their party clothes and sensible shoes (no make-up, jewellery) on the day of the disco. The children can bring a bottle with them on the morning of their disco - this could be pop, juice, shampoo, shower gel etc. **The KS2 Bottle Disco will be on Monday 24th November at 2:30pm and the EYFS and KS1 will be Tuesday 25th November at 2:30pm.**



School Lunches Reminder - Please can school lunches be selected on Arbor even if the child is having a packed lunch every day. You can select to repeat the meal orders on a weekly or half termly basis too for ease! If a child's meal is not chosen, they will automatically be given a jacket potato for that day.

PTA Meeting - The next PTA Meeting will take place on Friday 7th 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.



YR and Y6 - An app message was sent out advising a letter is on the school website (under "parents" tab and "letters") regarding the National Childhood Measurement Programme. The school nurse will be carrying these out on 3rd November unless you opted out.

Seasonal Flu vaccine offer - YR to Y6 - An e-mail and an app message regarding this was sent out. The letter can also be viewed on the school website under the "parent" tab and "letters". **How to consent:** The nurses will be coming to our school on Wednesday 19th November please ensure that you have submitted a form even if you do not consent, by Monday 17th November. Please see the link below or scan the QR code for the online consent form. You will need to use the unique school code **WF108255** to complete the consent form as soon as possible. You will need to submit one form per child.
www.wakefieldschoolimmunisations.co.uk/Forms/Flu

Extra-curricular clubs - After school clubs for KS2 children for the next half term will be starting week commencing Monday 10th November until week commencing Monday 8th December (5 weeks). The letter can be viewed on the school website under the "parent" tab and "letters". **When booking children on clubs please ensure you make a note of the dates and do not double book children**.



MP Sports - MP Sports is our sports provider. The after school club starts again week commencing 10th November and continues until week commencing 15th December (6 weeks). 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 7th November.





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 'Nurture', the Christian value of 'Creation' and our focus on spiritual development (Self, Others, World and Meaning)

How do you feel when people do not look after God's world?

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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Makers' Shed - Daily (11.30am-3.30pm) 4-12 yrs
Be inspired by the orange water from our water treatment plant to create crafts to take home. FREE
Spooky Stories from the Coal Shed - Daily (11.30am-3.30pm) all ages
There's something nasty in the coal shed – come along for an interactive storytelling session, inspired by mining myths and legends to see what might be lurking inside... FREE
Horsekeeper Talks - Daily, all ages
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