

St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 22nd May 2026

Message from the Head

This half term seems to have flown by!

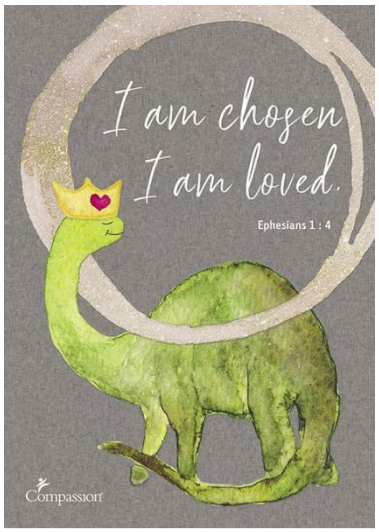
Firstly, I would like to say how proud I am of all our Year 6 children for their hard work during SATs week last week. They were all amazing and so calm and chilled! Thank you for all your continued support too.

It was lovely to see so many of you at the Year 2 Celebration Worship on Friday. We are so proud of what they have achieved over the past few months.

The children have loved their Art Day this week too. They have produced some wonderful work and again, you can see this on Instagram.

Have a lovely half term holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on Monday 1st June.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mrs Findlay



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

22rd May	Inset Day – school closed
25th to 29th May	School closed – Half term

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St John's All Stars

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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 – It was lovely to see so many of you at the Year 2 Celebration Worship. The children were wonderful and we are so proud of all their achievements. Thank you for your continued support.



KS2 teacher led after school clubs – Clubs will begin again on Monday 1st June. They will run for 6 weeks until the week beginning 6th July (6 weeks). If your child is in Year 6, they can walk home on their own after the club but please let the school office know if your child will be doing this.



MP Sports – MP Sports will begin again on Monday 1st June for EYFS/KS1 and Wednesday 3rd June for KS2. The club will run for 6 weeks until the week beginning 6th July.



Wakefield Family Hubs – The Wakefield Family Hub have asked us to share this with parents.
We are hosting an Eventbrite session on Monday 1st June from 5:30-6:30pm, where we are keen to hear directly from parents about what provision or groups would best support children aged 5-10 years.
If any parents would like to attend, they can use the link attached to book a place.

https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/children-aged-5-to-10-years-what-do-they-want-from-their-family-hub-tickets-1988893601301

Thank you very much for your support.



PTA Meeting – The next meeting will take place on Thursday 18th June at 2:30pm. We will be finalising the arrangements for the Summer Fair which takes place on Saturday 4th July from 1:00pm -3:30pm. Please come along if you are able to help with the organisation.



Summer Fair - Our annual Summer Fair takes place on Saturday 4th July from 1.00pm - 3:30pm. We are asking parents/carers if they are able to purchase a small item that can be sent into school to use on the tombola for prizes. Please do not feel obliged but slips will be going home with children after the holidays. We are also requesting raffle prizes and will require donations of cakes and buns for the cake stall. A poster about the event is attached. If you are able to help with the event, please contact the school office.



A few things happening next half term –

Year 3 Cricket v Newton Hill at Newton Hill Community School on Wednesday 3rd June.
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Year 1 Neil Armstrong Workshop with Alfresco Learning on Friday 5th June.



Year 6 visit to Eden Camp on Friday 5th June.

EDEN CAMP
MODERN HISTORY MUSEUM

Year 2 visit to Thackray Museum on Tuesday 9th June.



Year 5 visit to QEGS for the SPLATS event on Tuesday 9th June.

KS2 Sports Day (9:00am) and EYFS/KS1 Sports Day (1:30pm) on Wednesday 10th June.



YR visit to Cannon Hall Farm on Thursday 11th June.



Y3 visit to Bagshaw Museum on Thursday 11th June.



Y5/Y6 Cyber Crime Blueline Van on Monday 15th June.

Y1 visit to Yorkshire Wildlife Park on Monday 15th June.

Y5/Y6 Fire Service talk on Wednesday 24th June.

St. John's Service at St. John's Church on Thursday 25th June at 10:00am.

Religion and World Views 'Parables' theme day on Thursday 25th June.



Y4 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park on Friday 26th June.

Y4 Big Sing event at Wakefield Cathedral on Tuesday 30th June.

Y6 'Moving on in Hope' Leavers' Celebration at Wakefield Cathedral on Wednesday 1st July.

Summer Concert on Thursday 2nd July at 6pm.



Summer Fair on Saturday 4th July.



EYFS and KS1 Airport Day on Tuesday 7th July.

School Reports to parents on Tuesday 7th July.

Year 6 Production on Wednesday 8th July at 6:00pm.



Year 6 Leavers' Celebration Worship on Thursday 16th July at 9:50am.

Annual Talent Show on Thursday 16th July at 1:30pm.



End of term Friday 17th July.

Frozen Fridays! The PTA will be selling ice lollies at the end of the school day every Friday during the final half term. These will be on sale in the front car park.



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Break time snacks reminder – Parents may send children with a piece of fruit, vegetables, cheese (if pre-wrapped e.g. Babybell), fruit salad, dried fruit or seeds (with no added salt or sugar) to be eaten during break time. Chocolate, sweets, crisps or biscuits are not allowed to be brought into school for break time. **We are a nut-free school.** Our school is part of the Free Fruit and Vegetable Scheme which provides a piece of fruit or vegetable each day for all EYFS and Key Stage 1 children.



MP Sports Holiday Club: MP Sports Holiday Camps have had to cancel their provision for this half term due to lack of uptake. Please look out for their summer camps – more details to follow.



Class Awards – Special Mentions

Class R	**Bryan**	**For fantastic work in his Phonics and being a ray of sunshine in class R.**
Class 1	**Elena**	**For a fantastic attitude towards everything she does and being a great role model!**
Class 2	**Georgie**	**For always trying so hard, listening and being a great role mode. Well done!**
Class 3	**Rueben**	**Super topic facts!**
Class 4	**Penny**	**Working very hard with Phonics and writing.**
Class 5	**Lauren**	**Increased confidence and trying hard in all her work.**
Class 6	**Safaa**	**For writing. You have consistently produced work well beyond your years. Well done!**
Class 3	**Isaac**	**Always tidying and being an OPAL superstar!**

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.

Art Day

We have had a fantastic day during Art Day this week. More artwork will be on our Instagram page.









Our 'Dinner Debate' for this newsletter is for you to discuss as a family if you wish

We are thinking about the Christian Value of Trust in Collective Worship and how we need to show honesty in order to be trusted. We will be listening to stories from the bible of people who put their trust in God, even when times were tough. We have been learning about how Moses was very brave when he freed the Israelites and trusted in what God wanted him to do. We have thought about how this relates to our lives and moving on to our next class or school and the emotions we might be feeling.

Our Dinner Debate for this week is:

How do we feel when change happens?

This question helps us to reflect on the 'Self' aspect of spiritual development by encouraging us to think about our emotions and how we can manage those emotions at difficult times.



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