

Computing at St. John's

St John's CE Primary School believes that every child should have the right to a curriculum that champions excellence; supporting pupils in achieving to the very best of their abilities. We understand the immense value technology plays not only in supporting the Computing and whole school curriculum but overall in the day-to-day life of our school.

We believe that technology can provide: enhanced collaborative learning opportunities; better engagement of pupils; easier access to rich content; support conceptual understanding of new concepts and can support the needs of all our pupils.

We follow the Purple Mash scheme throughout the school – EYFS to Year 6.



This ensures full curriculum coverage and clear progression. The 'Computing Learning Journey' highlights the key computing opportunities our pupils will have throughout their time at St John's. Teachers have the autonomy to adapt the Purple Mash scheme to suit the needs of their pupils. The scheme also offers a variety of cross-curricular opportunities, but these activities can be amended to enhance relevant subjects being taught in each year group.

Children are not expected to record their work in every lesson, but there should be evidence from at least one lesson per unit for monitoring and assessment purposes.

In Years 1-6, children are assessed each unit on the Purple Mash scheme, against objectives in the National Curriculum. Children in EYFS are assessed against the Early Learning Goals.

Online Safety

Online safety is taught regularly at St John's. It is taught discretely in all classes in the Autumn term and alongside units of work in computing and in other areas of the curriculum, such as PSHE.

Teachers are encouraged to deliver additional online safety lessons that are relevant to the needs of their class/pupils. This may require support from the Safeguarding Team, Online Safety Lead or external agencies, such as PCSOs.

We also celebrate Safer Internet Day each year. All classes spend time completing activities and raising awareness of online safety.