

# St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter

## 'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)



Friday 10<sup>th</sup> January 2025

Value: Compassion

### Welcome Back!

Happy New Year and I hope you have had a wonderful start to 2025. A new year is an opportunity for a fresh start and we focused on this message in our first Worship of the year.

Sometimes, when things go wrong, it makes us feel really upset and angry and annoyed. But when we get a chance to start again, it gives us a chance to show what we can really do – a fresh start. There are lots of fresh starts in life. We often say that the start of a new year is the opportunity for a fresh start.

When we make a mistake in lessons, we get a chance to correct it, to learn and to get it right another time.

When we make a mistake with our behaviour, we get a chance to say sorry and start again.



### Uniform

As we have now returned to school from a lovely break, I would just like to remind parents and pupils of a few uniform expectations at St. John's so that we can ensure ALL children are smart and ready for learning.

- We ask that long hair is tied back please. No ornate hair decorations; keep it simple for school. We will remind children if needed.
  - Please ensure ALL items are named. If doing so in pen, please check regularly. It is impossible to keep an eye on every single item and the interesting places children leave/lose them! Named = an easy return to owner!
  - Jewellery is not permitted apart from stud earrings and watches. No chains or bracelets should be worn UNLESS for religious religions (please see Mr Thomson if so). Earrings should be removed or taped over for PE.
  - Make up and nail varnish should not be worn. If worn or applied at weekends/holidays, it should be removed prior to school and we will ask children to remove if necessary.
  - On PE days, it is fine for children to come to school in joggers, leggings, tracksuits etc as we want to be outside where possible. However, any clothing should be as plain as possible and ideally black or grey. It is fine to wear uniform on PE days if children do not have these items.
  - Normal school shoes should be black. Trainer style is fine but again these should be black.
- Thank you for your cooperation in ensuring all pupils are smart, ready to learn and represent St. John's beautifully. Pupils are proud of their school and showing respect for our expectations on uniform and presentation is a key way of showing how fantastic we are. Our uniform is readily available at Whitakers and Zips for Snips and we only ask for cardigans or jumpers to bear our logo (polos are fine to be plain white). If you ever need any aspect of uniform, please ask at the office or catch Ms Bishop as we some items in school.

**Respect Thankfulness Compassion Truthfulness Trust Responsibility**

### FAST club and dinners

A reminder of the new prices for dinners and extended provision which were publicised prior to Christmas. New prices –applicable from January 2025

School dinner - £2.70 per day

Breakfast Club - £4 per day

After school club - £5.50 (pick up before 4:15 pm); £9 (until 5:30 pm)

### PFA News



The sponsored Santa Dash held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December as part of our Winter Wonderland Day raised an amazing £1036. The PFA would like to say a HUGE thank you for all your generosity and continued support. The money raised will be used for future projects in school.

Our next event will be a MUFTI day on Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January in exchange for any 'unwanted' Christmas gifts – for adults or children – that you have received but perhaps may wish to pass on. These items will be used by the PFA for events during the course of the year. Should you not have any unwanted gifts, a small donation would be much appreciated for wearing own clothes – thank you



Also this half term, we will be holding our second disco of the year. The discos will be held on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February and – as ever – promise to be huge fun!  
Reception – Year 2 from 6:15 – 7:15 pm  
Years 3 – 6 from 7:30 – 8:30.  
More details nearer the time!

# Brew Monday



Join St John's Pastoral Team in school:

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2025**  
**at 08:50am.**

Our Pastoral Team are here to offer support in the wellbeing of our school's children & families.

Please feel free to come along for a chat and a brew!

**Respect** **Thankfulness** **Compassion** **Truthfulness** **Trust** **Responsibility**



## Term Dates 2025-26

### Autumn Term

INSET:	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025 (School closed)
	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025 (School closed)
Term Begins:	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025 (Years 1-6)
	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2025 (Reception)
Half Term:	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October 2025
Re-Open:	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November 2025
Close for Christmas:	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2025 at 1:45 pm

### Spring Term

INSET:	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026 (school closed)
Term Begins:	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Half Term:	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February 2026
Re-Open:	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February 2026
Close for Easter:	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March 2026 at 1:45 pm

### Summer Term

Term Begins:	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Bank Holiday:	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May 2026 (School closed)
Half Term:	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May 2026
INSET:	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026 (School closed)
Re-Open:	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June 2026
Close for Summer:	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 at 1:45 pm
INSET:	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July 2026 (School closed)

# St. John's Superstars

## Superstar Award

## Year Group

## J.O.Y. Award

Ryan	<u>Reception</u>	Bella
Rosie	<u>Year 1</u>	Hallie
George	<u>Year 2</u>	Dominic
Rune	<u>Year 3</u>	Jasmine
Autumn	<u>Year 4</u>	Evie
Dakota	<u>Year 5</u>	Harvey T
Harley	<u>Year 6</u>	Skyler

## IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Please keep an eye on the newsletter each week as the list of dates will be added to / amended over time. Further details of key events and festivals will be sent out nearer the time in case we need to make any logistical changes. Teachers will keep you updated on Class Dojo regarding key events for your child's class.

- 13th Jan – clubs start
- 14th Jan – St John's Day in school
- 14th Jan – Boys Futsal tournament at Stanley
- 15th Jan – Girls futsal tournament at Stanley
- 20th Jan – 'Brew Monday' Coffee Morning in school
- 21st Jan – Y5/6 dodgeball event at Stanley – Mr Willmott to notify team soon
- 31st Jan – MUFTI day for unwanted gifts that the PFA can use at future events
- 10th Feb – Children's Mental Health week
- 11th Feb – Safer Internet Day
- 13th Feb – PFA Discos in the evening. 6:15 – 7:15 for Rec-Y2 and 7:30-8:30 for Years 3-6
- 14th Feb – SLP Love My Community MUFTI Day with proceeds going towards NW Air Ambulance
- 14th Feb – end of half term
- 24th Feb – Return to school
- 24th and 25th Feb – Taster sessions from UNITE Taekwondo in school
- 28th Feb – MUFTI Day in aid of Macmillan

## ATTENDANCE

Good attendance is absolutely vital in ensuring your child is able to fulfil their potential in school. Our target for good attendance is at least 95% of the time in school and learning. Each week the **class** with the highest attendance will get a little extra treat and a mention in assembly.

Reception – 82.9%
Year 1 – 94.4%
Year 2 – 89.5%
Year 3 – 91.6%
Year 4 – 94.2%
<b>Year 5 – 98.3%</b>
Year 6 – 96.7%

### Useful contact details

School Office – 01704 227441  
FAST club – 07543960290

### Prayer for the Week (Esme in Year 4)

Dear God,  
Thank you for the food we eat. Thank you Lord for this new day and the trees that give us oxygen and life.  
Amen