

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

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

(Nehemiah 8:10)



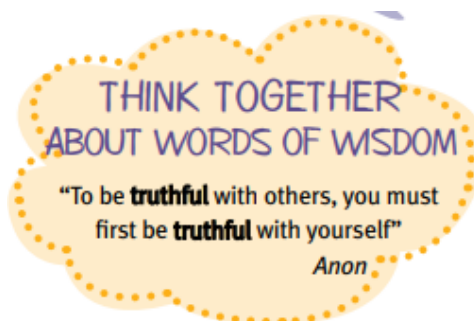
Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2025  
Value: Truthfulness

Welcome Back! It was lovely to see everyone so enthusiastic and ready for the new half term on Monday. We have had a very busy first week back and we are non-stop through to Easter now! Please keep an eye on the dates for the diary section on the final page of each week's newsletter as these are always amended as dates pass and new events are added to the diary!

We were delighted to welcome Tabz from Southport Youth Workers Trust on Monday who launched our value for this half term of truthfulness. Tabz turned quizmaster for the morning and tested everyone on whether they could spot the truth (we spotted the lie about his age!

Tabz told us the story of Daniel and the lion's den. Daniel told the truth and put his trust in God and, as a result, he was unscathed after a night in the lion's den.

A wonderful role model for us all to follow in our lives!



### Ms Adam

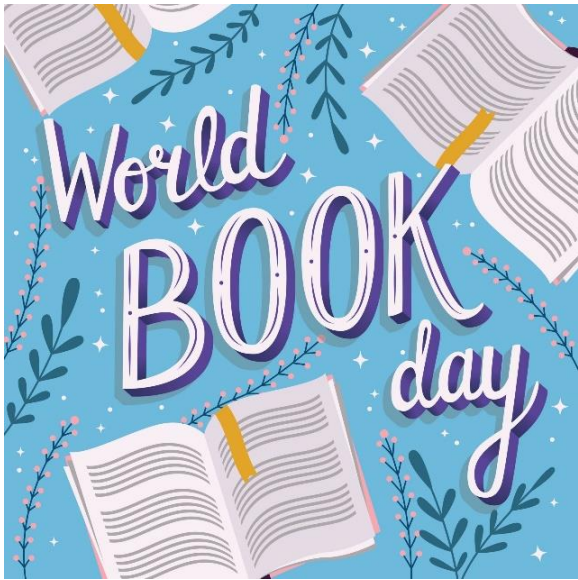
Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> March marks the second anniversary of the passing of Ms Adam and we miss her very much at St. John's. She was an inspiration to us all with her positivity, infectious smile and dedication to the children she taught.

There was so much green and blue (and teal) around school today and a huge thank you to everyone who passed in a little donation to Macmillan Cancer Care. These donations will be passed to Neil from PDS to include with his own fundraising for MacMillan – he is running the London Marathon in April and I have included details on page 2 on a little warm up challenge which Neil – and also Miss Halsall and Mrs Lawson – are completing next month.

On Wednesday, many of our school community will be attending the funeral of Lynn Harrison who was also a much loved and well know member of our school community. Most recently cleaning our school, Lynn had also been a parent as well as working on our lunchtime welfare team and assisting at PFA events, as well as running the brownie group which used our school as its base.

She will be very much missed by all in school and her thoughts are with her family at this incredibly sad time. Her family have indicated that, in memory of Lynn, any donations to the pregnancy and baby charity, Tommy's, would be appreciated as this cause was close to Lynn's heart.

There are no changes to the school day and all events are as planned. Thank you

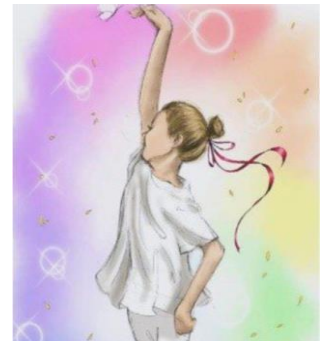


World Book Day is on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March!  
We are not dressing up this year but teachers will have lots of exciting activities planned to celebrate the JOY of books and reading during the day.  
We would love to start the day with a 'Stay and Read' session in classrooms after drop off at 8:45am. Please pop into your child's classroom to share a book for 15 minutes. There will be time to visit multiple classrooms if you have more than one child.



On 23<sup>rd</sup> March, Miss Halsall will be running the Liverpool Half Marathon in memory of Elsie Dot Stancombe. If you would like to donate to support the memory of Elsie, please do so directly to Elsie's Story Charity.

Mrs Lawson and Neil are also running too!  
Let's hope the weather is kind to them on the day!



*Elsie's Story*  
CHARITABLE TRUST

### Taekwondo

A huge thank you to the coaches from UNITE Taekwondo who spent 2 whole days with us leading sessions with every class! The buzz of excitement from the hall was lovely to hear and everyone had a brilliant time! Every child received a flyer with an offer of free sessions at UNITE but should yours have gone missing, we have some spares in the foyer! Thank you to Adam and Stacy for showcasing JOY in taekwondo!



# St. John's Superstars

## Superstar Award

## Year Group

## J.O.Y. Award

Ryan	<u>Reception</u>	Rose
Amelia	<u>Year 1</u>	Adi
Joey	<u>Year 2</u>	Rosie
Jenson	<u>Year 3</u>	Sonny
Philippa	<u>Year 4</u>	Thomas
Roisin	<u>Year 5</u>	Harvey
Nazar	<u>Year 6</u>	Jacob El.

### 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.

3<sup>rd</sup> March – football league night 1 (boys) @ Larkfield

4<sup>th</sup> March – Sports Hall Athletics for selected team

5<sup>th</sup> March – Bright sparks visiting Year 4 for the day

6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day. Lots of fun activities but NOT dressing up this year.

7<sup>th</sup> March – EFC tournament at Stanley for selected team

10<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 visiting Eco centre

10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> March – parent teacher meetings. The booking system went live for this on 28<sup>th</sup> February

12<sup>th</sup> March – Book Fair starts and will take place each night after school for a week.

14<sup>th</sup> March – MUFTI day for our annual Easter Bingo event. More to follow

19<sup>th</sup> March – Year 4 visit to Liverpool – see separate letter

21<sup>st</sup> March – Red Nose Day. MUFTI - more to follow from our JOY Team.

24<sup>th</sup> March – small schools swimming gala for the selected team

27<sup>th</sup> March – Trip to Farmer Ted's for Reception.

Letter to follow soon

### 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 – 88.3%

**Year 1 – 99.6%**

Year 2 – 95.8%

Year 3 – 97.2%

Year 4 – 93.5%

Year 5 – 97.6%

Year 6 – 93.3%

### Prayer for the Week

God of truth,  
We thank you for the peace we feel when we are truthful, and the way you trouble us inside when we tell lies. Give us courage to be honest, whatever the cost.  
Amen

**Respect Thankfulness Compassion Truthfulness Trust Responsibility**