



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



This week in worship... We have started the term looking at the period of Epiphany. On Monday in our classes, we talked about what it was like to have a surprise and how the wise men visiting Jesus must have been such a surprise for Mary and Joseph. We also talked about what gifts you might purchase for a baby and how the gifts that Jesus received might have seemed a 'little unusual at the time' but were linked to aspects of his future life. In our phase worships, we have begun looking at our 'Heartsmart' focus for this term which is 'Too much Selfie isn't Healthy'. The focus of this section is showing love to others. Next week, we will begin our new focus of the 'Lord's Prayer'.

Welcome Back and Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and enjoyed some special time with family and friends. As we begin a new term, we'd like to wish everyone a very **Happy New Year** filled with learning, growth, and exciting opportunities.

The children have returned to school brilliantly and, we hope, ready to learn! It's fantastic to see their enthusiasm as they dive into their new topics:

- **Year R** have started their theme "**People Who Help Us**", exploring the important roles in our community.
- **Year 1/2** have been focusing on their RE unit this week, asking the big question: "**What good news does?**"
- **Year 3/4** have embarked on an exciting journey into the "**Land of Fire and Ice**", discovering the wonders of contrasting landscapes.
- **Year 5/6** are avidly reading "**Pig Heart Boy**" as part of their new theme, sparking thoughtful discussions and curiosity.

I would also like to thank everyone for bearing with us while we have had some challenges with our kitchen. A letter was sent earlier today with full details of the arrangements going forward—please do check that for the latest updates.

Here's to a fantastic term ahead!

Class Certificates

Alaia FM
Stanley B
Theodore R
Greyson F
Elsie S
Evan C
Sienna B
Louis C
Dylan G
Florence B
Blake E

Mathletics:

KS1: Aisha M

KS2: Parin V

Mathletes of the week:

Samyong R

Attendance  Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.9%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.



Diary Dates

19/01/26	Individual School Photos	INSET Days 2025–2026 Friday 27th March 2026 (3)
21-23/01/26	Year 4 Stubbington Residential	
27/01/26	Year 1/2 Titanic Workshop	
06/02/26	Guitar/Ukulele Performance at 9.30am in the school hall—parents of children learning these instruments can attend	
11/02-13/02/26	Year 6 Bikeability	
16/02–20/02/26	Half Term	
25/02-02/03/26	Travelling Book Fair—3.20pm-4pm in the School Hall	
05/03/26	School Disco	
09/03–13/03/26	Year 6 PGL Residential	
27/03/26	INSET Day (3)	

Pop Up Ensemble **FREE** HAMPSHIRE MUSIC EDUCATION HUB

Pop Up Ensemble
Lift Winton, Andover

JMSM theatre, Lift Winton, London Road,
Andover, Hampshire, SP10 2PS
Sunday 18 January 2026 9.15 - 13.15

Beginner to Grade 4

Back by Popular Demand!

Come and be part of a 'from scratch' orchestra!

Scan the QR code to register your place

Hampshire County Council
Music Service

The Importance of Good Attendance

At our school, we believe that **every day counts** when it comes to your child’s learning and development. Regular attendance helps children build strong foundations in their education, develop friendships, and feel part of the school community. Missing school can mean missing out on important learning opportunities that are hard to catch up on later.

Of course, we understand that children do become ill from time to time, and when they are genuinely unwell, it is absolutely acceptable for them to stay at home and recover. However, sometimes it can be difficult to decide whether your child is too ill for school.

To help you make an informed decision, please visit the NHS guidance page:

[**Is my child too ill for school?**](#)

This resource provides clear advice on common illnesses and whether your child should attend school. By working together, we can ensure that children have the best possible attendance and the best chance to succeed.

LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?
All Children	Travelling Book Fair—February 2026 Letter	