



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



This week in worship... We have begun to look at the individual lines with the Lord's Prayer. We started by this week looking at 'Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name'. We talked about the meaning of different names and how they sometimes reflect someone's qualities. We then thought about the range of names that God is known by in the Bible and how these reflect his qualities. Next week, we will be looking at 'Your Kingdom come...'

Introducing our Governors... Our Governors are a group of volunteers who are integral to supporting and challenging the leadership team of the school in achieving our vision of providing an 'excellent education' for all. Meet two more members of our team:

Neil Grevitt – Foundation Governor



Neil is a foundation governor, having previously served as a parent governor for eight years. He has chaired the Resources Committee, served on the Curriculum Committee, and held roles as Development and Training Governor and Forum Representative. Neil oversees the school website and sits on the Headteacher's Performance

Management Panel. Neil has worked in IT for many years and currently works as an IT Manager for Act III Studios, a video games studio based in Hove. In his spare time, he enjoys following Bath Rugby Club and playing video games when time allows. Neil's two children both attended St John's.

Jasmine Latchman – Foundation Governor



Jasmine holds an English BA and a PGCE in Primary Education and has worked in education locally for the past ten years. St John's holds particular significance for Jasmine, as she was a class teacher at the school for seven years and also served as a staff governor. She is pleased to remain part of the school. Jasmine is currently the English and

Literacy Lead at a local secondary school for young people with social, emotional and mental health needs. In her spare time, she enjoys cooking, quizzing, reading, and walking her dog, Monty.

Reminder to bring coats into school... Although the weather is very wet at the moment, we do try our hardest to get the children out for some fresh air during the day as it helps their concentration and learning in the later part of the day. To do this, we sometimes go out when there is light rain, could you please send your child into school with a coat.



If your child has lost their coat, please feel free to check out our lost property box—we have a number of unnamed coats in there at the moment!

Class Certificates

- Seb H
- Amber L
- Joseph B
- Reuben M
- Joshua P
- Robyn B-B
- Bertie D
- Sophie S
- Fabian B
- Eli M
- Luke R

Mathletics:

KS1: Aisha M

KS2: Saeeb U

Mathletes of the week:

Elsie S, Chloe S

PGL

If your Year 6 child is attending the PGL residential in March, gentle reminder to please return the medical form to the school office asap, thank you.

Attendance  Attendance

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

Diary Dates

INSET Days 2025–2026

Friday 27th March 2026 (3)

27/01/26	Year 1/2 Titanic Workshop
05/02/26	Year R Post Box Walk
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
23/02/26	Parents Evening—3.40pm-5.30pm—more details to follow
25/02-02/03/26	Travelling Book Fair—3.20pm-4pm in the School Hall
25/02/26	Parents Evening—3.40pm-7.00pm—more details to follow
	Change of date
26/02/26	Bag2School
05/03/26	School Disco
09/03–13/03/26	Year 6 PGL Residential
24/03/26	Easter Service @ 10am All Saints Church
27/03/26	INSET Day (3)
26/06/26	FOSJ Circus—more information to follow

Kitchen—Reminder, the kitchen is now fully functional. If your child would like to look at the new menu for this year, please click on link

[School Lunch Menu - from January 2026.pdf](#)



Sports Xtra

Sports Xtra have been lucky enough to secure funding to provide holiday camp places for eligible Free School Meal children across 4 days in the February Half Term this year on Monday 16th February—Thursday 19th February 2026 from 9am until 4pm.

The venue will be Everest Community Academy, Basingstoke.

As many of you know already, this funding has been provided by the DfE to local councils and Hampshire County Council have then divided the funding out to providers like Sports Xtra through a grant application process. As part of this scheme, Sports Xtra will provide a whole range of sporting and very active activities along with additional learning threads for eligible children and also a free hot meal.

ALL PARENTS MUST COMPLETE AN ONLINE FORM THROUGH HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL BEFORE THEN BOOKING WITH SPORTS XTRA DIRECTLY. THIS IS TO PROVE THAT YOU ARE ELIGIBLE FOR FREE SCHOOL MEALS AND THEREFORE, THESE FREE PLACES AT THE CAMP. YOU WILL BE GIVEN A UNIQUE CODE WHICH WILL THEN BE YOUR WAY IN TO MAKE A BOOKING, SPORTS XTRA CANNOT EXCEPT ANY BOOKINGS WITHOUT THIS PROCESS TAKING PLACE AND A UNIQUE CODE. THE LINK TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE FORM AND GAIN THE UNIQUE CODE IS AS FOLLOWS: **PLEASE NOTE HOWEVER, IF YOUR CHILD WENT TO SPORTS XTRA ACROSS THE LAST YEAR AND YOUR ELIGIBILITY HAS NOT CHANGED, YOU CAN USE THE SAME CODE FOR THIS CAMP.**

<https://www.hants.gov.uk/socialcareandhealth/childrenandfamilies/connectforcommunities/holidayactivities/register>



Basingstoke Church

FAMILY WORSHIP

Wednesday 4 February, 6.30pm
St Michael's Church (Town Centre)

Join in for 30 minutes of fun and worship for everyone! Sing, dance and celebrate using our favourite songs from Kids Church, School Assemblies and After School Café.

Part of the Basingstoke Church Week of Worship.
Find all the details online



basingstoke.church/week-of-worship

A reminder of the up and coming Smartphone webinars.....

Mental Health, Smartphones and Tech—What is the balance? **Free Basingstoke Webinar**

In June 2026, we launched out Basingstoke wide “Smartphone Free” initiative. 33 schools are taking part, representing the vast majority of Basingstoke children. This came from a place of deep concern around recent research and statistics which show the negative impact that tech and smartphones can have at all ages. On the back of this, we’re pleased to offer more free webinars for parents which cover:

- The link between mental health and wellbeing and spending too much time online.
- Strategies for delaying the Smartphone.
- Strategies for families to achieve a healthy balance with technology.

The dates are:

Tuesday 3rd February 7.30pm—link [here](#)

Thursday 26th February 2026—link [here](#)

More information can be found in the newsletter attachment.

Basingstoke Smartphone-Free Schools

<https://www.smartphonefreebasingstoke.org>



Active Holiday Camps



Chalk Ridge Primary School



February Half Term
Tuesday 17th - Friday 20th February 2026

» Multi-Activity

This camp is ideal for all-rounders, offering a mix of your favourite sports and new activities.

£26.25 per day*



Scan the QR code to find and book your nearest venue!

- For ages 4*-11 years
- 9am to 4pm

*Children must be aged 4 and in Year R!



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For more information or to book, visit: www.active360.com
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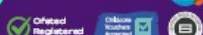
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