



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



This week in worship... On Monday, we discussed that we are now in Lent and that this is the time of year when Christians prepare for Easter and remember the time that Jesus spent in the wilderness. We discussed with the children that this season of Lent, for many of us, can be a time to pause and prepare for what lies ahead of us and how we can live our lives to the fullest. As part of worship this week, we heard a talk from Bishop Lynne Cullens, The Bishop of Barking, where she shared her message of the importance of focusing on the contributions that everyone can make to ensure that all are included through small acts of kindness and the importance of taking time to step outside the everyday actions and routines we have in our busy, daily lives.



For the remainder of this half term our worship theme is Jesus' Miracles, we will be looking at how Jesus showed God's love and compassion to those around through his miracles.

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 another two members of our team:

Tochi Anurukem – Parent Governor



Tochi is a parent of two children at St John's and an experienced HR professional with over 20 years' service in central government. With a background in law and governance, he brings strong analytical skills, strategic insight, and a deep understanding of safeguarding, compliance and organisational development.

He has extensive experience working with senior leaders, chairing meetings, and mentoring others. Alongside his professional expertise, Tochi is a musician of over 20 years and a passionate advocate for a broad, balanced curriculum that nurtures the whole child. He is committed to supporting a safe, inclusive and values-led school community.

Stacey Thompson – Parent Governor



Stacey is a parent of three children at St John's and has a strong personal and faith-based connection to the school community. Currently a Director of a small commercial property company, with a degree in Immunology and a PGCE in Secondary Science, she brings valuable insight into the education system and a deep appreciation of the teamwork required to sustain a nurturing, high-achieving school.

She has actively supported St John's through volunteering, fundraising with the Friends of St John's, and helping on school trips. She has a soft spot for the arts and in her spare time she sews, sings in her local choir, or is out enjoying nature. Her faith is a big part of her life and she enjoys serving in her local church in various roles, particularly with youth and vulnerable adults.

Class Certificates

- Theodore S
- Theo P
- Lilly F
- Rupert B-B
- Lucy P
- Dharik N
- Adjoa H
- Avrora P
- Mia R
- Amber R
- Robyn F-W
- Matilda L

Attendance

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



Mathletics:

KS1: Daniel C

KS2: Saeed U

Mathletes of the week: Eric I, Ethan I, Eliana I

Diary Dates

02/03/26	South Africa Class to QMC a.m.
02/03/26	Greece Class to QMC p.m.
02/03/26	Travelling Book Fair—3.20pm-4pm in the School Hall
02/03/26	Year 6 SATs Information Parents Meeting @ 5pm School Hall
05/03/26	School Disco
09/03—13/03/26	Year 6 PGL Residential
16/03/26	Finland Class trip to Basingstoke Town Centre—a.m.
17/03/26	Greece Class trip to Basingstoke Town Centre—a.m.
18/03/26	South Africa Class trip to Basingstoke Town Centre a.m.
24/03/26	Easter Service @ 10am All Saints Church
27/03/26	INSET Day (3)
30/03-10/04/26	Easter Holidays
26/06/26	FOSJ Circus—more information to follow

INSET Days 2025—2026

Friday 27th March 2026 (3)

Monday 15th June 2026 (4)

Wednesday 22nd July (5)

INSET Days 2026—2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026 (1)

Thank You
ST JOHNS C of E
PRIMARY SCHOOL
for supporting



**Thank You Year R for your
Financial support of £47.87
Donated in December 2025**

*"I'm feeling tearful at your generosity and
what a difference this will make. Thank
you, thank you, thank you!"*
- A Basingstoke Foodbank client

You donated

£47.87

which is equivalent to

Naming school uniform

Please can you ensure that you name all items of school uniform, particularly school jumpers and coats, that are coming into school.

With the warmer weather arriving, children will want to take these off during the school day and our lost property fills up quickly if things are not named and we cannot get them back to the correct children.

If you write names on with biro style pens, these do come off with regular washing so please ensure they are redone regularly to ensure your children's uniform can be returned to them.

Year 5/6 Girls Football League

The Year 5/6 girls have been busy in league action and have continued to show just how much they have grown as a team this season. Just before half term, the girls played St Mary's in their final group stage match. They played some fantastic football and worked hard throughout but faced a strong and well-organised side and were narrowly beaten. Despite the result, the team's earlier performances meant they had finished top of their group with three wins and one loss, earning a well-deserved place in the quarter finals.

We hosted Bishopswood in the Quarter Final which turned out to be an incredibly close and exciting match. The teams were evenly matched from the first whistle, with play flowing end to end and both sides creating chances. Defensively, the girls were solid and composed, while in attack they moved the ball confidently and supported one another well. At full time, the score remained 0–0, taking the game into extra time. Even after extra time, neither team could find the breakthrough, meaning the match would be decided by penalties.

The tension was high as each team stepped up. After the first three penalties each, the score was locked at 1–1, sending the game into sudden death. Our girls held their nerve - we scored, and the opposition missed - meaning we secured the win and progressed to the semi-finals. A truly exciting and brave performance under pressure!

For the semi-finals, we travelled to The Vyne, playing on their 3G pitch against Park View. It was a tightly contested first half, with strong defending and disciplined positioning from our team, and the score remained 0–0 at half time. In the second half, Park View increased the tempo and managed to break through, eventually winning the match. The girls showed great character throughout and never stopped working hard for each other.

We then faced St Mary's again in our final fixture. This time the game was much closer, with the girls battling for every ball, showing fantastic teamwork and real resilience. It was an end-to-end contest full of determination and effort. The match finished 3–2 to St Mary's, but the performance from our team was outstanding.

The girls have had an excellent league run and have truly gone from strength to strength. Their confidence, communication and understanding of the game have improved enormously over the season. Most importantly, they have supported one another, shown resilience in tough moments and represented the school with pride.

A huge well done to all the players involved - it has been fantastic to see your development and teamwork throughout the league. We are very proud of you all.



Special Menu
World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Goosebumps' Pasta Bake
(Macaroni & Cheese Bolognese Bake)

Where's the Broccoli?
(Broccoli & Cheese Macaroni Bake)

Supertato's Jackets with Baked Beans

Served With
Gringotts Golden Sweetcorn & Princess' Peas

Dessert
Charlie & The Chocolate Brownie

BM1 & BM2

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HONESTLY GOOD FOOD

On Thursday 5th March we have a World Book Day Lunch, please see below for the lunch choices.

This menu replaces the normal lunch choices for this day.

Number Awards:

Bronze: Lenny A

Platinum: Jackson F, Adjoa H

Diamond: Robyn G, Jackson F, Adjoa H, Freddie H

Year R Ruby: Amelia V, Scarlett T, Jacob T, Amber L, Olivia P, Flora D, Haniya V, Tommy M, Theodora W, Jasper W, Aubrey W, Theodore S, Henry S, Ella R-G, Arthur N, Erin M

SOUTHERN SCHOOLS JUDO

JUDO

is at your school

BOOK FOR THE SUMMER TERM!!!

Tuesday after school

Years 1 + 2 at 3.30 - 4.15

14/04, 21/04, 28/04, 05/05, 12/05, 19/05

Half term 26/05

02/06, 09/06, 16/06, 23/06, 30/06

£85 for the term (inc jacket hire)

Scan QR to register or

[Click here for form](#)

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SOUTHERN SCHOOLS JUDO

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BOOK FOR THE SUMMER TERM!!!

Monday afterschool

Years 3 - 6 at 3.15 - 4.15

13/04, 20/04, 27/04,

Bank Holiday 04/05 no judo

11/05, 18/05

Half term 25/05

01/06, 08/06, 15/06, 22/06, 29/06

£85 for the term (inc jacket hire)

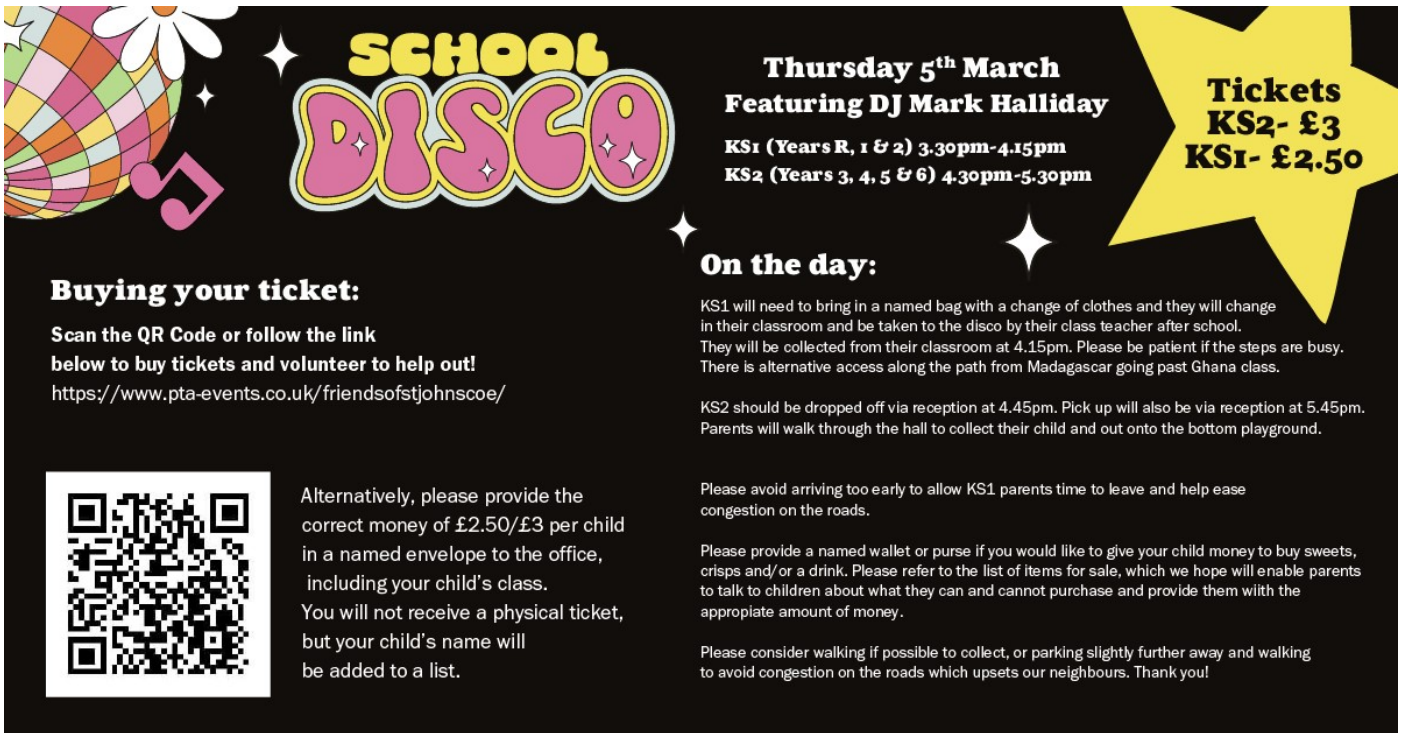
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LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?
Year 1/2	Visit to Basingstoke Town Centre March 2026	




SCHOOL DISCO

Thursday 5th March
Featuring DJ Mark Halliday

Tickets
KS2- £3
KS1- £2.50

KS1 (Years R, 1 & 2) 3.30pm-4.15pm
KS2 (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) 4.30pm-5.30pm

Buying your ticket:
Scan the QR Code or follow the link below to buy tickets and volunteer to help out!
<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstjohnscoe/>



Alternatively, please provide the correct money of £2.50/£3 per child in a named envelope to the office, including your child's class. You will not receive a physical ticket, but your child's name will be added to a list.

On the day:
KS1 will need to bring in a named bag with a change of clothes and they will change in their classroom and be taken to the disco by their class teacher after school. They will be collected from their classroom at 4.15pm. Please be patient if the steps are busy. There is alternative access along the path from Madagascar going past Ghana class.
KS2 should be dropped off via reception at 4.45pm. Pick up will also be via reception at 5.45pm. Parents will walk through the hall to collect their child and out onto the bottom playground.
Please avoid arriving too early to allow KS1 parents time to leave and help ease congestion on the roads.
Please provide a named wallet or purse if you would like to give your child money to buy sweets, crisps and/or a drink. Please refer to the list of items for sale, which we hope will enable parents to talk to children about what they can and cannot purchase and provide them with the appropriate amount of money.
Please consider walking if possible to collect, or parking slightly further away and walking to avoid congestion on the roads which upsets our neighbours. Thank you!

Can You Help Keep Friends of St John's (FOSJ) Going?

After nearly two years on the FOSJ committee, all four current committee members will be stepping down after the Circus event in June. We wanted to give plenty of advance notice so this doesn't come as a surprise — and to encourage new volunteers to step forward.

FOSJ can only continue if a new committee is formed. If no one comes forward, FOSJ will unfortunately have to close. This would mean **no school discos, Frozen Friday, Colour Run, Leavers' mugs, Presents Room, Christmas pantomime, Break the Rules Day**, and many other events that bring so much fun (and fundraising) to our school.

The roles available are:

- **Chair** – helps coordinate meetings and activities
- **Treasurer** – looks after the money, tracks funds raised and spent
- **Comms (Social Media)** – shares events via social channels
- **Comms (Minutes)** – takes notes at meetings

You don't need prior experience. A full handover will be provided. If you're interested or would like to find out more, please get in touch by emailing: fosjcofe@gmail.com

Even one role filled makes a difference — and together, we can keep FOSJ going for our children.