



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



This week in worship... We have been focusing on Holy week and reminding ourselves of the events leading up to the Easter celebrations. On Tuesday, at All Saints Church, the Year 1 children reminded us of these events when they acted out and narrated the events of Holy week. In other worships, we have looked at Easter celebrations around the world and remembered that although Christians may celebrate in different ways, what they are celebrating is still the same. All the staff of St John's wish all our families and the wider community a Happy Easter.

Class Certificates

Humna H
Jacob T
Romeo L-D
Shashank M
Mila E
Finlay W
Max W
Grace W
Isla R
Holly C

Message from our Chair of Governors...



Thank you for completing our parent survey at the recent Parent's evenings. The 157 responses provided a powerful picture of a school that is safe, ambitious and deeply rooted in its values. I have included this summary in the headteacher recruitment information pack sent to candidates.

Geoff Knappett, Chair of Governors.

Office News ... After the Easter break, Mrs Barker will not be in school for a couple of weeks. She will be working from home during the period so don't be surprised if you receive emails! However, this does mean that Mrs Garrod will be on her own in the office. Therefore, please bear with us if things take longer than normal. To help us, please can we ask that you check out the website for information before contacting the office and that you do not phone with end of the day changes after 2.45pm unless absolutely necessary. Thank you for your help with this.

Number Awards:

Gold: Evie B

Platinum: Robyn B-B, Ava-Grace A, Lexi B

Diamond: Esmae A, Robyn B-B

Year R Ruby:

Delphine E, Humna H, Liam C-G

Mathletics:

KS1: Eliana I

KS2: Saeeb U

Mathletes of the week: Adjoa H

Red Nose Day—Friday 20th March

Thank you for your donations towards Red Nose Day last Friday. We managed to raise an amazing £313.00 for Comic Relief. Thank you!



Yr 3/4 Performances

Thank you for your donations after the Year 3/4 Performances this week. We managed to raise an amazing £97.80 for Comic Relief. Thank you!



Diary Dates

30/03-10/04/26	Easter Holidays
13/04/26	Start of Summer Term 1
13/04/26	Croatia Class to QMC p.m.
15/04/26	Tuvalu Class to QMC p.m.
16/04/26	Canada Class to QMC p.m.
04/05/26	Bank Holiday
06/05/26	Year R Visit to the Watercress Line
06/05/26	Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
18/05/26	Year 5/6 Visit to Rushall Farm
20/05/26	Year 1/2 Visit to Queen Elizabeth Country Park
25-29/05/26	Half Term
16/06/26	Year 3/4 Visit to Butser Farm
26/06/26	FOSJ Circus

INSET Days 2025–2026

Monday 15th June 2026 (4)

Wednesday 22nd July (5)

INSET Days 2026–2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026 (1)

Happys Circus

Tickets now on sale for the Circus event on Friday 26 June. [Click here](#) to find out more and buy tickets. Money raised by FOSJ from this event will go towards funding new school laptops for the kids. Please help us promote the event by sharing the link with family and friends. There are a limited number of tickets so be sure to buy yours ASAP.

Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.8%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.



Cranbourne Food Pantry

Cranbourne 's food pantry will be open both Thursdays during the Easter holidays 11.15am-12.15pm

LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?
Year R	Visit to Watercress Line—May 2026	Mon 20th April
Year 1/2	Visit to Queen Elizabeth Country Park—May 2026	Friday 1st May
Year 3/4	Visit to Butser Farm—June 2026	Mon 1st June
Year 5/6	Visit to Rushall Farm—May 2026	Mon 4th May

School Book Fair Success!

A huge thank you to those who visited the book fair earlier this term. Thanks to your purchases, we received 50% of the money back as vouchers to spend on books for our school.

Here is a selection of books that we have purchased for classroom book corners as well as to support our Thrive and ELSA work.

We will welcome the Scholastic book fair back again next academic year!



Lunchtime Play Leader- closing date 17th April 2026

We are looking for a lunchtime play leader to join our friendly team who look after our pupils at lunchtime. This role is for 5 days a week Monday to Friday from 11.45am – 1.15pm

The successful candidate will:

- Enjoy working with children
- Be proactive and promote 'positive play'
- Actively engage with children to ensure lunchtimes are enjoyable and promote healthy eating
- Have high expectations of children's behaviour
- Have an understanding of confidentiality and safeguarding procedures (training given)

The main duties will include:

- Assisting the children in the dinner hall
- Ensuring positive behaviour at all times during lunchtime
- Organising and playing games or activities to help develop children's play
- Administering basic first aid (training will be given)

The salary for the role is A3: £24,415 pro rata (Actual salary £4,233.24).

If you are interested, please contact the school office on adminoffice@st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk for more information or an application form.

**SEND
SUPPORT MORNING**

ARE YOU A PARENT/CARER OF A CHILD
WHO HAS OR MAY HAVE SPECIAL
EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OR DISABILITIES?
UNSURE OF WHAT SUPPORT IS AVAILABLE?
OR JUST WOULD LIKE TO SPEND TIME WITH OTHERS IN
SIMILAR SITUATIONS TO YOU?

THEN JOIN US

Wednesday 15th April
10am-12pm

CRANBOURNE SCHOOL
WESSEX CLOSE
RG21 3NP

Find us on Facebook
Basingstoke SEND Support
BASINGSTOKESSEND@GMAIL.COM

You may be aware that
Wednesday 22nd April is **Earth
Day**. The first earth day was held
in 1970 and since then this annual
event has been used to motivate



people to help protect our planet. On this day, in line
with our curriculum aim of developing Global Citizens,
we are going to having a curriculum immersion day
'Project Earth'. As part of this learning, all year groups
are going to be going outside for at least part of the
day. **To ensure all children can enjoy the day
without worrying about damaging uniforms or the
risk from ticks, we would like the children to wear
their uniform tops but wear trousers that they can
get dirty outside e.g. tracksuit bottoms or leggings. If
it is wet, they will also need a waterproof coat and if
dry a hat. Whatever the weather, they will need a
change of shoes.**

Before the day, we will also be chatting with the
children about 'Ticks' and how to look after
themselves. More information on Ticks can be found
at www.lymediseaseuk.com/awareness-schools-children/

Spring Olympics

On Monday, we held our much-appreciated annual Spring Olympics afternoon, bringing together all our KS2 children for a fantastic celebration of sport, teamwork and school spirit. Children took part in a variety of activities, competing in their team colours and working alongside pupils from different year groups. It was wonderful to see everyone collaborating, encouraging one another and taking pride in representing their teams.

We are incredibly lucky to have perfect weather, which made the afternoon even more enjoyable for both children and staff. The outside spaces and hall were full of energy, excitement and positivity, with every child getting involved and giving their best.

Throughout the event, pupils demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship, supporting each other in both success and challenge. The sense of togetherness and enthusiasm on display truly captured the spirit of the afternoon.

The celebrations continued into assembly today, where trophies were awarded to the winning teams, recognising their effort and team performance across the afternoon.

A huge well done to all the children who took part and made the event such a success. It was a brilliant afternoon that showcased the very best of our school community.

A big thank you to Mrs Williams for organising this brilliant afternoon of sport.