



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



Did you know that all children have to be able to tell the time on an analogue clock? What about needing to be able to read Roman numerals?

These are two objectives from our maths curriculum that all children need to know by the time they finish Year 6. Both are things we spend time teaching but both need regular practise to ensure the children can apply their knowledge.

With so many digital clocks in our lives, analogue clocks are not something our children come across on a regular basis hence find it much harder to learn to read them. Take a moment to reflect on your own house. Is there an analogue clock that the children can see? It is easy to say that they will always use digital clocks or perhaps ask the friendly smart speaker for the answer, but for now reading the clock is part of the maths curriculum and any help you can give your child to practice would be amazing:

Year 1—Understand the movement of the hands and be able to tell time to o'clock.

Year 2—Tell the time to 5 minutes including quarter to and quarter past the hour. They also need to know the number of minutes in an hour and the number of hours in a day.

Year 3—Tell and write the time from an analogue clock including using Roman numerals and 12/24 hour clocks.

Year 4—Read and convert time between analogue and digital 12/24 hour clocks as well as solve problems involving converting from minutes to hours; minutes to seconds and years to months, weeks to days.

This week in worship... Our theme was 'Everyone's Welcome in God's Kingdom'. Through this theme we have looked at anti-bullying week and how we can support others who are not being made to feel welcome. During our worships, we have learnt about Zacchaeus, who having met Jesus, changed the way he treated other people. We have also considered the different roles within a bullying situation and that we all have the 'Power for Good' and need to use this to influence the behaviour of others.



Class Certificates

Liam C-G
 Jazari M
 Dalikhaya N
 Ruben C
 Cole M
 Alyssia W
 Mia D-G
 Felix R
 John S
 Archie K
 Lylah H-L

Number Awards:

Sapphire: Isaac H

Emerald: Isaac H

Bronze: Finley H

KS1 Copper: Jeremy W,
 Daniel C, Matthew T,
 Eliana I

Diamond: Jonathan F,
 Chloe H, Marnie G, Iris K,
 Dominic M

Mathletics:

KS1: Jasper W

KS2: Parin V

Mathletes of the week:
 Sumayyah N H

Attendance —



Whole school attendance is currently at 97.3%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.

As part of our commitment to giving times tables a high profile in our school, we are taking part in a Times Table Rockstars competition involving schools in England. The competition runs from 07:30 Tuesday 18th November to 19:30 Thursday 20th November.



Children can play in any game mode with every correct answer to a multiplication or division question, earning themselves, their class and the school a point. The Times Tables Rock Stars platform will calculate the class average (the number of correct answers per pupil in the class who play during the competition hours, subject to a daily 60-minute limit). Winning classes in the school and in the competition as a whole will be the ones with the highest average. Certificates will be awarded to the top scorers within phases as well as the highest scoring classes.

Have you any 'spare' wrapping paper?

I am sure that it won't have escaped anyone's notice that the preparation for Christmas seems to have started in earnest in the shops and the same is true for our wonderful Friends of St John's team of volunteers. They are starting to get ready for their Christmas shop day otherwise known as Presents Room. For those of you for whom this is your first St John's Christmas, Presents Room is a long standing tradition where the Friends of St John's set up a shop in the hall to allow the children to do their Christmas



shopping without the need for their parents to get involved. To help ensure your gifts are a complete surprise, the volunteers also help the children to wrap up their purchases and there is where we would like any donations of wrapping paper. If you have a roll that you can donate, please bring it to the school office. Many thanks.

Donations of Wellington Boots!

We are looking to increase our use of the woodland area during lunchtimes. To do this we are looking for donations of welly boots that the children have grown out of. We need a range of sizes from smaller ones that would suit our Year 1 children and smaller adult sizes that would fit our Year 5 and 6 children many of whom have adult sized feet! If you have any unwanted boots at home, please drop them off to the school office. Many thanks.



Diary Dates

21/11/25	Wear A Bright Top Day—school trousers/skirts/shoes to be worn
02/12/25	M&M Productions—Sleeping Beauty—more details to follow
04/12/25	Flu vaccinations for Years R-6
05/12/25	FOSJ Presents Room—more details to follow
09/12/25	Yr R Nativity @ 4pm—more information to follow
10/12/25	Yr R Nativity @ 2pm—more information to follow
16/12/25	Christmas Service at All Saints @10am—more details to follow
19/12/25	Christmas Lunch
19/12/25	Last Day of Autumn term 2
22/12-02/01/26	Christmas Holidays
05/01/26	Start of Spring Term 1

INSET Days 2025—2026

Year 6 – PGL Liddington Residential 9th-13th March 2026

If you have registered your child for next year’s PGL trip in March 2026, the outstanding balance will need to be paid by Tuesday 9th December 2025. You can start to pay this online in instalments if you prefer.



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 Christmas Holidays this year on Monday 22nd December, Tuesday 23rd December and then Monday 29th December and Tuesday 30th December 2025 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.

AS WITH LAST YEARS HAF, 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>

LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?

Wear Something Bright

Friday 21st November



This week, 4 children in Year 5/6 completed their Junior Road Safety Officer (JRSO) training. They will now look to work with the children at St John's to help develop a stronger understanding of road safety.

Now that the nights are getting dark earlier, it makes it more important than ever to make sure that we can be seen when we're out and about near roads.

To support our JRSO team to launch their 'Be Bright Be Seen' campaign, on Friday 21st November children may wear something bright to school. Children may wear a bright top that day with their normal school skirt, shorts/trousers and school shoes.

How bright can you make yourself to be seen?

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 19th November
10am-12pm

CHALK RIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL
SULLIVAN ROAD
BASINGSTOKE
RG22 4ER

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is at your school

BOOK FOR THIS TERM!!!

Tuesday after school

Years 1 + 2 at 3.30 - 4.15

Years 3 - 6 at 4.15 - 5.00

13/01, 20/01, 27/01, 03/02, 10/02
Half term 17/02
24/02, 03/03, 10/03, 17/03, 24/03

£85 for the term (inc jacket hire)

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