



# St John's Newsletter

*Learning, Loving and Laughing Together*



**This week in worship...** We have thought about the resurrection and looked at Bible stories of the disciples who witnessed the Easter events. This included learning about 'doubting' Thomas and how he found it hard to believe that Jesus had risen from the dead. In our phase worships, we have explored the new theme within our Heartsmart scheme. This is 'fake is a mistake'. This focuses on encouraging the children to reflect on the reasons they are special and understanding that there is no need to present ourselves as someone else. It also allows the children to explore their mental health through considering how some thoughts we have about ourselves are not always true. Next week, we will be starting our new worship theme of 'Justice'.

I hope everyone had a lovely Easter break and enjoyed the slightly warmer weather we had for some of it. All the children have returned to new themes and have been busy learning about what they will be covering this half term.

**Year R** will be looking at '**Transport and Journeys**'. They will be thinking about different methods of transport, the different journey's they go on and how people travel. They will also be going on the Watercress Line in May—a lovely trip that the Year 6 children always mention in their memories.

**Year 1/2** will be studying the theme '**The Great Outdoors**'. They will be looking at what Plants need to grow, how seeds turn into plants and carrying out science investigations. They will also be studying Percy the Park Keeper stories and using these to write their own. They will be going out on a visit to the 'Queen Elizabeth Country Park' to further their understanding of plants and the living world.

**Year 3/4** will be studying a history theme. This will focus on the question '**Why settle in Britain?**' which allows the children to explore in detail the Anglo Saxons and their impact on our history.

**Year 5/6** will be looking at '**Taking care of God's Beautiful world**'. This theme will allow them to consider what our world might look like if climate change was to take full effect as well as think about how our actions today can support us in slowing the effects. They will be exploring renewable and non renewable resources and building electric cars as part of their DT work.

More details can be found in the Big Pictures which will be sent shortly.

## Class Certificates

Arthur N  
Lydia M-D  
Ceci U  
Teo L  
Harrison C  
Louis B  
Josh B  
Nina S-L  
Bethany A  
Kali D  
Samuel P

## Number Awards:

**Sapphire:** Ethan M,  
Thomas O, Reuben M

**Silver:** Nina S-L

**Gold:** Beau D

**Platinum:** Abeera A,  
Lucas A-C, Zola C,  
Leo M, Teodora M

**Diamond:** Abeera A,  
Teya H-R

## Mathletics:

**KS1:** Daniel C

**KS2:** Saeeb U

**Mathletes of the week:** Evan C

**Diary Dates**

**INSET Days 2025–2026**

Monday 15th June 2026 (4)

Wednesday 22nd July (5)

- 04/05/26 Bank Holiday
- 05-08/05/26 FOSJ Penny Battle—details further down in newsletter**
- 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
- 22/05/26 Sports Day—more details to follow**
- 25-29/05/26 Half Term
- 15/06/26 INSET Day (4)
- 16/06/26 Year 3/4 Visit to Butser Farm
- 26/06/26 FOSJ Circus

**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%.



**Vomiting/Diarrhoea**

Can we please politely remind you, if your child has been sick or has diarrhoea, they need to remain off school 48 hours after vomiting and diarrhoea has stopped.

**Year 6 (Current Year 5's) – PGL Liddington Residential 8th-12th March 2027**

If you have registered your child for next year's PGL trip in March 2027, an interim payment (£125) needs to be paid online by




**Monday 8th June** and the outstanding balance will need to be paid by Friday 11th December 2026. You can start to pay this online in instalments if you prefer.

**LETTER ALERT!**

Child	Title	Response?

# FILL THOSE JARS — MAKE THEM RATTLE!

 FRIENDS OF ST. JOHN'S (FOSJ) PENNY BATTLE 

 **Tuesday 5th May – Friday 8th May 2026**

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## HOW IT WORKS

- Each class has their own jar
- Add money to your class jar to **gain points**
- Add certain coins to other classes' jars to **subtract points**

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### + GAIN POINTS

(YOUR CLASS)

Money Added	Points
1p	+1
2p	+2
£5	+500
£10	+1000
£20	+2000

### — SUBTRACT POINTS

(OTHER CLASSES)

Money Added	Points
5p	-5
10p	-10
20p	-20
50p	-50
£1	-100
£2	-200

## EXAMPLE

Put a £1 coin in another class jar = **-100 points for them!**

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The class with the MOST points wins a:

 **CLASS PRIZE** 

Let the battle begin — good luck everyone!

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## SUPPORTING OUR SCHOOL

FOSJ is fundraising to purchase new laptops so students can fully participate in computing lessons. Proceeds from the Penny Battle will go towards this important cause.

# BE WILDFIRE AWARE

AND HELP PROTECT THE COUNTRYSIDE



**PACK A PICNIC**  
NOT A BBQ



**DON'T**  
START CAMPFIRE



**EXTINGUISH**  
CIGARETTES  
FULLY



**DON'T**  
DROP LITTER

 Hampshire & Isle of Wight  
FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE

 IF YOU SEE A FIRE  
**CALL 999**

  
**SCAN ME**  
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