



# St John's Newsletter

*Learning, Loving and Laughing Together*



**This week in worship...** We have been focusing on difficult decisions linked to the theme of justice. On Tuesday, we were joined by Rising Generations from Basingstoke Church who led us in our worship. The Bishop of Winchester, Right Reverend Philip Mounstephen. He showed the children the different parts of his 'official' robes and spoke to us how each part helps him with this job. He dressed Maddie up in his robes to help him explain. He also spoke to us about how God can help us, through prayer, to make difficult decisions when we are faced with tough choices. After Worship, the Bishop joined the school council who asked him lots of questions about his daily activities. Unfortunately, Noggin, his lovely dog, couldn't join him this time as he left us to go to a meeting in the House of Lords and Noggin wouldn't be allowed. However, Rev Philip did promise that he will bring Noggin next time!



## Class Certificates

Anika J  
Scarlett T  
Alice P  
Jury H  
Isla S  
Ellis R  
Luke D  
Owen C  
Erin H  
Marnie G  
Aida B

## Number Awards:

**Emerald:** Amber P  
**Silver:** Nancy D, Louis C, Oscar P  
**Platinum:** Florence O, Daisy M, Evie B, Fred C  
**Diamond:** Daisy M, Ava-Grace A, Maddie C, Teodora M, Lucas A-C

## Happy's 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.



## Mathletics:

**KS1:** Jasper W  
**KS2:** Saeeb U  
**Mathletes of the week:**  
Ethan H

**Diary Dates**

04/05/26	Bank Holiday
05-08/05/26	FOSJ Penny Battle
06/05/26	Year R Visit to the Watercress Line
06/05/26	Year 6 Height and Weight Measurements
<b>08/05/26</b>	<b>Year 6 Cake Sale 3.15pm-4pm</b>
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
25-29/05/26	Half Term
<b>12/06/26</b>	<b>Non-school uniform in exchange for an item towards the Circus Event tombola—more details to follow</b>
15/06/26	INSET Day (4)
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)

**Year 6 Cake Sale**

Year 6 will be selling cakes on the top playground after school on Friday 8th May from 3.15pm-4pm to help raise funds towards their Winchester Cathedral Leavers' Day. Every contribution (cash only please) will help make this a special day for all our Year 6 pupils. Thank you in advance for your continued support.



**Attendance**

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



**Violin Lesson—Children in Years 2-5**

If your child is in Years 2-5 and is interested in learning to play the violin from September 2026, please contact the school office—we currently have spaces in **beginners** violin lesson.



***LETTER ALERT!***

Child	Title	Response?
Year 5	Swimming at QMC Letter	
Year 6	Cake Sale Letter	
All Children	Sports Day 2026 Letter	
Year 6	SATs 2026 Letter and Timetable	

## Sports Day - Friday 22nd May 2026

In the morning, all children take part in a series of small events. These are completed in a 'squad' made up of children from the same colour team but different year groups. For example, there might be a javelin throw or an obstacle race. The older children in each squad support the younger ones and help them to access the activities. After a picnic lunch, the afternoon consists of the more 'traditional' running races with each child running for their team.

Parents are welcome to all or part of the day. In the morning, you may follow your child round the carousel of activities and encourage their squad. This is generally the 'quieter' part of the day but does require spectators to be on their feet and to keep moving between events. However, the children are active the whole time so there is lots to watch. At lunchtime, you are welcome to join your child for a picnic. Children are encouraged to sit in family groups but don't worry, if you are unable to be there, the staff all eat outside and love having the children to keep them company. In the afternoon, parents are also welcome to watch the 'running' races. All children take part in two races with some going through to the final.



## Hockey Tournament

On Tuesday, we attended a Hockey Tournament at Down Grange, taking along two teams and giving 18 children the opportunity to represent the school. For many of them, this was their first time playing in a hockey tournament, making it an exciting and valuable new experience. After several weeks of extra practice sessions, the children arrived well prepared and ready to give their best. Their hard work in training was clear to see from the very first match.

With five schools taking part, the tournament followed a round robin format, meaning plenty of game time for everyone. The final match saw our two teams face each other in a great display of sportsmanship and friendly competition. Throughout the afternoon, there was some excellent teamwork, passing and communication on show. The children worked hard for one another, supported their teammates and showed growing confidence with each game.

Team 1 had an outstanding tournament, winning four matches, drawing one and losing just one, finishing in an impressive 2nd place overall. Team 2 showed great determination, winning one match, drawing another and narrowly losing several close games, finishing 5th overall


It was a fantastic afternoon of hockey, full of learning, effort and enjoyment. Most importantly, the children embraced the experience, developed their skills and represented the school brilliantly. We are delighted that our performance means we have qualified to take a team to the County Round in June – a fantastic achievement!

A huge well done to all of the children involved for their commitment, teamwork and positive attitude throughout. We are very proud of you all.



## FILL THOSE JARS — MAKE THEM RATTLE!

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

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

### 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**

#### **+** 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!**

The class with the **MOST** points wins a:

**◆ CLASS PRIZE ◆**

Let the battle begin — good luck everyone!

### 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.

**Have you seen our 'Blue' Mathletics Trophy?** You may be aware that each week we give out a 'Blue' Mathletics trophy alongside our two orange Mathletics trophies. These are for children who have achieved the highest scores in mathletics or have achieved something outstanding. However, some point in the last couple of weeks, the blue version trophy has 'disappeared'. Having searched school, we wonder if it might have been taken home by one of the winners to show their parents. **If you have this trophy at home, please can you return it to school. No questions asked, no judgement, we would just like it back.** Ours is similar to the one in this picture.

