



# St John's Newsletter

*Learning, Loving and Laughing Together*



**Election Results!** Prior to half term, the children in Years 1—6 experienced a couple of immersion days focused on Democracy. Across the school, the children have looked at the qualities of a good leader, what we mean by Democracy and how the system of local government worked. At the end of the week, all the classes (except Year R) voted for their class representative for the school council. To lead the council, this week we had a whole school vote for the Chair and Vice Chair person. Seven members of Year 6 stood to be chair and each had to give a speech in front of the whole school on Tuesday morning. Following a count up of the votes, I am pleased to announce the 2025—26, St John's School Council is:

**Chair**—Orlagh Gough

**Vice Chair**—Seth Hudson

**Class Representatives:**

Mexico— Hope Law

Costa Rica— Cleo Dolby

Poland— Ada Roodhouse

Tuvalu—Olivia Best

Canada—Evan Cotton

Croatia—Maddie Coppin

Greece—Evie Webb

South Africa—Ollie Burry

Finland—Benjamin Gardner



The first role of our newly elected Chair and Vice Chair will be to represent the school community on Sunday at the Basingstoke Remembrance Service.

**Class Certificates**

Callie Wood

Tommy Morris

Joshua Cavedon-Taylor

Matilda Jenkins

Rupert Butler-Bliss

Evie Burry

Diya Anish

Neo Berrie

Evan He

Tristan Goodes

Robyn Griggs

**Number Awards:**

**Sapphire:** Amber Parsons

**Emerald:**

Scarlett Connett-Saitch

**Bronze:** Avleen Kaur

**Silver:** Jackson Franks

**Platinum:** Erin Hudson

**Diamond:** Louis Brown

**Mathletics:**

**KS1:** Alice Purser

**KS2:** Saeed Uddin

**Mathletes of the week:**

Freddie Brown

**Attendance —**



Whole school

attendance is currently at 97.2%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.

**This week in worship...** We have begun our journey of exploring what attributes we need to develop to help us become a successful learner. This week, we have spoken about perseverance and the need to keep trying and practising in order to achieve success. The children have also been introduced to this half term's Heartsmart quality which is *'Don't forget to let love in'*. In phase worship, they explored the idea of everything, including themselves being valuable and the need to look after everything in God's world. If you want to know more about the Heartsmart programme, details can be found on our website at [www.st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk/personal-social-emotional-education-including-rs-1/](http://www.st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk/personal-social-emotional-education-including-rs-1/)



## 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.



## Record Breaking Success!

A huge thank you to all of you who purchased something at the book fair before half term. Due to the amount of money spent, we were rewarded 50% of the total to spend on books for St John's. We were so impressed with the children's enthusiasm for the books and hope that this will enable them to really foster a love of reading. We look forward to welcoming the book fair back in the Spring Term and hope that we can reach the next band of rewards gaining 55% or 60% of the total to spend on books for our school.

**Diary Dates**

**INSET Days 2025–2026**

- 10/11/25 Odd Socks Day
- 12/11/25 Year R visit to War Memorial Park
- 14/11/25 FOSJ Fireworks
- 14/11/25 Children in Need—non-school uniform day
- 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

**Coats in School**

As we move into the cold, wet, winter months please can you ensure that your child brings their coat into school each day. Unless it is extremely wet weather, we aim to get the children outside for their break and lunchtimes but they will require their coat to be able to go outside.



**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.



***LETTER ALERT!***

Child	Title	Response?
Year R	Decorations Afternoon Letter	



# FIREWORK DISPLAY

## Friday 14th November 2025

### St. Johns Primary school Basingstoke

Gates open at 4.30pm and fireworks start at 6pm  
Adults £7 | Children 3 years and over £5 | Under 3 free  
You will need your e-tickets to scan at the gate for entry.

Food and drink for sale including a pizza van and a selection of drinks.

Please bring a torch. Sparklers are not permitted on site. No tickets can be purchased on the night. Parking is very limited so please walk if possible. If you do drive please take care to keep clear of residents driveways.

## TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

### Fireworks

For tickets and info please see link below:

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstjohnscoe/?event=event&eventId=105154>

### 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.



### Children in Need— Friday 14th November 2025

On Friday 14th November we will be having a non-school uniform day for Children in Need. Children can come to school in non-school uniform for a small donation, they should give their donation to their class teacher. Thank you.





# JUDO

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)**

Scan QR to register or



[Click here for form](#)

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## Manor Field Junior School

**December Holidays 2025**  
22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup> December  
9am - 4pm

For children aged 5 - 11

**360 HAF** £26.25 per day\*

Our 360 HAF Camps offer children a fun, active, and inclusive environment to enjoy during the school holidays. Each day is filled with exciting opportunities to stay physically active, build friendships, and develop new skills.

**HAF Camp Free**

Don't forget about our 10% sibling discount\* too!  
\*Not to be used in conjunction with any of our saver codes.

The HAF camp offers nutritious meals, engaging activities, and free childcare spots to children who receive benefit-related free school meals, supporting their health, wellbeing, and learning.

\*Get 15% off with our Active Saver code 'DECAS15' expires Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> November.

Scan the QR code to book your place.

For more information or to book, visit [www.activeme360.com](http://www.activeme360.com)

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