



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



We are at the end of our first half term already, it has been lovely to see all the children enthusiastic and working hard across all their learning.

When the children return in the new term, they will be starting new themes. Below are some ideas you might want to do with your child over the break linked to their learning for next term:

Year R's theme will be **Once Upon a Time**. Miss Osgood, Mrs Reeves and Mrs Mardle-Sands suggested that you might like to enjoy sharing your favourite stories at home and role-playing them together. The children will also be learning about different materials so why not talk about what different things are made of at home or when you are out and about.

Year 1/2 will be taking a giant leap **Into the Unknown** In this topic, the children will be learning about significant explorers in history. They will also be learning about the 7 continents and 5 oceans of the world. Why not look at a world map and talk about where you would like to explore? You could even complete some research to see what the place you would like to explore is like, perhaps you could create a fact page, draw a map or create a picture about this place!

Year 3/4 will be learning about the **Romans** and the impact they had on the history in Britain. Why not do some research to find out where the Romans are from and any lasting legacy they might have left on Britain. Can you find out about any famous Romans? You might like to use your research to create an information page about what you found out.

Year 5/6 will be exploring the world of Ancient Greece with the theme aptly named **Who Let the Gods Out?** Why not get ahead by reading some exciting Greek myths about gods, heroes, and monsters. You could then, use your imagination to write your own short myth with a magical creature. You could also enjoy a taste of Ancient Greece by helping an adult prepare a simple snack like pitta bread with olives or yogurt drizzled with honey.

From all the staff at St John's, we hope everyone has a great and restful half term break.

Class Certificates

Sammy Hyde
Paul Damache
James Southwell
Freddie Brown
Teya Head-Riordan
Beau Davis
Orlagh Gough
Dominic Makson
Lily Sear

Mathletics:

KS1: Daniel Chukwunenye

KS2: Parin Verma

Mathletes of the week:

Robyn Butler-Bliss

Number Awards:

Bronze: Harry Ryan,
Joseph Ball

Thank You

St John's C of E
Primary School
for supporting



with your Harvest Collection

We rely on your donations to continue supporting local families in crisis.



You donated a total of

145kg

which is equivalent to

345 meals

basingstoke.foodbank.org.uk
Registered Charity in England and Wales (1154319)

This week in worship...

Rising Generations joined us on Monday to start our celebrations for giving thanks at Harvest time. Karen explained the importance at this time of year for giving thanks to God for the food we eat and for the farmers who work hard to harvest their crops. The children in Years 1-6 enjoyed our Harvest Festival celebration at All Saints Church on Tuesday morning. The service was led by Canada class who did a great job with their harvest story and a huge thank you for all the harvest donations that were brought in for the Foodbank.

Our learning this half term...

Year R— this half term we have been getting to know each other through our theme **All About Me**. We have shared our special things from home and talked about who is in our family. We have explored mark-making in different ways and created Kandinsky art as well as moving and mark-making in our 'Write Dance' sessions in the school hall!

Year 1/2— this half term we have been helping the alien 'Beegu' learn about the UK and our school through our theme **Welcome to Our World**. We looked at maps of the school to find her spaceship, did a weather survey to find the best place for her to take off from and made moving cards in DT to welcome Beegu and say goodbye. We have also learned how to use tools to create pictures in computing, created our own musical compositions with a steady beat and sketched pencil artworks in the style of L.S. Lowry.

Year 3/4— this half term we have been immersed in our theme **Southampton: A Gateway to the World**. We have looked at airport and port departures to see where we could travel in the world from Southampton. The children have researched the city and thought about the land use in the city and what it would be like to live there. We have focused on electricity, in science, and applied our knowledge of circuits to make a torch. We have edited photos in computing and even made our own musical instruments!

Year 5/6— this half-term we have been immersed in the world of explorers through our theme **Spirit of Adventure**. We have travelled to Antarctica with Shackleton to experience the vast, frozen continent through his eyes; created oil pastel pictures based on weird and wonderful animals; and designed and sewn bags for a purpose.

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025

POWER FOR GOOD
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 10th to Friday 14th November

ODD SOCKS DAY 2025
Monday 10th November

#OddSocksDay #PowerForGood

Diary Dates

24/10/25	INSET Day 2—school closed to pupils
27-31/10/25	Half Term
03/11/25	Year 5/6 Greek Portals to the Past
03/11/25	Year R Library visit
04/11/25	Parents' Evening 3.40pm—7pm
06/11/25	Parents' Evening 3.40pm—5pm
06/11/25	Bags2School
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

INSET Days 2025—2026

Friday 24th October 2025

Attendance —

Whole school attendance is currently at 97.2%.

Our whole school target for the year



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 6	Early Morning Maths Letter	

Year 5/6 Girls Football

Last week, the girls travelled to Park View for a friendly match that proved to be a real test of teamwork and determination. The game was full of excitement, with end-to-end play, strong defending and some fantastic attacking moves. Both teams gave it their all, and the match ended in a well-earned 2-2 draw. The girls worked brilliantly together, supporting one another and showing great communication throughout the game.

Building on the confidence from their friendly, the team went into their first league match against Cliddesden yesterday full of energy and focus. From the first whistle, the girls came out strong, moving the ball confidently, finding space, and linking passes beautifully. Their teamwork really shone through, resulting in a number of well-worked goals.

When Cliddesden added an extra player to the pitch, our girls stayed calm, adapted quickly, and continued to play their game with determination and control. Their hard work paid off with an impressive 6-1 win at the final whistle.

It's been a brilliant start to the season for the girls, and they should all be very proud of their effort, teamwork and positive attitude. The improvement in their play and confidence has been fantastic to see.

A huge well done to everyone who took part and represented the school so proudly. We're already looking forward to seeing what this talented team can do in their next league match after half term!





Firework Lunch—5th November

Please see above, a change in school lunch menu for Wednesday 5th November—this will replace the normal menu on that day.

If your child receives a special dietary menu in school, these will be sent shortly.

BAG 2 SCHOOL

FREE FUNDRAISING FOR SCHOOLS

In partnership with your school or organisation



St John's C of E Primary School



Bag 2 School is a company that specialises in the reuse and recycling of good quality second-hand clothing and we have arranged to make a collection from your school. All the bags will be weighed and you will be paid for the total weight collected. Remember, the more you collect the greater the benefit to your school.



By using this paper leaflet we are helping to reduce unnecessary extra plastic. Please use your own bag or bags (there is no limit). The leaflet is recyclable.

When the clothes have been removed from the bag the plastic will be packed and sent for recycling.

We are collecting good quality items for RE-USE:

Men's, ladies' & children's clothing, paired shoes, handbags, belts & accessories.

(No uniforms, workwear, pillows, duvets or pieces of fabric please)

The more we weigh the more we pay!
Extra bags are welcome - there's no limit



Please return your Bag2School on:

Thursday 6 November 2025 by 9am

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 helpdesk@bag2school.com



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>

Rising Generations

Rising Generations wanted to share with you their upcoming **Light Party** for families on Halloween.

The Light Party takes place at **St Peter's Church (South Ham) on Friday, 31 October** and is a drop-in trail for families (**between 5-7pm**) filled with a variety of fun games, exciting activities, and sweet treats to enjoy - it's Halloween but not as you know it!!!

Below is a link to more information.

Link: <https://basingstokechurch.churchsuite.com/events/bdnqqhnn>

