



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



Harvest Festival—Tuesday 21st October 2025

Next week is our **Harvest Festival on Tuesday 21st October**. All children in Years 1—6 will be going to All Saints Church for a service at 10.00am. The children will leave school at approximately 9.25am and we would welcome any parents who are available to walk with us. This year's service will be led by the children of Canada class. Along with parents who walk with the school, we would also like to invite parents of Canada children to join us for the service. As we do every year, we will be supporting the Basingstoke Food Bank. In order to support them in getting the food they 'need', **below is a 'shopping list'**. If you are able to donate anything on the list, please give to your child to bring to Harvest on **Tuesday 21st October**.



Class Certificates

Albie Lewis
 Ruben Chambers
 Grace Garnish
 Phoebe Mellish
 Hazel Robin
 Ethel Jones
 Sterren Verschuren
 Lily Crawford-Jones
 Ryan Gillbanks

Mathletics:

KS1: Stoyan Bosher-Petrav
KS2: Saeeb Uddin
Mathletes of the week:
 Izzy Thomas



Harvest Appeal Shopping List

Please donate an item or two from the list to help support local people without enough money to live on.

- UHT Milk
- Tinned Curry / Chilli / Pies
- Tinned Hot dogs / Meat
- Tinned Veg
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Soup
- Crisps / Snacks
- Angel Delight / Jelly
- Sweet Treats
- Custard
- Coffee

Polite Reminder - Year 5/6

Please can you remind your child that if they are walking home from school on their own they must walk straight home or to the designated meeting place. They are not to remain on school site after 3.30pm unless they are involved in a club or sporting fixture. Thank you.

Attendance —

Whole school attendance is currently at 97.1%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.



Number Awards:

Sapphire: Edward Cox,
 Scarlett Connett-Saitch
Silver: Jack Croll,
 Hazel Robin
Gold: Teya Head-Riordan
 Dharik Nidadavole,
 Hazel Robin

Shooting Star


 Phoebe Mellish
 Ziggy Mellish

Diary Dates

20/10/25	Travelling Book Fair 3.20pm-4pm in the School Hall
20/10/25	SENCO coffee afternoon
21/10/25	Harvest Festival (Years 1-6)
23/10/25	Break the Rules Day
23/10/25	Last day of Autumn term 1
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
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

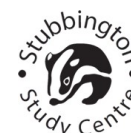
Year 6 – PGL Liddington Residential 9th-13th March 2026

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.



Year 4 – Stubbington Residential 21st-23rd January 2026

If you have registered your child for next year's Stubbington trip in January, the outstanding balance will need to be paid online by Friday 24th October 2025.



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.



Team Table Tennis

On Monday, 21 of our Year 5/6 pupils travelled to Blue Coat School to take part in the annual Team Table Tennis Tournament – one of the highlights of the sporting calendar. The competition brought together five local schools, with 10 boys' teams and 8 girls' teams all eager to test their skills, teamwork and focus.

We were thrilled to enter three boys' teams and three girls' teams, each one representing the school with enthusiasm, confidence, and pride. From the very first serve, our pupils demonstrated fantastic composure, quick reactions, and excellent sportsmanship.

Both of our A teams topped their groups, while our B teams finished second, earning all four teams a place in the semi-finals – an incredible achievement in such a competitive field!

The semi-final stage saw a unique twist, as both our A and B teams had to face each other in head-to-head matches. With pride (and a spot in the final) on the line, the atmosphere was tense but full of mutual encouragement and respect.

The girls' B team put on a brilliant display, taking a convincing win over the A team, while the boys' A team showed fantastic focus and teamwork to secure a 4-0 victory. Despite competing against their friends, all the players showed outstanding sportsmanship and celebrated each other's efforts.

The finals were intense and full of drama! Every rally was cheered on by teammates and spectators, as our children played with confidence and determination. The boys' team went on to win the competition, claiming the top spot after some thrilling matches, while our girls' team battled hard to finish in an amazing second place.

Both teams will now go on to represent Basingstoke in the County Finals in November – a fantastic accomplishment that reflects their hard work and commitment.

The success didn't end there! Every team performed brilliantly throughout the day:

- Girls' A Team – 3rd place
- Girls' C Team – 5th place
- Boys' B Team – 3rd place
- Boys' C Team – 5th place

Each and every player should feel proud of their performance, teamwork, and positive attitude.

In the lead-up to the tournament, the children showed incredible dedication, with many attending extra practise sessions before and after school to perfect their game play. Their enthusiasm and determination were clear to see on the day, and it's that commitment that made such fantastic results possible.

A huge well done to everyone who represented our school so brilliantly. You demonstrated skill, teamwork and resilience, and we couldn't be prouder. Bring on the County Finals in November.



This week in worship... We have been focusing on the story of Daniel in the Lion's Den. As part of this, we explored how, when faced with the lion's den and almost certain death, he sort support through prayer and showed integrity and stood firm on his beliefs. In class worship, we have also been writing prayers for our school prayer book based on our termly work on school values. Next week, we will be focusing on the festival of Harvest.



Mayors Civil Service at St Michael's Church—Saturday 11th October

Last Saturday, the school choir performed at St Michael's Church in Basingstoke as part of The Mayors Civil Service to mark the beginning of the Mayors year in office and also the official opening of the refurbished St Michael's church. The choir were asked to lead the singing and sang three songs that Rising Generations have taught the whole school during their visits to school worship. Alongside the choir, Connor also played a solo on the piano. Lys read the bible reading and Phoebe and Ziggy read the poems they had written. All the children were amazing. The Mayor was very impressed with all the children. Thank you to all parents who supported us by bringing their children to the church.



LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?
Year R	Trips to Basingstoke Library and War Memorial Park Letter	
All Children	Autumn Term Parents' Evenings Letter	
Year 3/4	DT Project Letter	

ANTI-BULLYING WEEK 2025

POWER FOR GOOD
#ANTIBULLYINGWEEK

Monday 10th to Friday 14th November

ODD SOCKS DAY 2025
Monday 10th November

#OddSocksDay #PowerForGood

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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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.

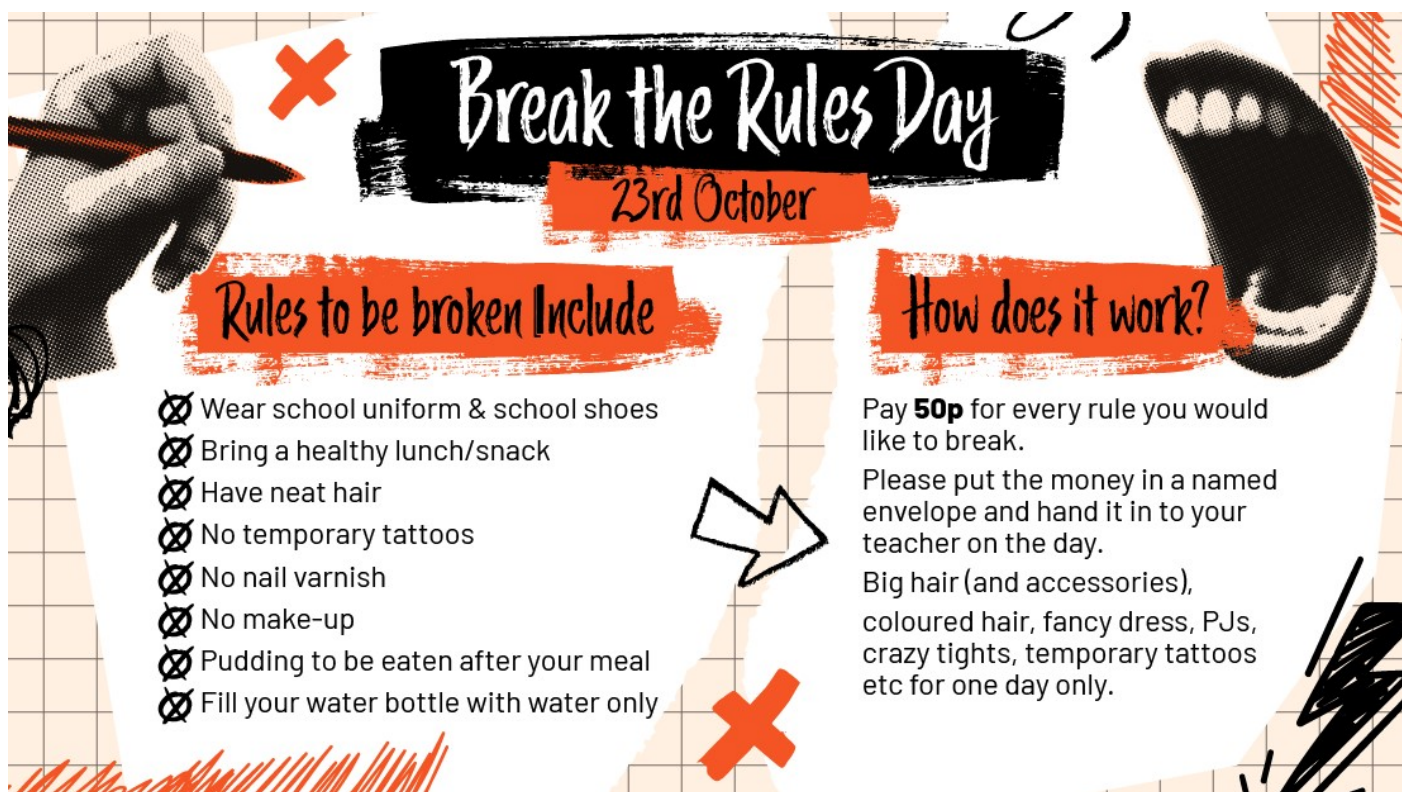
Please bring a torch. Sparklers are not permitted on site. No tickets can be purchased on the night. Parking is very limited so please walk if possible. If you do drive please take care to keep clear of residents driveways.

TICKETS ON SALE NOW!

Fireworks

For tickets and info please see link below:

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



Break the Rules Day

23rd October

Rules to be broken Include

- Wear school uniform & school shoes
- Bring a healthy lunch/snack
- Have neat hair
- No temporary tattoos
- No nail varnish
- No make-up
- Pudding to be eaten after your meal
- Fill your water bottle with water only

How does it work?

Pay **50p** for every rule you would like to break.

Please put the money in a named envelope and hand it in to your teacher on the day.

Big hair (and accessories), coloured hair, fancy dress, PJs, crazy tights, temporary tattoos etc for one day only.