



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



This week in worship...

We have been continuing to think about our theme 'Justice' and have been considering 'speaking out against injustice'. On Monday, to help us think about this, we heard the Bible story of Queen Esther. We have also looked at famous people in history who have stood up for injustice. This included Mala Yousafzai and William Wilberforce. Next week, we won't be meeting together as a school and instead will be having class based worships.

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 and carers are welcome to all or part of the day. In the morning, you will 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 at least two races with some going through to the final.

Class Certificates

Alfie S
 Jamie B
 Jessica W
 Ivy C-W
 Willow T
 Noah M
 Fred C
 Olivia B
 Lys L-D
 Chloe H
 Esmae W

Number Awards:

Emerald: Amber P,
 Beau H

Bronze: Taarush R

Silver: Harry R

Diamond: Erin H

Mathletics:

KS1: Aisha M

KS2: Saeeb U

Mathletes of the week:

Adjoa H

PGL Residential

Reminder, if your current Year 5 child is attending the PGL residential in March 2027, the interim payment of £125 is due on 8th June. Please go onto your child's ScoPay account and make payment before then, thank you.



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.



Suncream

Reminder—if it looks like warm weather, can you please apply suncream on your child before bringing them into school. If you would like your child to top up with suncream during the school day, please provide a stick type suncream.

Smart phone free childhood update... A reminder that from September, St John's will be a smartphone free area for pupils. This means that the only phones that can be bought into school will be 'Brick phones' for the Year 5 and 6 pupils only. Smartphones will not be allowed. This is in line with the majority of other Basingstoke Primary Schools.

Unsure why we have gone smartphone free? Accompanying this newsletter (attached to the same email) is a flyer containing more information about why it is important we prevent children from having a smartphone in school.

Want to learn more information protecting your child in the digital world? As part of our the Basingstoke wider initiative, we would like to invite parents to join one of our information webinars. This term there will be one specifically for Year R and KS1 parents, and one for the KS2 parents.



For KS1 parents—'*How to get the balance right with screens from the start*'. This will be held on Tuesday 9th June from 8—8.45pm

For KS2 parents—'*Let's Talk about our kids and their tech*'. This will be held on Tuesday 16th June from 8—8.45pm.

More details about how to sign up to this webinars can be found in the attachments accompanying this newsletter.

Diary Dates

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
03/06/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
04/06/26	Bag2School
10/06/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
12/06/26	Non-school uniform in exchange for an item towards the Circus Event tombola—more details to follow
15/06/26	INSET Day (4)
16/06/26	Year 3/4 Visit to Butser Farm
17/06/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
24/06/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
26/06/26	FOSJ Circus
01/07/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
08/07/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
22/07/26	INSET Day (5)

INSET Days 2025–2026

Monday 15th June 2026 (4)

Wednesday 22nd July (5)

INSET Days 2026–2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026 (1)

Reminder for Year 6s...

SATs breakfast will be served next week Monday—Thursday from 8.30am in the hall. Please enter through the front doors. Remember you can join us even if you have already had breakfast at home or don't want anything to eat.



Attendance

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



Pots & Pans

Do you have any old pots or pans you no longer need? We are looking for some donations of pots, pans, baking sheets or cup cake tins for the children to use during their Woodland play. Please drop any donations into the school office—thank you.

LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?
All Children	Sports Day 2026 Letter	



HAPPY'S CIRCUS



Presented by Friends of St. John's (FOSJ)

Proudly supported by Quince Counselling

Join us for a spectacular summer circus event! Open to everyone – bring your friends and family along for an unforgettable evening.



Date: Friday 26th June 2026

Location: St. John's Primary School, Kingsmill Road, B'stoke, RG21 3JU

Event Schedule

- 4:00pm – School Gates Open (picnics welcome!). We'll also have an ice cream van and food vendors.
- 5:00pm – Big Top Opens
- 5:10pm – Pre-show
- 5:30pm – Main Show Starts
- 7:30pm – Show Finishes

Ticket Prices

- Adults: £12
 - Children: £10
 - Babies (under 12 months and don't require a seat): FREE
- Tickets must be purchased in advance (no tickets available on the night)



For full event details and to book your tickets, scan the QR code or visit:

<https://pta.events/c3g2p3ch>

Supporting Our School

FOSJ is fundraising to purchase new laptops so students can fully participate in computing lessons. All proceeds from the circus event will go towards this important cause.

Important Information

- You will need your e-ticket for entry (scan at the gate)
- Limited tickets available – first come, first served
- No on-site parking
- Please walk if possible or park considerately (keep driveways clear)



Don't miss the magic – we can't wait to see you there!

With thanks to our sponsor, Quince Counselling. Scan the QR code to learn more about their work.

