



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



CENSUS DAY - Help us to get the most for all the children at St John's

Annual Census - As those of you who have been with us a number of years know, on two days each year the school has to complete a census return. The data we return on these days dictates our allocation for different funding streams for the next financial year. One of the things that is measured is the funding for the **Universal Free School meals**. These are the meals that are provided free to children in Years R, 1 and 2 regardless of parental income. Basically, on the census days the number of children taking a meal is recorded and then multiplied out for the rest of the year. This is the funding we then receive. If, on these key dates, the number taking these meals is lower than normal we lose out on funding for the rest of the year and any meals above this number have to be paid for from other parts of the budget, such as not purchasing so many new books or renewing technology.

We therefore ask that if you have a child in Year R, 1 or 2 and they can possibly have a school lunch on **Thursday 21st May (next Thursday)**, please, please do so to ensure that we can get the maximum amount of funding for the St John's community. Please see below menu for 21st (this replaces the normal menu on this day):



If your child has a special dietary menu in school, these will be emailed shortly.

Class Certificates

Mia C
Amber L
Ad B
Ziggy M
Ovbiosa O
Alexis D-G
Alice R-K
Fabian B
Iris K
Zack I

Number Awards:

Sapphire: Ad B
Emerald: Aisha M,
Ad B
Bronze: Austin S

Mathletics:

KS1: Aisha M
KS2: Saeeb U
Mathletes of the week:
Samuel P

Attendance

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



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)

This week we have been worshipping in our class groups due to the Year 6 SATs exams. In these groups we have been looking at fairness, exploring the theme and thinking about practical things we can do to promote fairness in the world. Next week, we will be back worshipping together and will be looking at the theme of Pentecost.

Well Done Year 6 Children— We are very proud of our Year 6 children who have completed their SATs exams this week. They have worked really hard up to the week and were motivated and showed resilience through out. Today, if one was purchased, the Year 6 were given their leavers hoodies. They may wear these into school instead of their 'standard' school jumpers but we request that they keep their standard jumpers to wear for Winchester Cathedral. We have also spoken to them about not wearing their hoods up around school and that expectations for their behaviour around school do not change just because they have a different jumper on!

LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?
Year 6	Winchester Cathedral Trip Letter	Friday 22nd May
Year 3/4	QMC Science Letter	
Year 5/6	DT Electric Car Project Letter	
Year 1/2	Queen Elizabeth Country Park Letter	

FOSJ

A Pre-loved Uniform Sale will be taking place on the bottom playground during lunch/afternoon on Sports Day on 22nd May. Please note there will be a self service QR code available to scan should you wish to make a small donation of your choice.

If anyone has any donations of uniform items branded with the St Johns logo, we are especially looking for larger sizes. They can be left in the uniform donation bin near the front of the school. Thank you.

Maples Day Nursery

Maples Nursery have asked us to remind parents to not park in the private car park outside The Maples Day Nursery, 2 Anstey Close, as it is preventing their parents from having somewhere to park safely to bring their children into the nursery.

Perhaps if you have problems parking close to school you could please park further away and scooter/bike in?

Health for Kids!
NHS Hampshire and Isle of Wight Healthcare
NHS Foundation Trust

Parent and Carers

Our School Nurses can help with things like:

- Behaviour management
- Development
- Wellbeing
- Healthy eating
- Sleep
- Emotional health
- Toileting

Find advice on supporting your child's health and wellbeing.

www.healthforkids.co.uk/hampshire

Follow us:

@hampshirehealthyfamilies

Message your local school nurse

07507 332 417

Or scan the QR code to start a chat:

Disclaimer: We may need to inform someone if we are concerned about your safety but we would usually speak to you first. Your messages are stored securely and can only be accessed by other authorised health care professionals who follow the same strict confidentiality rules. We aim to reply to your message within one working day and you should get an immediate message back from us to confirm we have received your text. Texts will not be seen outside working hours. If you need help before you hear back from us, please contact your GP, nearest walk-in centre or dial 111. In an emergency please dial 999. Unfortunately, our text number does not receive voice calls or MMS picture messages. We support messaging from UK mobile numbers only (which does not include messages sent from landlines, international mobile numbers and some number masking* mobile apps). To opt-out of receiving messages from a healthcare professional, please text 'STOP' to our number. Messages are charged at your usual rates.

ChatHealth

Penny Battle

Thank you to everyone for supporting the FOSJ Penny Battle. It was great to see the kids enjoying it so much.

Congratulations to **Croatia** class for coming first. They will be rewarded with a class prize.

Together we've raised £809.55. This money will go towards funding the new school laptops for the kids.

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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 4 June 2026 by 9am

📞 01609 780 222

🌐 www.bag2school.com

✉ helpdesk@bag2school.com

WALK to SCHOOL WEEK 2026

Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

Designed by Kerim from Four Lanes Federation

Your school is supporting 'Walk to School Week' Monday 18 May - Friday 22 May

How can I help?

- Walk with your child and discuss potential hazards such as driveways, junctions, parked cars and bends
- Work out together the safest route even if this involves a slightly longer journey
- Let your child suggest places to cross and discuss their choice
- Practice the green cross code on your way to and from school - reminding them to stop, look, listen and think

I don't have time to walk!

- Park the car some way from the school gates and walk the last part of the journey

- Try to find time to walk with them once during the week
- Your child will qualify for a certificate if either option is taken

What are the advantages of walking?

- The chance to teach important road safety skills
- The chance to learn about the local environment
- A chance for a chat about the day
- Less congestion at the school gate
- A healthier way to start the day



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.

