



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



Welcome back to the final half term of this academic year. I hope your children all enjoyed the half term break, and have returned ready to tackle all the different things the second half of the Summer term has to offer.

Although half term featured very tropical weather, the rain has made an appearance this week. However, lets hope that the Summer weather makes a return soon. When it does, please can we give everyone the following reminders:

Uniform - with it being warm, the children remove their jumpers more often and have a tendency to put them down wherever they are at that moment and often forget where that is!! Particularly at lunchtime, jumpers are collected up by the lunch ladies and end up in lost property if they are unnamed. Please can I strongly encourage everyone to check that their children's jumpers and cardigans are clearly named.

Hats - children can be outside for up to 50 minutes at lunchtime and an hour during an outdoor PE lesson. While we do encourage use of the shade, it is really important that the children have a peak cap to keep the sun off their head and face. Again, please name all these so we can return it to your child if misplaced. A number of children have also asked about bringing in sunglasses. If a child wishes to do so, that is fine but we would ask them to be removed if they are playing a sport or climbing on the adventure playground. This is for safety and to avoid injuries to the face if they fall. The glasses are also the responsibility of the child.

Water Bottles - as it is warmer weather, please can we remind all children to bring a water bottle into school in the morning. We can easily provide opportunities to refill bottles but if lots of people forget bottles, we don't have enough cups to go around!! Even when the weather is not particularly 'hot' outside, it is still important that children have their water bottle in school as the school building retains the heat so it can become hot inside.



Class Certificates

Jasper W
 Aleyah S
 Rosie L
 Owen C
 Evan G
 Ethan I
 Lucas A-C
 Marcus F
 Thomas S
 Chloe S
 Hanna M

Number Awards:

Bronze: Dali N,
 Scarlett C-S

Silver: Joel B,
 Theo H

Gold: Imogen L,
 Mila E, Oscar P

Platinum: Mila E

Mathletics:

KS1: Eliana I

KS2: Saeeb U

Mathletes of the week: Ivy C-W

This week in worship... We have started exploring a new theme—*Generosity*.

Our first focus was being generous with our money. At our whole school worship on Monday we heard the story of Jesus and the Wise Man (Matthew 19: 16—30). In this story we learnt that Jesus taught the rich man that he cannot love money more than he loves God if he wants to gain eternal life in heaven. We talked about how often people desire money as a means of helping them to make their life perfect and yet they find when they have the money, it doesn't change who they are and doesn't make them any happier. In the key stage workshops, the children further explored how Christians' are generous with their money and how God loves us for whom we are not the amount of money we possess. Next week, we will be focusing on being generous with our talents.

Attendance



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

Diary Dates

INSET Days 2025–2026

Monday 15th June 2026 (4)

Wednesday 22nd July (5)

08/06/26	Year R Vision Screening
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
15/06/26	INSET Day (4)
16/06/26	Year 3/4 Visit to Butser Farm
16/06/26	Year 6 School Fair—top playground 3pm-4pm
17/06/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
18/06/26	Class Photos
18/06/26	Year 1/2 Production @ 4pm
19/06/26	Year 1/2 Production @ 2pm
19/06/26	Year 5 Secondary Taster Day—Cranbourne—more details to follow
22/06/26	Year 6 Winchester Cathedral
23/06/26	BPSM Choir all day Rehearsal at the Anvil
23/06/26	BPSM Choir Anvil Performance 1—more details to follow
24/06/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
24/06/26	BPSM Choir Anvil Performance 2—more details to follow
25-26/06/26	Year 6 Transition Days to Basingstoke Secondary Schools
26/06/26	FOSJ Circus
01/07/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
07/07/26	Musical Showcase 4pm—more details to follow
08/07/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
08/07/26	Open Evening—Parent to Collect/Sign for School Reports from Teacher 3.30pm-5pm - more details closer to the date
15/07/26	Year 5/6 Production @ 1.45pm
16/07/26	Year 5/6 Production @ 5pm
17/07/26	Year 6 Treat Day
20/07/26	Year 6 Leavers' Church Service—10am All Saints Church
20/07/26	Leavers' Lunch—more details to follow
21/07/26	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am—School Hall
22/07/26	INSET Day (5)
23/7-31/8/26	Summer Holidays
01/09/26	INSET Day (1) 2026/27
02/09/26	Years 1-6 First Day Back

INSET Days 2026–2027

Tuesday 1st September 2026 (1)

Year 5/6 Textiles

Year 5/6 are beginning a textiles unit in Art and would greatly appreciate any donations of fabric. Cotton-based fabrics are preferred, with pieces approximately 50cm x 50cm, as these are easier for pupils to cut and sew into patterns.

Thank you for your support.

Year 3/4 DT

This half term in Design and Technology, Year 3/4 will be working on projects that involve using fabric. We would be very grateful for any donations of clean cotton fabric you may have at home. These can be any size – small offcuts are absolutely fine and will be put to good use.

If you are able to help, please send any donations into school with your child. Thank you very much for your continued support.

Non-School Uniform Day – Friday 12 June

Non-school uniform day on **Friday 12 June** in exchange for an item donation for the **Circus Event Tombola**. Suggested donations include:

- Chocolates
- Sweets
- Bottles of wine or other alcoholic beverages
- Toiletries and gift sets
- Soft drinks
- Biscuits
- Small gifts and novelty items

Please place all donated items in the Library on arrival. Thank you for your support – all donations will help make our Circus Event Tombola a great success!



Pick up at the end of the day— End of Day Collection Reminder

We would like to remind all parents and carers of our end-of-day collection procedures to ensure the safety and wellbeing of every child. Children are dismissed between **3.15pm and 3.25pm**, depending on their year group. It is important that children are collected promptly at their allocated time. Teaching staff will remain on the playground for **5 minutes after dismissal**, after which any uncollected children will be taken to the school office. If a child has not been collected by **3.45pm**, they will be placed in our after-school club, and the relevant fee will be charged. Please be aware that **repeated late collections will be referred to Children’s Services**.

We kindly ask for your cooperation with the following:

- Children **must be collected at their designated time** and should not be left until the ‘collection time’ of the oldest sibling.
- If one child is attending an after-school club, **we are unable to supervise siblings who are not. They should be collected at normal time.**

We understand that occasional unforeseen circumstances can arise, and we appreciate your efforts to communicate with the school where possible. However, these procedures are in place to ensure all children are cared for safely, and it is essential that they are followed consistently. Thank you for your support and understanding.

LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?
Year 1/2	Year 1/2 Performance Letter	
ASC/BFC	After School & Breakfast Club Requirements for next Academic Year—Email	Friday 12th June



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/c3g2p3cb>

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.



Sports Day – Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Sports Day before half term. We were so lucky to have beautiful weather. This morning the result of the morning activities was announced with green team winning and they have been engraved on the Sports Day shield which is kept in the front entrance trophy cabinet. Thank you again to Mrs Williams for her efforts with this fantastic day and to all the parents and grandparents who provide support.

A reminder that the first of the Basingstoke Papaya webinars is on Tuesday:

Year R & KS1 - Tuesday June 9th - 8-8:45pm - "How to Get the Balance Right with Screens from the Start" - Register free [here](#)

KS2 - Tuesday June 16th - 8-8:45pm - "Let's Talk About Our Kids and Their Tech" - Register free [here](#)

