



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



Summer might finally be here... Although we had some wonderful weather over the half term break, it really hasn't been fabulous since we returned for the second half of the Summer term! However, the weather forecast for the next week or so suggests that the hot weather is about to return! With this in mind, please can I encourage you to:

- Ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day
- Provide your child with a hat to wear at break and lunchtimes
- Apply suncream before they come to school
- Check that there is a name in their jumper as generally we will encourage them to remove these inside especially in upstairs classrooms where it gets very hot!



If your child chooses to wear sandals, they must be plain, secured tightly to their feet and worn with socks. During warmer periods, we will spend outside time in the woodlands so it is not only cooler but the children can benefit from the shade. This is where sandals may not be ideal.

This week in worship... We have been focusing on Refugee week. This work has been focusing on the concept of belonging and has led us to consider how we can help other people to feel like they belong. The younger children have considered this through the story of Paddington Bear. They have thought about how he must have felt lonely when he arrived in England and what it must have felt like when Mrs Brown noticed him. The older children have been considering this through stories of Refugees who have come to England. All the children considered how God taught us to 'love our neighbour' and that neighbour could have had a different experience from us.



Diary Dates**INSET Days 2025–2026**

Wednesday 22nd July (5)

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
24/06/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
24/06/26	BPSM Choir Anvil Performance 2
25-26/06/26	Year 6 Transition Days to Basingstoke Secondary Schools
26/06/26	Transition Day
26/06/26	FOSJ Circus
01/07/26	Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
02/07/26	School Disco
03/07/26	Year R Pirate Day—more details to follow
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
14/07/26	FOSJ AGM @ 6.30pm in the School Library—please come along
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
21/07/26	Last day of term—early finish (details further on in newsletter)
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 1/2 Musical Production Success! Our recent Year 1/2 production of *Sir David Hattenscarf and the Wonders of the World* was a fantastic celebration of learning and creativity. The story followed Sir David on an exciting journey across the globe, discovering amazing habitats and the creatures that live within them.

The children worked incredibly hard in the weeks leading up to the performance, showing great dedication during rehearsals and preparations. The Year 2 pupils learnt their lines exceptionally well, developing their speaking and listening skills and confidently projecting their voices. Meanwhile, the Year 1 children delighted the audience with their enthusiastic singing and brilliant dancing.

We are extremely proud of all the children's efforts and teamwork. A special thank you to our teachers for their hard work in bringing the production together, and to parents for your ongoing support and encouragement.

Tuesday 21st July 2026

This is the last day of this academic year. On this day the children will finish at the following times:

Year R & Year 1/2—1.25pm,

Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 —1.30pm.

Due to the early finish, all children will need to be collected by an adult, **this includes Year 5/6 children (there will be no After School Club). No children will be able to leave site alone until the usual finishing time.**

If your child is going to be collected by a different adult from those who usually collect, please let the school office know in writing.



Attendance



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

September Uniform Reminder...

As we move towards the summer and the sales and promotions start in the shops around uniform, just a quick reminder of what will be required in September:

- Dark grey bottoms—trousers, skirt, pinafore dress, tailored shorts.
- White Polo t-shirt with or without school crest.
- Blue St John’s jumper with the school crest.
- Black school shoes
- White, black or grey socks or tights.

If the weather is still warm in September, children may of course continue to wear their Summer uniform.

PE kit is as follows:

- Blue polo shirt
- Navy shorts of any style
- Trainers.

LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?
ASC/BFC	Email regarding ASC/BFC allocation from September 2026	



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.



Polite Notice

On Friday 26 June, please could we ask all parents and carers to leave the school grounds promptly after collecting their child(ren). This will allow us to close the school gates, complete preparations for our Circus Event, and let the food vans drive onto site.

Please note that **Frozen Friday will not take place on this day.**

We are still looking for volunteers to help with the Circus Event. If you are able to assist in any way, please sign up using the link below: <https://pta.events/c3g2p3cb>

Thank you for your help, understanding and cooperation.

Boys Cricket

The KS2 boys cricket team took part in the local qualifier held at Mays Bounty which featured 14 teams competing across two days, with only the top two teams from each day progressing to the semi-finals. We were drawn into a group with five other schools and started the competition strongly.

Our opening match saw some excellent bowling and fielding performances, resulting in several wickets, while confident batting saw the team hit an impressive 14 boundaries. The positive start continued into the second game, where the boys produced another outstanding performance to win comfortably by 60 runs. The third match proved to be much closer, with both teams displaying excellent cricket skills. Each side took four wickets and hit seven boundaries, making for a tense and exciting contest. The boys remained focused, encouraging one another throughout, and edged a thrilling victory by just two runs, winning 111–109 to head into lunch unbeaten.

The first match of the afternoon was another closely fought encounter. After posting a score of 40 runs, the team fielded brilliantly, taking five wickets and bowling an impressive 20 dot balls. Despite their efforts, the opposition narrowly claimed victory by just three runs. Following a team discussion and reflection on the result, the boys regrouped and entered their final group game knowing that a win was needed to secure a place in the semi-finals. Fielding first, they produced another disciplined performance, taking five wickets and restricting the opposition's scoring opportunities. When it came time to bat, the team held their nerve. Although the opposition's final bowler claimed three wickets, the boys had done enough to secure a hard-fought 69–63 victory. Having finished top of the day's competition, the team progressed to the semi-finals which would be against the runners up of the other qualifier which was Bramley.

Returning to Mays Bounty on Tuesday, the boys knew that a win would not only put them into the final but also guarantee qualification for the County Finals at the Utilita Bowl. Batting first, they produced a composed and confident innings, with the opposition unable to take a single wicket. Their fielding performance was equally impressive, with disciplined bowling resulting in 25 dot balls and six wickets. The team supported and encouraged each other throughout, earning a deserved victory and a place in the final.



The final against Hurstbourne Tarrant was a fitting end to a fantastic competition. Both teams played some excellent cricket and the match remained closely contested throughout. Despite a tremendous effort from our boys, Hurstbourne Tarrant eventually came out on top by 12 runs.

Finishing 2nd out of 14 teams is an outstanding achievement and means the team has qualified for the County Finals at the Utilita Bowl later this month. We are incredibly proud of the boys' achievements, not only for their performances during the competition but also for the commitment and dedication they have shown. Their success is a reflection of the many lunchtime and after-school practice sessions they have attended, working hard to improve their skills and support one another as a team. A huge well done to all the players involved, and a special thank you to Mr Tomlinson for the time and effort he has invested in helping to coach the team. We wish the boys the very best of luck as they prepare to represent the school at the County Finals.

Girls Cricket

On Tuesday our girls cricket team represented the school at a cricket competition held at Mays Bounty. For the majority of the team, this was their very first experience of playing in a competitive cricket match and they embraced the challenge with enthusiasm, determination and a willingness to learn.

The girls started the day with a closely contested match that could have gone either way. Despite a strong performance, they narrowly lost by just 6 runs. However, the experience gave the team confidence, and as the tournament progressed, their understanding of the game grew with every ball bowled and every run scored. Their improvement was evident in the second match, where some excellent batting and accurate bowling helped the girls secure their first victory of the day. It was fantastic to see the team putting into practice the skills they had been working on during practise sessions.

Before lunch, the girls faced an unbeaten team in their final group game. Chasing a challenging total, they worked tirelessly in the field, producing some excellent bowling and fielding displays. Although the opposition eventually came out on top, the girls never gave up and continued to battle until the final ball. Their determination and teamwork were clear to see throughout the match. Finishing third in their group meant they would face the team that had finished fourth in the other group. By this stage of the competition, the girls were playing with growing confidence and applying everything they had learned during the morning's matches. Their hard work paid off with another well-deserved victory.

The final match of the day was against Bishopswood and proved to be another exciting and closely fought contest. Both teams played some excellent cricket, and despite a tremendous effort from our girls, the match ended in a narrow 4-run defeat. Overall, the team finished in 6th place in the competition. More importantly, they showed remarkable progress throughout the day, developing their skills, confidence and understanding of the game with each match they played.

The girls should be extremely proud of their achievements. Their commitment to lunchtime practise sessions with Mrs Lovick and after-school practices has clearly helped to build both their confidence and their gameplay. It was wonderful to see that hard work reflected in their performances. Well Done to all that took part.



Transition - A reminder that on Thursday and Friday next week the majority of children in Year 6, moving on to Basingstoke Secondary schools, are due to attend their transition days. On Year 6 transition days, children should go straight to their secondary schools in the morning. They will be informed directly by their receiving school what they need to bring with them. Any child not visiting their secondary school on this day, should attend school as per normal.

On Friday, the children in Years R—5 will be visiting their new teachers and meeting their new classmates. This will happen in the morning and provide the children with the opportunity to go to break and lunch from their new class base. In the afternoon, they will return to their current class where they will share their morning experience and talk about their hopes for the next year. Please can we respectfully remind everyone, that although we asked the children's opinion about buddies our main aim has been to set classes where there is a balanced group of children to ensure a good learning environment for all and a lot of time has been spent considering what might be the best combinations.

While this can be an unsettling time for some children, please be assured that we will do everything possible to prepare them for the change and also talk through their emotions after. As parents, please be positive with them after the day even if they didn't get the class teacher they wanted or the buddy they requested. Every year new friends are made, new things experienced and the children generally love it regardless of what they felt at the beginning.

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AGES 4-12

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We are writing to let you know about our Summer Holiday Camps, which will be running across three venues in and around your school area:

- Basingstoke Soccer Centre
- The Hurst
- Testbourne

Our camps provide a fantastic opportunity for children to stay active, make new friends, and enjoy a fun-filled holiday programme during the school break.

We are also pleased to offer HAF-funded places at two of our venues. Families who are eligible through the Holiday Activities and Food (HAF) Programme can access free camp days, along with a free meal provided during their visit.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to helping local children enjoy an active and enjoyable summer holiday.

Kind regards,

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BOOK FOR THE AUTUMN TERM!!!

Tuesday after school

Years 1 + 2 at 3.30 - 4.15

08/09, 15/09, 22/09, 29/09, 06/10, 13/10,
Half term 20/10, 27/10
03/11, 10/11, 17/11, 24/11, 01/12

£85 for the term (inc jacket hire)

Scan QR to register or

[Click here for form](#)

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BOOK FOR THE AUTUMN TERM!!!

Monday afterschool

Years 3 - 6 at 3.15 - 4.15

08/09, 15/09, 22/09, 29/09, 06/10, 13/10,
Half term 20/10, 27/10
03/11, 10/11, 17/11, 24/11, 01/12

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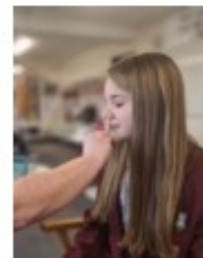
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Flu Vaccine

The NHS School Age Immunisation Service are planning the roll out of the 2026 winter flu vaccination programme to all year groups. The service offers the flu vaccine between September and December. You will receive an email, with details on how to complete the online form, for your child to receive the vaccine in school.

Flu can be a very unpleasant illness for children and young people. High vaccine uptake reduces the risk of flu spreading rapidly in school settings. This helps ensure they remain well, do not miss school days and continue to learn. Vaccinating children also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies, anyone who's pregnant and older people.

The vaccine is given as a painless nasal spray. An alternative porcine free injection is offered to those who cannot have the nasal spray.



Vaccines offered to secondary age students during the spring and summer term include:

Human Papillomavirus (HPV)

HPV vaccine is offered to boys and girls in year 8. This vaccine protects against different types of cancers in the future.

Meningitis ACWY (MenACWY)

Meningitis vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against four different strains of bacteria (groups A, C, W, Y) and protects against Meningitis and Sepsis (blood poisoning).

Tetanus, Diphtheria and Polio (3-in-1) booster vaccine

The 3-in-1 booster vaccine is offered in year 9. This vaccine protects against serious and potentially life-threatening diseases and provides long lasting immunity against these specific conditions.

Community clinics are available during the school holidays for missed vaccinations.

Find out more about the vaccine programmes and our contact details here: [School Age Immunisation Service - Hampshire - Parents: Health for Kids](#)