



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



Photos on-line... If you have visited our website recently, you may have noticed that we have removed a significant number of our children's photos. This is following safeguarding advice from the Hampshire Safeguarding team about the inappropriate use of children's photos extracted from school websites. From now on, we will only be putting up children's photos where faces of individuals cannot be seen. Similarly, we have made the decision, as a school, not to participate in the end of Year 6 Gazette photo supplement as this was going to be published on their website. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.

Mobile Phones in school - The new government mobile guidance is that all schools must be mobile free environments 'by default' from September 2026. At St John's we are also part of the Smartphone free Basingstoke movement. This is about supporting parents to delay giving their children smartphones due to the emerging research surrounding the impact unlimited access to the internet and social media can have on the developing brain. As such, from September, children in Year 5 and 6 will be allowed to bring in a 'brick' or 'dumb' phone but not a smartphone. Full details of our mobile phone policy can be found on our policies page— www.st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk/policies and details of smartphone free Basingstoke can be found at www.smartphonefreebasingstoke.org Information about the national movement can be found at www.smartphonefreechildhood.org. This includes lots of parental information about why limiting smartphone usage until children are older is a good idea.

Year 6 Leavers Worship at Church - On Monday 20th July, the whole school will be visiting All Saints Church for the Year 6 Leavers Service. In order to walk the whole school to church, we will need some parent volunteers to walk with us both to and back from church leaving at 9.30am. Any volunteers are welcome to stay for the service. If you are able to help walk with the children, can you please let the school office know. Parents of Year 6 children are also invited to join us but we request that this is no more than 2 adults per child due to limited space.

This week in worship... We have been thinking about making a difference with our talents. On Monday, the Rising Generations team from Basingstoke Church helped us to think about how if we are generous with what we do it can have a knock on effect to others. They helped us to reflect on 1 Peter 4:10 "Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others". Next week, as part of our transition programme, we will be covering the theme 'moving on'.

Class Certificates

Aubrey W
Ted J
Nayama R
Narla L
Louis W / Oliver B
Katelyn T
Willam C / Jack C
Jackson F / Sam R
Connor F
Patrick P
Frankie H

Number Awards:

Sapphire: Matilda J, Jessica W, Anton M
Emerald: Jessica W, Romeo L-D, Olivia P
Bronze: Dax Ford, Heaven-Rose T, Izzy T, Nellie S
Diamond: Patrick P

Shooting Star


Samuel P, Evelyn B

Mathletics:

KS1: Eliana I
KS2: Saeeb U
Mathletes of the week: Thomas S

Diary Dates

14/07/26	EYFS to Year 1 Transition Meeting 5pm—School Hall
14/07/26	KS1 to KS2 Transition Meeting 5pm—Croatia Classroom
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)

INSET Days 2025—2026

Wednesday 22nd July (5)

Attendance

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.7%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.



Mathletics Round Up

A huge well done to everyone who has used Mathletics this academic year! As a school we have given 9,324,935 correct answers and earned 2,895 certificates/stickers.

A special well done goes to the following children who have reached Legend V Status for demonstrating commitment throughout the school year. Well done to: Gethin, Jasper W, Alyssia W, Saeeb, Nellie S, Harry R, Samyong R, Avrora, Oscar P, Amber P, Avleen K, Freya H, Ethan H, Jack C, Betsy C, Edward C, Owen C, Evan C, William C, Ziggy M and Olivia B.

Whilst we won't be monitoring Mathletics certificates over the summer, the platform remains open for pupils to use. The year groups will be rolled up in September and all certificate progress will be reset.

Times Table Rockstars and Numbots will also remain live over the summer - a little practice of key maths facts as often as possible will support transition into your child's new year group in September.

Mrs Tunnicliffe

End of Year

As we are nearing the end of this academic year, can we please remind all parents to clear outstanding debts on their child's account. This includes after school and breakfast club fees and payment for lunches. Failure to clear these accounts will mean you will not be able to access these services in September.

LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?
Year R-5	Permissions for 2026/2027	Friday 17th July

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.



Help Lucas to support the Little Princess Trust

Lucas is one of our Year 4 pupils who has been quietly growing his hair for a great cause.....

*Lucas was inspired to grow his hair by his local beat officer Pc Stone, who donated her hair in support of an amazing charity- **The Little Princess Trust**.*

The Little Princess Trust provides real hair wigs, free of charge, to children and young people who have lost their own hair through cancer treatment or to other conditions. The charity is also one of the largest funders of childhood cancer research in the UK.

He has committed the last two years to growing and maintaining his hair.

He has now decided that he will be donating at least 12 inches of his blond locks before school breaks for summer, to give another child the opportunity to feel more confident whilst they are fighting through their journey.

He will be getting his hair cut after school on the top playground next Friday 17th July at 3.30pm and would love lots of people to stay and support him as he has his hair cut short. Alongside this, he is also looking for donations for the charity to support their amazing work. Donations can be made at the following link:

https://www.justgiving.com/page/michael-ahearne-coe-1?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=EM

Year 6 (Current Year 5's) – PGL Liddington Residential 8th-12th March 2027

If you have registered your child for next year's PGL trip in March 2027, the outstanding balance will need to be paid by Friday 11th December 2026. You can start to pay this online in instalments if you prefer.



Year 4 (Current Year 3's) – Stubbington Residential 11th-13th January 2027

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 23rd October 2026. You can start to pay this online in instalments if you prefer.





Bikeability will be at our school on the dates below, please use the link below for booking:

- **20 & 24 August 2026**

Book here - [Hampshire Outdoors - Bikeability – Hampshire County Council Shop](#)

If anybody missed their Level 2 delivery – please contact Bikeability as they have some Level 2 spaces available.

Year 6 SATs - As communicated earlier in the week, we have been told to expect Year 6 SAT results on Thursday 16th July. We will endeavour to process these quickly and will let you know arrangements for collection once we know they are going to arrive!

Pathways on the way to school... Please can we ask that children are really careful when walking or scootering along the pathways outside school. We have had a reported incident this week where a member of the community nearly knocked a child over when they went to leave their driveway. We will be talking to the children about being not only aware of cars moving on the roads but also on driveways.