



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



Walk to Church, Harvest Festival—Tuesday 21st October 2025

This year we will be holding our **Harvest Festival on Tuesday 21st October**. All children in Years 1—6 will be going to All Saints Church for a service at 10.00am. The children will leave school at approximately 9.25am and **we would welcome any parents who are available to walk with us**. If you can help please let the school office know, thank you.

Friends of St John's AGM meeting—Thursday 16th October 2025

The Friends of St John's (our parent group) have their annual AGM on Thursday 16th October. The Friends are a small group of dedicated parents, grandparents, friends and neighbours who work to fundraise for the school. As their AGM article explains they have helped, over many years, to fundraise for some of the 'extra, lovely' things we have around school. With school budgets getting tighter and tighter, their help now means we can replace and up-grade things to ensure your children have the best education we can provide. At the moment, our laptops are reaching the end of their lives. This means that although we have always been able to provide excellent computing lessons, the laptops are now causing us problems as they have poor battery life and are slow to load! This obviously reduces the amount of time your child gets to spend learning. We would therefore like to replace these and have asked for the FOSJs help as we just don't have that type of money available within the school budget. However, to do this, the Friends need your help. They have a great committee but need help at events and in setting things up. *Could you help with the disco? Could you shop before the disco? Could you help out at the Fireworks, for example making candyfloss on the night?* The more people who volunteer for the 'little jobs' the less everyone has to do and the more successful the Friends can be, and therefore provide the 'extras' for the children of St John's. Please consider attending their AGM and supporting the team to help make St John's the best school it can be.

Class Certificates

Enys Pollard
 Jeremy Wong
 Isaac Hinton
 Florence Owen
 Zola Cobham
 Lianna Chau
 Winston Hall
 Alfie Mead
 Hope Law

Number Awards:

Sapphire: Ceci Underdown,
 Rosie Lo, Sammy Hyde

Emerald: Andreea Dumitrasco
 Oscar Sullivan

Bronze: Ava-Grace Anurukem
 Samuel Mancino

Platinum: Fabian Bundock

Diamond: Fabian Bundock,
 Robyn Franks-Wray,
 Kali Dodds, Marcus Flanigan,
 Aurora Pilotti, Jazz Watson,
 Paige McDonald, Ruby Sharpe,
 Sammy Tomlinson,
 Chloe Gausden, Evan Cotton,
 Luke Dumbleton, Amari Lutaya
 Finlay Wrench, Freddie Brown
 Jaden Mukesh, Freya Hossain,
 Ethan Igbuan, Raya Samuel,
 Felix Rasmussen, Aida Baldwin
 Freddie Spurdens

Diary Dates

- 13/10/25 Year 1/2 Explorers Workshop
- 16/10/25 FOSJ AGM at 7pm—School Library
- 15-20/10/25 Travelling Book Fair 3.20pm-4pm in the School Hall
- 20/10/25 SENCO coffee afternoon
- 21/10/25 Harvest Festival (Years 1-6)
- 23/10/25 Break the Rules Day
- 23/10/25 Last day of Autumn term 1
- 24/10/25 INSET Day 2—school closed to pupils
- 27-31/10/25 Half Term
- 03/11/25 Year 5/6 Greek Portals to the Past
- 03/11/25 Year R Library visit—more details to follow
- 06/11/25 Bags2School—more details to follow
- 10/11/25 Odd Socks Day
- 12/11/25 Year R visit to War Memorial Park—more details to follow
- 14/11/25 FOSJ Fireworks
- 02/12/25 M&M Productions—Sleeping Beauty—more details to follow
- 04/12/25 Flu vaccinations for Years R-6
- 05/12/25 FOSJ Presents Room—more details to follow
- 16/12/25 Christmas Service at All Saints @10am—more details to follow
- 19/12/25 Christmas Lunch
- 19/12/25 Last Day of Autumn term 2

INSET Days 2025—2026

Friday 24th October 2025

Year 6 – PGL Liddington Residential 9th-13th March 2026

If you have registered your child for next year's PGL trip in March 2026, the outstanding balance will need to be paid by Tuesday 9th December 2025. You can start to pay this online in instalments if you prefer.



Year 4 – Stubbington Residential 21st-23rd January 2026

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 24th October 2025.



Mathletics:

KS1: Stoyan Boshier-Petrav,

KS2: Parin Verma,

Mathletes of the week: Jackson Franks

Attendance —

Whole school attendance is currently at 97.2%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.



This week in worship...

Rising Generations joined us on Monday to support us in exploring our value of 'Truth'. Calum explained to us that God has made us all unique and we need to be truthful to ourselves. In our phase worships, we have also focused on 'World Mental Health Week'. We have explored what we meant by Mental Health and looked at ways we can help and care for ourselves.



Maths Awards at St John's

Here is a summary of some of the maths awards which can be worked towards at St John's - further details are available on the school website in the parent section.

Key Stage 1 Number Awards

Children use number cards to work on their challenges. They are tested by their teacher or LSA.

Ruby Award - Number bonds to 5

Sapphire Award - Number bonds to 10 and 20

Emerald Award - Doubles to 20 and Halves up to 20

Once a child has completed the award they are presented with a certificate in Celebration Assembly.

St John's Times Table Challenges

Children use playing cards to work on their challenges. They are tested by their teacher, LSA or volunteer.

Bronze - 2x, 5x and 10x tables

Silver - 3x, 4x and 6x tables

Gold - 7x, 8x and 9x tables

Platinum - Mixed 6x, 7x, 8x, then 11x and 12x tables

Diamond - 2 packs of cards turned over together and the child must multiply the two numbers together. All 40 pairs must be answered in 2 minutes.

Key Stage 1 only:

Copper Award - Mixed 2x, 5x and 10x tables - 40 pairs in 2 minutes

Mathletics Trophies

Key Stage 1 Trophy - pupil in Year R/1/2 who has achieved the most points in the preceding week.

Key Stage 2 Trophy - pupil in Year 3/4/5/6 who has achieved the most points in the preceding week.

Mathlete of the Week Trophy - Pupil chosen for a variety of reasons e.g. regularly scores in the top 20 pupils, has scored a significant score that week.

Sport Round-Up

Some of our Year 5/6 pupils have once again shown fantastic commitment and enthusiasm across a range of sports from football to tag rugby. With plenty of goals, teamwork, and learning moments along the way, it's been a brilliant showcase of determination and school pride.

Girls' Hampshire Cup

We kicked off the Hampshire Cup by hosting Velmead Junior School from Fleet in what was the girls' first-ever cup match. Velmead proved to be a well-drilled and skilful side, coming out strong and taking the win 7-0. But our girls didn't give up for a second - they kept battling, encouraging one another, and showing real resilience throughout.

For several of our players, this was their first competitive match, and they handled it with positivity and heart. The team now moves forward into the Hampshire Plate, and we can't wait to find out who they'll face next!



Boys' Hampshire Cup

On Wednesday, we travelled to Alderwood Senior School in Aldershot to play Alderwood Juniors in the first round of the Hampshire Cup - and what a game it was! After conceding an early goal, our team regrouped and began to dominate play, creating chance after chance.

Goals from Frankie, Thomas, and Luke gave us a 3-2 lead, before Theo sealed the win with a fantastic strike from just outside the box in the final minute! The game finished 4-3, and we're now through to the next round.

It was a thrilling, hard-fought match, and every player should be proud of the teamwork and sportsmanship they displayed.



Boys' Friendly vs Park View

In typical wet English weather, our boys took on Park View in a friendly match to prepare for their upcoming Hampshire Cup fixture. The game was an exciting, end-to-end battle filled with great teamwork, passing and determination.

Both sides played some fantastic football, with Park View just edging the scoreline 8-7. Despite the narrow loss, our boys showed impressive teamwork and fighting spirit right until the final whistle.

Tag Rugby League

On Thursday, we travelled to Kempshott Junior School for the first set of fixtures in the Norman Tag Rugby League, which runs throughout the year. This was the team's first set of games together, and they represented the school brilliantly.

The players showed great teamwork, respect for the rules, and excellent sportsmanship throughout. The team won one match and lost two, giving them plenty of positives to build on for the next round of fixtures later in the year.



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Child	Title	Response?



Friends of St John's (FOSJ) AGM

Come along to the FOSJ AGM on **16 October at 7pm** in the school library. FOSJ is currently fundraising for brand-new laptops so every child can have proper IT lessons – the current ones just don't have the power and won't hold their charge. But here's the key: none of this happens without volunteers.

Over the years, FOSJ has raised money for **the library, pirate ship, MUGA, wooden house, classroom boards, musical instruments, table tennis tables (and robot!), football kit, books, and iPads**. They've also made the fun possible with discos, Break the Rules days, Frozen Fridays, movie nights, Christmas cards, the panto, quiz nights, second-hand uniform sales, Year 6 leavers mugs, Secrets Room, a colour run, and the list goes on!

If no one steps up to help, these opportunities and events simply won't run.

Give a little time, get involved, and help make the next big thing happen for our children.

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