



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



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. This year's service will be led by the children of Canada class. Along with parents who walk with the school, we would also like to invite parents of Canada children to join us for the service. As we do every year, we will be supporting the Basingstoke Food Bank. In order to support them in getting the food they 'need', **further on in this newsletter is a 'shopping list'**. If you are able to donate anything on the list, please give to your child to bring to Harvest on **Tuesday 21st October**.



Class Certificates

Avleen Kaur
Austin Smyth
Alana Reay
Lenny Afriyie
Joey Bonney
Stanley Dye
Cleo Dolby
Harley Afriyie
Seth Hudson

Number Awards:

Sapphire:

Andreea Dumitrasco

Diamond: Archie Kent,
Maryam Ahmad, Eli Moffat,
Avery Glennister, Hope Law,
Esmae West, Evie Pywell

Calling all Year 6 Parents ...

Just a gentle reminder that applications for Year 7 places need to be completed by the 31st October 2025. These applications need to be completed online at www.hants.gov.uk. Please also remember that any late applications will only be considered after children with on time applications have been placed in school. This will significantly reduce the chances of you securing your first choice secondary school so getting the application in on time is essential.

Mathletics:

KS1: Elsie Sefah
KS2: Saeed Uddin
Mathletes of the week:
Cara Wheeler

Playground Safety — Please can we remind all members of our school community that riding scooters and bikes on the school grounds is not allowed. This is to avoid accidents and keep everyone safe. Please support us with this by stopping your child riding across the playground, and please show respect to staff when they enforce this. Together we can keep everyone safe.

Attendance —

Whole school attendance is currently at 97.5%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.



This week in worship... We focused on the theme of 'Respect', linked to **Black History Month**.

Together we reflected on the Bible passage *Romans 12:4–5*, which reminds us that although we are many individuals, we are all part of one body in Christ, each with an important role to play. We thought about how showing respect helps us value one another's differences and celebrate the contributions of all people. Children were encouraged to reflect on how they can show respect in their own lives at school and at home. Next week, our worship focus will be on 'Truth'.



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.

FOSJ




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—more information to follow**
- 12/11/25 Year R visit to War Memorial Park—more details to follow
- 14/11/25 FOSJ Fireworks—more information to follow
- 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. You can start to pay this online in instalments if you prefer.



LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?

Break the Rules Day

23rd October

Rules to be broken Include

- Wear school uniform & school shoes
- Bring a healthy lunch/snack
- Have neat hair
- No temporary tattoos
- No nail varnish
- No make-up
- Pudding to be eaten after your meal
- Fill your water bottle with water only

How does it work?

Pay **50p** for every rule you would like to break.

Please put the money in a named envelope and hand it in to your teacher on the day.

Big hair (and accessories), coloured hair, fancy dress, PJs, crazy tights, temporary tattoos etc for one day only.



Harvest Appeal
Shopping List

Please donate an item or two from the list to help support local people without enough money to live on.

- UHT Milk
- Tinned Curry / Chilli / Pies
- Tinned Hot dogs / Meat
- Tinned Veg
- Tinned Fruit
- Tinned Tomatoes
- Tinned Spaghetti
- Tinned Soup
- Crisps / Snacks
- Angel Delight / Jelly
- Sweet Treats
- Custard
- Coffee



Punctuality — A polite reminder that school doors open at 8.40am and school starts at 8.50am at which point the register of attendance is taken. Staff on door duty are instructed to lock the gates at 8.50am. Please ensure that you are on the playground well before this time so that you are able to drop your child off and leave before the gate is locked. If it is past 8.50am when you go to leave the playground, you are likely to find that one of the gates is locked. Please use the other gate and treat the staff with respect.

If you arrive after 8.50am, please bring your child to the front entrance and sign them in there. They will be marked as late between 8.50am and 9.00am. They will have an unauthorised absence mark after 9.00am.

