



# St John's Newsletter

*Learning, Loving and Laughing Together*



## Is your child starting school in September 2026?

If your child, or a child you know, is 4 before the 1st September next year, they are eligible to start school next September. Although this seems a long way off, applications for Year R open on 1st November 2025 and need to be submitted by 15th January 2026. If you, or anyone you know, would like to apply to St John's we will be running a series of open days to show prospective parents around our lovely school. Our open days are:

- Thursday 16th October at 10.30am
- Wednesday 5th November at 10.30am
- Tuesday 11th November at 1.30pm
- Wednesday 19th November at 10.30am
- Tuesday 25th November at 1.30pm
- Thursday 4th December at 1.30pm
- Tuesday 6th January 2026 at 10.30pm

If you wish to attend one of our open days, please contact the school office on [adminoffice@st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk) or via phone on 01256 324121 to book a place.



## Class Certificates

Beau Harvey  
Elizabeth Buick  
Ethan Hossain  
Samuel Mancino  
Leo Minter  
Theo Hammond  
Thomas Stepney  
Betsy Croll  
Alice Tomlin

## Shooting Star

  
Ryan Gillbanks

## Number Awards:

**Diamond:** Samuel Pain, Charlie Furse, Seth Hudson, Dominion Babatunde-Ajayi, Matilda Lovick, Luke Rankine, Bethany Applegate, Cleo Dolby, Connor Furminger, Orlagh Gough, Winston Hall, Theo Hopkins, Evan He, Lys Leveau Dasilva, Sumayyah Nouroul Hazhen, Mia Routley, Thomas Sutcliffe, Rupert Roe, Thomas Stepney, Saeed Uddin, Grace White, Sterren Verschuren

## Mathletics:

**KS1:** Aisha Mahjabeen  
**KS2:** Parin Verma  
**Mathletes of the week:**  
Maryam Ahmad



### **This week in worship...**

We have continued with our theme of 'Core Christian Values' this week. We were joined by the Rising Generations team from the Basingstoke Church on Monday who continued to speak with the children about our value of 'Love'. They spoke with the children about the importance of loving others around us and they shared this passage from Mark (12:30-31): *"Love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind, and all your strength. The second most important command is this: Love your neighbour as you love yourself."* They shared with the children the parable of The Good Samaritan, and discussed how the Samaritan demonstrated love in this way. They asked the children to reflect on ways in which they could show their love to others throughout the week:

**L**—Listen to others

**O**—Offer help when someone is in need

**V**—Value everyone—treat people the way you would want to be treated

**E**—Encourage and include

### **Walk to School Challenge**



On Wednesday, Juliette from Living Streets came in to do an assembly with the children about the benefits of active travel to school, which the children really engaged with. Please find attached to the newsletter more information about the new initiative that we will be taking part in from Monday next week.

### **Team Captain Elections**

This week we held our elections for our Year 6 team captains for this year. All candidates did an amazing job of delivering their speeches to their house teams providing reasons why they should be elected for this year. Winners were announced in Celebration Worship this morning and our new team captains were given their badges to wear on their uniforms. The Year 6 St John's Team Captains for this year are:

**North America**—Betsy Croll and Bethany Applegate

**Africa**—Theo Hopkins and Florence Byrne

**Asia**—Parin Verma and Thomas Sutcliffe

**South America**—Erin Hudson and Lys Leveau Dasilva

**Diary Dates**

- 24/09/25 Year R 'Come Dine with Me' parent lunch event @ 11.45am
- 26/09/25 **FOSJ Musical Bingo at St John's School 7pm-10.30pm**
- 13/10/25 **Year 1/2 Explorers Workshop**
- 16/10/25 **FOSJ AGM at 7pm—location tbc**
- 20/10/25 SENCO coffee afternoon—invitations issued near the time
- 21/10/25 Harvest Festival (Years 1-6) - more details to follow
- 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
- 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—more details to follow
- 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?
Year 1/2	Explorers Workshop Letter	Friday 3rd October
Year 5/6	Greek Workshop Letter	Friday 10th October
All Children	Big Pictures—Autumn Term 1	



## Year 5/6 Sports Events This Week

Some of our Year 5/6 children have taken part in a series of friendly matches against Oakridge Junior School. These fixtures weren't just about the games themselves – they were about **learning new skills, building confidence, strengthening friendships and developing a real sense of teamwork**. From cheering each other on from the sidelines to giving 100% effort on the field or court, our children showed incredible enthusiasm, determination and school spirit throughout.

Friday saw our boys' football team in action for the very first time as a mixed Year 5/6 squad. Despite battling through wet and windy conditions, the boys gave it their all – encouraging one another, working hard for every ball, and showing brilliant teamwork throughout.

On Monday, our netball team travelled to Oakridge. For several players it was their very first taste of a netball match. After some early nerves, the team quickly found their rhythm, grew in confidence and began to really enjoy the game. We're excited to see them continue this journey in the upcoming local schools' netball league.

On Tuesday, we hosted Oakridge again, this time for a girls' football match in far kinder weather! This was the first time the girls had played together as a team – and for a few, their first-ever match. They showed brilliant energy, determination and teamwork, scoring several well-worked goals and leaving the pitch full of smiles. Next week they'll take on their first competitive fixture in the Girls' Hampshire Cup.

We're so proud of every single child who took part this week – you showed courage, enthusiasm and real team spirit. Thank you as well to all the parents and carers who came to cheer the teams on. Your support makes these moments even more special.



### Lunchtime Play Leader—to start as soon as possible

We are looking for a lunchtime play leader to join our friendly team who look after our pupils at lunchtime. This role is for 5 days a week from 11.45am – 1.15pm but those who can do 2 days will be considered.

The successful candidate will:

- Enjoy working with children
- Be proactive and promote 'positive play'
- Actively engage with children to ensure lunchtimes are enjoyable and promote healthy eating
- Have high expectations of children's behaviour
- Have an understanding of confidentiality and safeguarding procedures (training given)

The main duties will include:

- Assisting the children in the dinner hall
- Ensuring positive behaviour at all times during lunchtime
- Organising and playing games or activities to help develop children's play
- Administering basic first aid (training will be given)

The salary for the role is A3: £23,657 pro rata (Actual salary £4,101.84).

If you are interested, please contact the school office on [adminoffice@st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk) for more information or an application form.

**HAMPSHIRE MUSIC EDUCATION HUB**

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### Create a Poem

To celebrate the reopening of St Michael's church in Basingstoke we have been invited to create some poems about our wonderful school values. These poems will be displayed at a special service with the Mayor. Let's show Basingstoke how special our school is! If your child would like to contribute to this please bring your poem into school by Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> October.

**Attendance** — Whole school attendance is currently at 98.2%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.



# Stubbington Study Centre



## Open Day

(for children visiting in the Spring Term 2026)

### Saturday 11th October 2025

**FREE ENTRY**      **10am—4pm**      *Allow about 1 hour to look around*

Are you about to come to Stubbington Study Centre with your school and want the opportunity to have a look around? Come along to our open day where you can:

- ⇒ Have a look in the dormitories
- ⇒ Play on the adventure playground
- ⇒ Meet the Stubbington Staff
- ⇒ Explore the site
- ⇒ Follow a trail around the grounds
- ⇒ Visit the Tuck Shop
- ⇒ See where you will eat
- ⇒ Try a Stubbington biscuit!

For your safety and convenience:

- Report to the welcome desk on arrival
- Please limit your stay to 1 hour
- Due to limited parking, please car share if possible
- The Tuck Shop is CASH ONLY



Please note that **NO** refreshments are available to purchase, except purchase of biscuits or sweets in the tuck shop.

Stubbington Study Centre, 184 Stubbington Lane, Fareham, Hants PO14 2ND

Please note that unfortunately dogs are not allowed on the site, except for assistance dogs.



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Musical Bingo is the fun interactive party game that blends traditional bingo with popular music, where instead of numbers, players bingo cards feature song titles, artists or genres. Lots of singing and lots of dancing ! Prizes to be won!

Bring your own snacks and drinks to the fun event to help raise much needed funds for the schools new laptops

**Buy tickets below**

[www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstjohnscoe/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=102642#](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/friendsofstjohnscoe/index.cfm?event=event&eventId=102642#)



 **Friday September 26, 2025 7pm - 10.30pm**

 **£10 Per person**

 **St Johns Primary School - RG21 3JU**