



St John's Newsletter

Learning, Loving and Laughing Together



Welcome!

First of all a big welcome to all our new children and new families that have joined us this week. The children have settled really well into school and, if you are new, we hope you too will soon feel part of our community.

This is our weekly newsletter which will support you to find out what is going on at school.



Is your child in Year 6?

I know we have just started the new year but if your child is in Year 6, you need to submit their secondary school application before **31st October 2025** to get the best opportunity of securing your first choice school. Applications need to be made directly to Hampshire through the school admissions page which can be found at www.hants.gov.uk/educationandlearning/admissions. The application process is now live.

To help you make this important decision, the local secondary schools are currently holding open evenings and offering opportunities to look round. If you wish to know when these are, please log on to their website. As part of this decision making process, please can we also encourage you to read the admission policies for the schools you are interested in so you can judge the likelihood that you will be able to secure a place.

How can I find out what my child is learning? We fully appreciate that when asked what they did at school that day, most children reply 'Nothing'! Of course we all know that is not the case so if your child won't tell you, you might need to find out in other ways. Well this is where our website comes in really useful!

Weekly Postcards home— this document is for Years 1—6 and provides you with a snapshot of what the children were doing last week and what they will be doing next week. It helps if you want to support the children with their homework or chat to them about their learning—www.st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk/weekly-postcards-home/. Year R have a weekly newsletter that provides this information.

Big Picture—These are emailed to you at the beginning of a new theme (*usually at the beginning of a half term*). They detail what the children will be covering in each subject that term, homework details and PE days. They can also be found on the website at www.st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk/class-pages/.

Curriculum Pages—these are dedicated pages on our website that provide you with details of each of our subjects including overview of how we cover each aspect of a subject across your child's time in school. Due to our mixed aged classes, we have a two year rolling curriculum programme. If you look at these pages, we are now teaching cycle B. These pages can be found at www.st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk/science-1/.

Parent Partnership meetings—parent meetings will take place once each term. This term they are scheduled for early November. However, if you have a concern please don't wait until then, contact your class teacher via email. Please email adminoffice@st-johnscofe.hants.sch.uk and put FAO in the title of the email.



Diary Dates

- 15/09/25 KS1 Library visit
- 24/09/25 Year R 'Come Dine with Me' parent lunch event @ 11.45am
- 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—more details to follow
- 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
- 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.



Class Certificates

- Taarush Rawat
- Izzy Thomas
- Eliana Igbuan
- Robyn Butler-Bliss
- Oscar Pham
- Daisy McGinley
- Cora Boghurst
- Lilly Stuart
- Gabriel Northcote

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.



Attendance — Whole school attendance is currently at 98.5%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.



LETTER ALERT!

Child	Title	Response?
Year R	'Come Dine with Me' Letter	17th September

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 for more information or an application form.

This week in worship...

This term our theme is '*Core Christian Values*'. We were joined by the Rising Generations team from the Basingstoke Church on Monday who talked about our value of '*Love*' with the children. They spoke with the children about God's love for us all and they shared this passage from John (4:16): "*God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them.*" They reminded the children of Jesus speaking of God's love in his parable of The Lost Sheep. The children have continued to focus on the value of love within their phase and class worships this week.

Did you know that good attendance is 96% plus?

I know, if you got 96% or more in an exam, you are exceptional. However, this doesn't apply to attendance. The government define good attendance as 96% or above. If a child's attendance drops below 90% it is of a concern as it will impact on their progress.

Regardless of whether we want our children to be at school, sometimes they are just too poorly to be in school. If you are unsure whether to send your child to school or not, the following link will take you to a great leaflet written by the NHS to support you in your decision. It can be found at www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/

