

St John's CE Academy

Weekly Newsletter

Like mustard seeds, we aim to nurture our children to grow and flourish in the safety of our school. Underpinned by our Christian values, we are committed to seeing children achieve their individual potential and develop their God-given talents in order to blossom into contributing members of society.

Friday 12th September 2025

A Message From Our Principal



Dear Parents,

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back for the start of a new school year. The excitement and energy across the school have been fantastic, and it is lovely to see the children settling back into routines and embracing their learning once again.

A gentle reminder that any communication should be directed through the school office. For non-urgent matters, you are welcome to use the school reading diaries to pass on messages. Please also remember that safeguarding is our top priority—myself, Miss Moulton, and Mrs. Turkmen are always here should you have any concerns you wish to discuss.

We have so many exciting events and opportunities ahead this academic year, and I can't wait to share them with you and the children.

I am especially looking forward to visiting the Houses of Parliament with our Class MPs on Monday, and I know our Year 6 pupils are eagerly anticipating their residential trip the following week.

Warm regards,
Mrs S Bailey

Quote of the week:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."— [Joshua 1:9](#)

This week's Attendance heroes are
... Year 1 AND Year 5!

EYFS: 92.8%	Class 4: 93.4%
Class 1: 100%	Class 5: 100%
Class 2: 97.4%	Class 6: 95.3%
Class 3: 97.5%	

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This Week's Birthdays...

Isaac Y2
Tomos Y4
Hamdan Y2

Bertie Y5
Eliza Y6
Charlie Y6

Millie Y6



Stars of the Week

EYFS	Ahmet – For settling into Reception well and playing kindly with other children.
Class 1	Milo – Fantastic resilience in his writing never giving up and his brilliant answers and participation in our class discussions.
Class 2	Madison - For finding the transition into Y2 a little bit tricky but showing great resilience.
Class 3	Abigail - for always showing an excellent attitude for learning and always being there for her peers.
Class 4	Harper – for showing excellent ambition, trying hard to contribute more to lessons.
Class 5	Zara – For showing her CARE values through Respect and Empathy and contributing daily.
Class 6	Emily – For a fantastic cold write narrative and for having a great attitude to her learning.

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Weekly Class Overviews:

EYFS: What an amazing week we have had in Reception. This week we have focused on routines, classroom rules and expectations, friendships, families and most importantly having a great time! I am so proud of how well all the children have settled and how well they are engaging with the provision. We have also introduced our text title for this term 'We're Going to Find a Monster' - the children are very excited to find out what the story is all about!

Class 1: We've had a fantastic first full week in Year 1, and the children have settled in brilliantly—we're so proud of them! In English, we've been working on writing super sentences using capital letters, finger spaces, full stops, and neat letter formation. In Maths, the children explored different tools like counters, Numicon, and base 10 to help with addition and subtraction. We also began learning about forgiveness in RE, explored timelines in History, looked at our local area in Geography, and learned about weather symbols in Science.

Class 2: What an incredible week it's been in Year 2! Our classroom has been full of enthusiasm, determination, and plenty of smiles as we continue to grow as learners and kind members of our community. This week, the children showed ambition and courage as they wrote about their hopes and dreams for the future. From aspiring astronauts to future teachers, their writing was filled with creativity and thoughtful reflection. It's inspiring to see such big dreams in such little hearts! We are so proud of how Year 2 are living out our school values in their learning and in the way they treat each other. Well done, everyone!

Class 3: We have been having an amazing time in Class 3 this week! We have been working super hard in our English lessons as we are starting to learn all about our new book 'Seal Surfer' and we have been showing off our counting skills in maths by counting up and down in 100's. During our afternoons, we have been getting extra creative as we started our topics of movement and nutrition in Science and volcanoes in Geography. We have even made our own 2D model showing the layers of the Earth and we've also made skeletons that we can move!

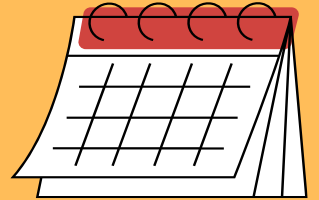
Class 4: What a brilliant first week we have had in Class 4, the children have been working so hard! We have been working extremely hard on our Place Value unit. This week in Maths we focused on counting and recognising multiples of 1000 and sharpening our arithmetic skills. In Design and Technology, we started our new unit all about biscuits! The children looked at different target audiences for biscuits and began thinking about their own designs. As you can imagine, this was very exciting, and we are all looking forward to our taste testing lesson later in the term!

Class 5: Well done Class 5 for a good first week. We have started our learning in English beginning to introduce our Diary Entries Topic. In Maths the class has worked hard on Place value and numbers up to 100,000. The class has been looking at how we can apply our CARE values to everyday life. Keep working hard Class 5!

Class 6: It's been a fantastic first full week back in Class 6! We have been diving into our English text Star of Fear, Star of Hope, where the children have written some brilliant speech sandwiches and used expanded noun phrases to bring their writing to life. Their resilience and writing stamina have been outstanding, and it's wonderful to see how much they've already matured into Year 6 learners.

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Diary Dates



Monday 15th Sept – Class MP visit to Houses of Parliament

Monday 22nd Sept – Y6 5-day Residential to Condover Hall

Thursday 25th Sept – Y4 visit to Sudbury Hall

Thursday 2nd Oct – Roald Dahl Themed Lunch Menu

Friday 3rd Oct – Athlete in school

Friday 10th Oct – Hello Yellow Day – Supporting 'Young Minds' - wear yellow non-uniform day

Friday 16th Oct – Languages Day – Parent speakers welcome – please contact the school office.

Friday 17th Oct – Show Racism the Red Card – wear red non-uniform day

Friday 24th Oct – INSET DAY

Mon 27 – Fri 31 Oct – Half Term

Tues 9th Dec – Flu Vaccination Programme – Rec to Y6

Fri 19th Dec – Pantomime in school

Fri 19th Dec – School Closes for Christmas Break

Wed 7th Jan – Y1 & Y2 Trip to Sudbury Hall

Wed 14th Jan – Young Voices, Birmingham

Thurs 19th Mar – Scholastic Book Fair starts