



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 26th September 2025

A Message From Our Principal

Dear Parents,

This week has been full of enrichment opportunities for our children, and it's been wonderful to see them embracing each experience with enthusiasm and positivity.

Our Year 6 pupils have had an unforgettable time on their week-long residential at Conover, where they truly demonstrated the values we hold dear at St John's. A huge thank you to Miss Moulton, Mrs Newnes, and Mr Bachelet for accompanying the children and supporting them throughout the week.

Year 4 also enjoyed a fantastic trip to Sudbury Hall. We are very grateful to all the parent volunteers who helped support Miss Koksai—your involvement made the day extra special for the children.

Also this week, Mr Lee took a group of pupils to represent St John's at the Newcastle Cluster Cross Country event. The children tried their absolute best and were a real credit to our school—well done to all involved!

Looking ahead, a reminder that we are still welcoming parent volunteers to speak with our children on *Languages Day*, which will take place on **16th October**. If you're interested in taking part, please do get in touch—we'd love to hear from you. Finally, a big thank you to Mrs Dunkley and Miss Moulton for arranging our whole-school poetry workshop next week. This promises to be a fantastic experience for the children, sparking creativity and imagination across the school. We hope you all have a restful and enjoyable weekend.

Warm regards,
Mrs S Bailey

This week's Attendance heroes are ... Year 6 !

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| EYFS: 96.4% | Class 4: 97.3% |
| Class 1: 98.9% | Class 5: 99.0% |
| Class 2: 93.0% | Class 6: 100.0% |
| Class 3: 92.4% | |

Quote of the week:

**"You're braver than you believe,
stronger than you seem, and
smarter than you think," A. A.
Milne**

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This Week's Birthdays...

Mrs Bailey
Austin – R
Elodie - Y3

Mrs Aidrus



Stars of the Week

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| EYFS | Elijah – for sharing his excellent knowledge about Christianity and Jesus with the class during RE. |
| Class 1 | Nancy – for her well-crafted and punctuated sentences using a conjunction correctly. |
| Class 2 | Andrew - For always following instructions well and applying himself to the best of his ability. |
| Class 3 | Amber – For always making the right choices and being an excellent role model in front of her peers. |
| Class 4 | Alice – for excellent effort including fronted adverbials and expended noun phrases in our diary entry write in English. |
| Class 5 | Danny – For always displaying all the 4 values of the school in everything he does. |
| Class 6 | All of Class 6 – For demonstrating resilience and independence, and for embracing both the challenges and successes of residential. |

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Weekly Class Overviews:

EYFS: Reception have had a fantastic week exploring within their learning. We have enjoyed talking about Autumn and what the signs and changes are; such as what things and animal's foods, we might see during this season. We have also talked about the importance of Harvest and how we help those less fortunate at this time. The children have been so happy bringing in their food donations!

Class 1: This week, the children have truly impressed me with their resilience and ambition, showing great effort across all areas of our curriculum. In English, we crafted our own heartfelt friendship poems, ready to impress PEP the Poet during next week's visit. In RE, we explored why Christians pray to God and created our own very special Year 1 class prayer. In Computing, we've been learning how to become responsible digital citizens, focusing on the steps we can take to stay safe online. What another amazing week of learning, growth, and creativity!

Class 2: This week in Class 2 has been a real success! The children produced fantastic writing about Rocket's adventure watching the meteor shower, using their imagination and descriptive skills brilliantly. In maths, they showed great reasoning and problem-solving, really thinking carefully about their answers. We are also so proud of how they have lived out our CARE values through their fantastic behaviour for learning – well done, Class 2!

Class 3: This week Y3 have really focused on developing their writing with a wide range of vocabulary. We have explored expanded noun phrases. We really enjoyed learning about muscle movement and creating our own DIY hands showing how our bones and muscle move.

Class 4: Year 4 have had a fantastic school trip this week to Sudbury Hall to support our history learning about how childhoods have changed over time. The children loved exploring the museum displays and the schoolroom, and the highlight for many was the chance to climb up the chimney, just like real chimney sweeps would have done! It was a brilliant day full of learning and fun. A massive thank you to our parent volunteers who supported us to make sure the trip was a great experience for all!

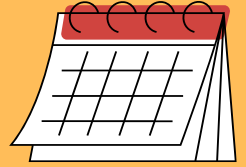
Class 5: Class 5 have had a week of interesting topics. We have investigated why people visit the alps, explored how to create a water filter and the importance of setting a filter up. We worked in maths on number lines and rounding to the nearest 10,000 & 100,000. In English we have created two-character profiles. We worked as a class to create a profile for Brian Lara and then independently created one for Painter Jean-Michel Basquet.

Class 6:

Class 6 had an unforgettable residential week at Condoover Hall, filled with adventure, teamwork, and fun! From the excitement of canoeing and the thrill of the aerial trapeze and zip lining, to the strategy and laughter of laser conquest, every day was packed with new challenges and unforgettable memories. A huge thank you to Ms Newnes and Mr Bachelet for their incredible support throughout the week, helping Miss Moulton ensure the trip was a fantastic experience for everyone involved!

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Diary Dates



Tuesday 30th Sept – PEP the Poet – Whole School Poetry Workshop
– No cost to parents

Thursday 2nd Oct – Roald Dahl Themed Lunch Menu – Census Day

Thursday 2nd Oct – Harvest Service in Church – 9:15 am – Parents welcome

Friday 3rd Oct – Athlete in school

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

Monday 13th Oct – Learn with Me - Y2 and Y6 @ 9.00am

Tuesday 14th Oct – Learn with Me - Y1 @ 9.00am

Wednesday 15th Oct – Learn with Me - Y3, Y4, Y5 and EYFS @ 9.00am

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

Wed 22nd Oct - Parents Evening – more info to follow

Friday 24th Oct – INSET DAY

Mon 27th – Fri 31st Oct – Half Term

24th Nov – UK Parliament Week

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

Tues 9th Dec – KS1 Nativity – 3:30pm – more info to follow

Wed 10th Dec – KS1 Nativity 5:00pm – more info to follow

Mon 15th Dec – EYFS Nativity 2:30pm - more info to follow

Tues 16th Dec - EYFS Nativity 2:30pm - more info to follow

Thurs 18th Dec – Christmas Church Service – Parents welcome to attend

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