



ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: '.....I CAN DO EVERYTHING THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH'

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NEWSLETTER

UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

It has been a shorter school week following the Bank Holiday weekend and the Thursday closure due to the school being used as a Polling Station. Despite this, school life has remained busy and full of wonderful opportunities for learning and reflection.

'We Were Made to Worship You' - Celebrating Our Worship Song Success

This week we were delighted to welcome the Music Director from the All Souls Orchestra as part of our ongoing Prom Praise for Schools (PP4S) journey.

You may remember that last year our Year 5 pupils entered a national competition to write and compose their own worship song for PP4S 2026. We are incredibly proud that their song, "We Were Made to Worship You", was selected as the winning entry and performed at the Royal Albert Hall earlier this year.

During the visit, pupils recorded the song alongside orchestral music, and some children were interviewed for a short film which will feature in the free Prom Praise livestream on Saturday 6th June. We look forward to sharing the link with families once it is released.



A Special Visit from Rev. Matthew to Nursery

We were delighted to welcome Rev. Matthew to Nursery this week as part of the children's RE learning. The children greatly enjoyed learning more about his role as a vicar, asking thoughtful questions and developing their understanding of faith and community.



CENTURY

Polling Day INSET

Staff spent time together engaging in important curriculum training and exploring new programmes to continue strengthening teaching and learning across the school. One of our new programmes will be 'Century' a great online platform to support pupils learning in SPAG, Reading, Maths and Science!



Prayer Group

It was also lovely to welcome parents into school this Friday morning for our Parent Prayer Group. Thank you to everyone who attended. A gentle reminder that all parents and carers are warmly invited to join us — it is a peaceful and supportive time together and everyone is very welcome.



School of Performance

A new club will be launched from Summer 2! A dance and Performance Arts club run externally by 'Select'. Keep an eye on the newsletter for updates!



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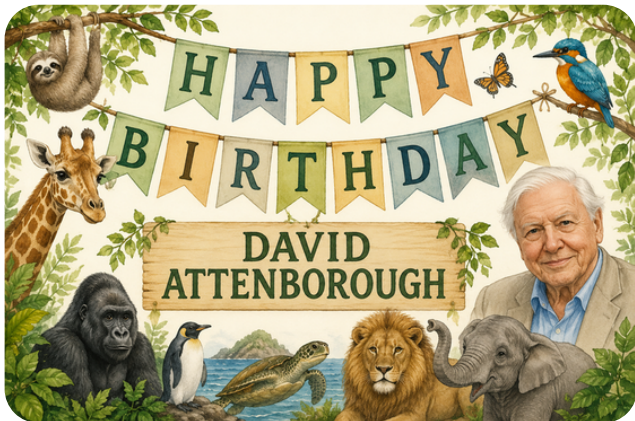
Looking Ahead — Year 6 SATS Week

Next week is SATS week for our Year 6 pupils. We keep all of our children in our thoughts and prayers as they approach this important milestone. We are incredibly proud of the hard work, resilience and determination they have shown throughout the year. Year 6 pupils will be warmly welcomed into school from 8:00am each morning for our SATS Breakfast Club, a calm and positive opportunity to start the day well with friends and staff.



A Prayer for Our Year 6 Children

Dear Lord,
Be with our Year 6 children next week. Help them to feel calm, confident and proud of all they have achieved. Guide them to do their best and remind them that they are valued far beyond any test result. May they know your peace and encouragement each day.
Amen.



Today we celebrate the remarkable 100th birthday of Sir David Attenborough David Attenborough, an inspiring figure whose work has helped generations learn about and care for our natural world.

To mark this special occasion, the BBC will air a special programme this evening at 8:30pm, celebrating his extraordinary life and contribution to nature, science and conservation.

**Wishing all our families a restful and blessed weekend.
Miss Donnelly**

NOTICES

STATUTORY ASSESSMENT DATES

11-14th May - KS2 SATS Week

1-12th June - Year 4 Multiplication Test Period

8-12th June - KS1 Phonics Screening Check

14th May - Sponge the Teacher - Y6 Fundraising 3:30-4pm

18th -22nd May - Y6 Residential Week

18th May - New Reception Parents - Teddy Bear's Picnic

25th May -1st June - Half Term

1st June - INSET DAY

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WEEK 4



6 Williams 100%



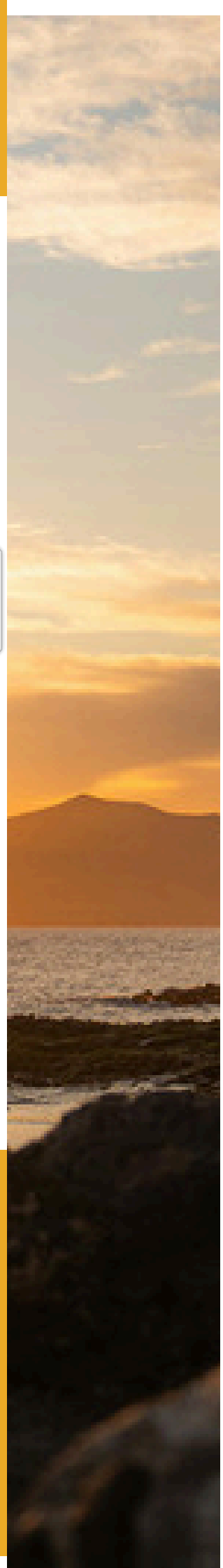
5 Fitzgerald 98.6%



1 Byron 98.3%

National expectation of attendance 95%

Whole school attendance: **95.7%**





Our strengths this week!

Nursery

We have been loving all our opportunities for role play, we've been to the shopping centre this week car wash, fashion designers, shoe shops, nail technicians - developing our social skills and our vocabulary

Donaldson

This week we have been focusing on adding two sets of numbers together. The children explored this in a variety of ways through practical activities and hands-on tasks. We also looked at how two parts can be combined to make a whole, helping the children to develop their understanding of early addition.

1 Byron

In Art we have been learning about Aboriginal Art. We explored using different resources to print with - even Lego pieces!

2 Pilkey

This week Year 2 created interesting collages about the Great Fire of London. They are trying to show a cubism or abstract style of artwork, through collage they used different materials to create their piece.

3 Wiltshire & Morris

We have continued to learn about fractions and have done well with the reasoning questions. In History we were looking at the Greek vases to find out more about the first Olympic games. We then had a go at some of them ourselves in a mini Olympics!

4 Banksy & Kusama

We've been working on drafting beautifully detailed narratives for English. They have been drafting different sections and drawing pictures to accompany their work. We have seen a lot of creativity flowing, as they write with humour and flair!

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

In Maths this week, we have been working hard on using protractors to measure angles. As well as working on ideas for Green week and busy planning how to save energy and working on sustainable living!

6 Lennon & Williams

Year 6 have been busy preparing for their SATs this week, going through tricky questions and revising top tips. In the afternoons, the children have been busy creating their Steady Hand Games for DT which they thoroughly enjoyed doing.

Bible Reference

John 14:1-14

The Big Question



Why were Jesus Disciple feeling anxious?

This week we warmly welcomed a new Clergy member: Rev. Rachel. Rachel, took time to explore the Bible verse and specifically the story of the Last Supper.

She explained that disciples were feeling anxious because Jesus had told them that he was going to leave them and how they were confused, worried, and afraid about what would happen next. They had followed Jesus closely and trusted him, so hearing that he would go away made them feel uncertain and unsettled.

Rev. Rachel helped us understand this by exploring different words for "anxious," such as worried, nervous, fearful, and uncertain. She then used a compass to show how it gives direction and helps people navigate safely, even when they are unsure where to go. Through the interactive activity in the hall, we learned how a compass helps us feel secure because it points the right way.

She compared the compass to God, explaining that God is like our divine SATNAV. Even when we cannot see the full journey or understand what is ahead, God knows the way. If we trust in Him, He guides and directs us through life, helping us feel safe and secure just as the compass guides travellers. In John 14:1-14, Jesus comforts the disciples by telling them, "Do not let your hearts be troubled. Trust in God; trust also in me," reminding them that they are never alone and that He is preparing a place for them.



Let us pray

Loving God,
When we feel anxious or unsure, help us to remember Your words of peace. Just as a compass shows the right direction, guide our hearts and our steps each day. Teach us to trust You even when we do not understand what lies ahead. Thank You that Jesus promises not to leave us alone, but to lead us and prepare a place for us. Help us to feel safe in Your care and to follow Your guidance with faith.

Amen.