



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 wonderful start to the summer term, it was especially lovely to see the trees coming into blossom. The children have returned brilliantly after the Easter break and have settled straight back into school life with enthusiasm and positivity. It has been a real pleasure walking around the school and seeing the excitement as new topics are launched in classrooms, with pupils already fully engaged in their learning.

We began the first week with a visit from the LDBS School Effectiveness Partner, whose role focuses on supporting Church of England schools to maintain and improve educational standards while preserving their Christian ethos. Time was spent discussing the school improvement plan and its impact. We also visited classes to observe the quality of teaching and learning. As always, our external visitors are extremely impressed with the behaviour for learning, our adaptive approaches to teaching in order to meet all of our pupils' needs. The report has now been published, it was a lovely read, that really emphasised our drive for pupils to flourish from their starting points and to achieve educational excellence.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.
God bless you all,
Miss Donnelly



Y5 made outdoor collages inspired by Andy Goldsworthy, using what they foraged in the forest school area.



Y4 busy exploring fractions and decimals, using manipulatives to support their understanding



Reception released their butterflies in the forest school this week, after spending last half term observing them grow and transform into cocoons.

NOTICES

Parking

Just a reminder that vehicles are not to come onto the school premise between 8:15-9:00 and 3:00-3:45pm for dropping off/picking up pupils. This is to safeguard our families from any risk of injury during peak times.

Attendance

Please note that guidance from the government and local authority that schools have to follow is clear that absence should only be authorised in exceptional or extreme circumstances. Family holidays do not meet this threshold and this includes extended leave to visit family abroad in term time. As a result, these will not be authorised.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WEEK 1



3 Morris

97%



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96%



3 Wiltshire

96%

National expectation of attendance 95%

Whole school attendance: **92.7%**



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SUMMER TERM
WEEK 1



Our strengths this week!

Nursery

Welcome back to Summer 1. We have had a fun week going to the beach and under the sea. In RE we discussed our favourite places to go. Thankyou to all the parents who attended their parent meetings this week. If you missed out, please speak to Mrs Nausbaum to book in a suitable time.

Donaldson

Last term, we watched our caterpillars grow and transform into cocoons. This week, the excitement peaked as the cocoons opened and revealed beautiful butterflies. We celebrated by releasing them into our Forest School area.

1 Byron

It has been a fantastic start to the Summer term in Year 1. The children have been enthusiastic in all areas of their learning, but were especially enjoying their work in Maths - learning their 2, 5 and 10 timestables. We have used a range of methods to learn these such as a dance taught by Mrs Andrawos, making flower gardens using counters and counting in different voices!

2 Pilkey

This week we were learning how to read an analogue clock to tell the time for o'clock, quarter past, half past and quarter to an hour. Telling the time can be tricky, so any extra practice is welcomed!

3 Wiltshire & Morris

We have enjoyed starting our new topics this week - in particular, finding out who the Ancient Greeks were and looking at Ancient Greek pottery and the designs they had on them. In maths we explored the difference between capacity and volume.

4 Banksy & Kusama

In Science, we explored digestion through a fun hands-on experiment using everyday items to model how food is broken down. The children were highly engaged and finished the lesson by creating a mind map to reinforce their understanding.

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

This week Year 5 worked on their real life problem solving skills involving perimeter and area. In Geography, we started looking at Scandinavian countries and recognising their flags and locating capital cities in an Atlas.

6 Lennon & Williams

We had a great start to the first week back, doing lots of revision in readiness for the SATS week. This week we also held a cake sale to support with raising funds for the residential. Thank you to all those who indulged!

Theme of the week

St Thomas

Bible Reference

John 20:19-31

The Big Question

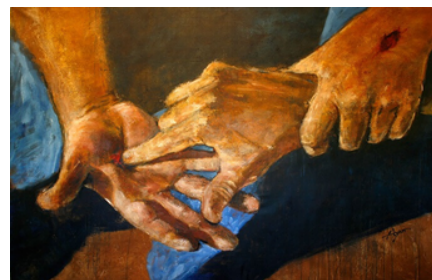


How do you think Thomas felt when he saw Jesus?

This week Lyndon came to speak to the children about how Thomas might have felt when he saw Jesus, linking to the Bible story from John 20:19-31.

In this story, Jesus appeared to His disciples after His resurrection, but Thomas was not there and found it hard to believe. When Jesus later appeared again and showed Thomas His wounds, Thomas believed.

Rev Lyndon made this session interactive and engaging, using a "magic" invisible pen and UV light to demonstrate the idea of believing without seeing. This helped the children understand the importance of faith, that we cannot always see things, but we can still believe in God and trust that He is with us.



Let us pray

Dear God,
Thank you for loving me and always being with me.
Help me to trust you, even when I cannot see what is ahead.
Give me faith to believe in you and follow your ways.
When I feel unsure or afraid, remind me that you are always by my side.
Help me to be brave, kind, and full of hope each day.
Amen.