

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM
WEEK 2

UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

It's been fantastic to see pupils settling so well into their routines as we begin our second week of term. A warm welcome to our new Nursery children, who are already becoming part of our school family!

Celebrating Success

This week marked our first Awards Assembly, congratulations to all pupils recognised for their achievements! A special shout-out to Mr Easton, who has been nominated for PE Lead of the Year 2024–25. His hard work and dedication continues to benefit all pupils within our school through an outstanding PE offer and fantastic competition opportunities. Well done, Mr Easton!

Thank You to the Church

A huge thank you to the Church for their generous £1,000 donation, which will go directly towards classroom resources. Your support truly makes a difference.

Amazon Wishlist Relaunch

We've relaunched our Amazon Wishlist! You can access this by clicking on the logo to the right.

Parent Tours & Admissions

Parent tours are now open! If you know families seeking a place in: nursery, reception, or in-year, please share our tour dates below. Secondary school applications are also now open—please click [here](#) for more information.

Wishing you a blessed weekend, Miss Donnelly



Y1 children exploring what makes a good friend through acting out friendly and unfriendly scenarios.



Year 4 tasted different types of bread, exploring their taste, texture and nutrients to help them decide which bread they would like to use for their sandwich.



What a wonderful week at Nursery. We have had lots of fun exploring the new toys and loved making pink play dough.

IMPORTANT DATES

September:

- 22nd - Filming Day
- 23rd - Parent Tour (9:30am)
- 24th - School Photographs
- 26th - Parent Prayer group
- 29th - Parent Tours (9:30am)

October:

- 3rd - PFA Family Disco (6:30pm-8:30pm)
- 7th - Parent Tour (9:30am)
- 9th - Harvest Church Service (9:00am)
- 16th - Y6 Eucharist (9:00am)
- 21st - Parents' Evening
- 22nd - Parents' Evening
- 23rd - Year 5 Eucharist (9:00am)
- 27th - Last day of the Autumn 1 term

November:

- 3rd - Children return for Autumn 2 term

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

This week's attendance champions:



Nursery 100%



3 Wiltshire & 6 Williams 99%



5 Fitzgerald 97%

Whole school attendance: 96%

Our new strengths this week!

Nursery

Our children have settled in well to our new school nursery and have been enjoying exploring all the different areas of learning.

Donaldson

Reception have enjoyed their first full week in school. They were introduced to the text *Rainbowfish* by Marcus Pfister. The text has helped them to focus on the importance of sharing and developing positive friendships with their peers.

1 Byron

It has been phenomenal to watch the growth in maturity and independence in our class this week. We have been impressed with the way the children are learning to get themselves ready to learn in all the different subjects throughout the day!

2 Pilkey

During our PSHE lesson, children have been giving very thoughtful answers on how and why it is important to make friends with others. They have connected this to the weekly worship - learning about who St John the Evangelist was, and held a discussion about his special friendship with Jesus.

3 Wiltshire & Morris

In Year 3 we have been writing our own scripts for a cooking show set in the Stone Age! We have also been exploring friction in science and when it can be beneficial.

4 Banksy & Kusama

This week, year 4 explored cause and effect conjunctions to explain choices and their consequences. They linked this to their Rainforest unit, thinking about the impact of decisions on the environment. These skills will help them to write exciting dilemma stories later this term!

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

Year 5 have continued learning about the Suffragettes and have started to plan newspaper reports. The History lesson, looked at Martin Luther King Jr and the different events in his life, deciding the most significant event and explaining why.

6 Lennon & Williams

Year 6 have been enhancing their writing by using relative clauses and figurative language in their Blitz descriptions showing great creativity. In computing, they have been exploring 3D modelling through the use of the Tinkercad software - children have enjoyed designing and creating their own structures.



Theme of the week

Faith

Revelations 1: 9-10

The Big Question

Who was St John the Evangelist?

This week, we're thinking about Revelation 1:9–10. John, one of Jesus' followers, was on an island all by himself because he was sharing God's message. Even though he was alone, he still trusted God and listened for His voice. One special day, God spoke to John in a big, powerful way!

This reminds us that God is always with us, even when we feel lonely or unsure. Like John, we can have faith—which means trusting God, even when things are tough. God can speak to us in quiet moments and help us feel brave, hopeful, and never alone.

A big thank you to Rev. Lyndon, who led our Wednesday clergy worship and brought this message to life in such a creative and fun way! We loved the way he helped us understand John's story and what it means to have faith.

Something to pray

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for St John's example of faith and patience. In times of uncertainty or challenge, help us to remain rooted in You. Teach us to listen for Your voice and trust in Your Spirit's guidance. Thank You for the gift of those who lead and inspire us, may we walk in faith, share Your love, and hold fast to the hope we have in Jesus.

Amen.