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NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM
WEEK 1

UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

A very warm welcome back to a brand new school year at St John's! It's been a joy to see the school come alive again, buzzing with the energy, excitement, and smiling faces of our wonderful children. Whether your child is returning to familiar classrooms or joining the St John's family for the first time, we're delighted to have you with us.

St John's Artists Shine!

Just before the break, Sainsbury's Stanmore invited local schools to design reusable shopping bags on the theme "Good food for all of us." We're incredibly proud to share that St John's swept the board—our talented pupils won first, second, AND third place! 🏆 1st – George (Year 6), 🏆 2nd – Benjamin (Year 4), 🏆 3rd – Nikola (Year 5). A fantastic achievement and a true testament to the creativity and community spirit in our school.

A Thoughtful Start to the Year

This week, we joined the National Week of Prayer—filled with reflection, music, and shared thought. On Wednesday, Rev. Matthew Stone led Collective Worship on the theme of strength, offering heartfelt prayers for our whole community, especially our new Reception and Nursery children and our Year 6 pupils as they begin their journey toward secondary school.

A Few Quick Reminders

The start of term brings lots of forms, letters, and messages! If you're unsure about anything, please get in touch with the office or send a quick Dojo message—we're always happy to help.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead—full of learning, laughter, creativity, and community. We're so glad to have you with us.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

God Bless you all, Miss Donnelly



George's first place design, printed on the Sainsbury's tote bag.

Our new strengths this week!

Donaldson

This week, we welcomed our new Reception pupils to our St John's family. Staff were amazed at how quickly pupils have already settled into school life. We look forward to watching your children grow and flourish as they journey through our school

Byron

Byron have demonstrated that they are more than ready for Year 1 and have managed their transition beautifully! Well done.

Pilkey

This week, we have been working hard on developing our writing skills: learning how to expand sentences using adjectives and past tense verbs. It's been wonderful to see such creativity and confidence grow with each new piece of writing!

Wiltshire & Morris

Year 3 has started learning about the prehistoric era, namely the Stone Age. They are learning to put important periods on a timeline. In art, we learnt how to create pigments out of spices, and we used the pigments to paint cave paintings.

Banksy & Kusama

In our first week, year 4 explored dilemmas in a story and the children created their own dilemmas. In DT we researched sandwiches from around the world and discussed what makes them appealing. We look forward to the end of half term when we design and make a healthy sandwich for a picnic day.

Beethoven & Fitzgerald

In English, we have started learning about the history and key women of the Suffrage movement. We look forward to using this information to create newspaper reports next week! In Art, we have started to explore 1960's fashion and researched famous designers within that period and created our own patterns!

Lennon & Williams

Year 6 had a great first full week back at school! They worked hard, completing a baseline assessment in preparing for the end of year SATs. They also began learning about the Blitz and the Battle of Britain through History, English, and Art, which has sparked some fantastic discussions and insightful ideas.



Theme of the week

Strength

“ ‘.....I can do everything through Christ who gives me strength.’ Philippians 4:13

The Big Question

How does faith in God give you strength?

Life often presents us with moments of uncertainty, fear, and challenge. In these moments, it is easy to feel overwhelmed or alone. But Philippians 4:13 reminds us of a powerful truth: We can do all things through Christ, who gives us strength. He calls us not just to survive the journey, but to face it with courage and strength and know that God is always with us.

This week, let us step into each day with the quiet confidence that we are never alone, and that His presence empowers us to be strong and brave in all things.

Something to pray

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for Your constant presence in my life. When fear rises and doubt creeps in, help me to remember Your promise — that You are with me wherever I go.

Fill my heart with courage and my mind with peace. Teach me to trust in Your strength and to walk boldly in the path You have set before me.

May I face each day not with fear, but with faith, knowing that You are always near.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

