



St. John's CE Primary School

Summer Newsletter



Greetings from St. John's ☺

Our Motto:

SHINE like the star
you are.

Our Vision:

To develop within ourselves an understanding of what is right and fair, and to have the strength to face challenges and do the right thing. To be people of hope. To celebrate individuality, and to respect ourselves, others and the world in which we live. To be the best we can be.

Our Values (SHINE):

Strength: have the strength to stand up for what is right. Be a courageous advocate.

Hope: to be people of hope. Have hope when times are dark and difficult. Keep positive and be resilient – there is light at the end of the tunnel.

Individuality: embrace and celebrate our differences. God made us all unique and this is a very special thing.

Nurture: cherish, care for, encourage and protect everything in God's world – including yourself.

Excel: fulfil your God given potential: be the best you can be. Shine like the star you are.

Behaviour and Rewards:

Pupils have enjoyed working hard to collect 'class Dojo' points which they've exchanged for rewards in the 'Dojo Shop'. Our next rewards session will take place on Tuesday 19th July.

Attendance:

We will continue to have a focus on attendance next year to get St. John's back to our target of 96%.

The pupils with the highest attainment at the end of key stage 2 and key stage 4 have higher rates of attendance over the key stage compared to those with the lowest attainment. At KS2, pupils not meeting the expected standard in reading, writing and maths had an overall attendance rate of 95.3.7%, compared to 96.5% among those meeting the expected standard.

(DfE Working Together to Improve Attendance. May 2022).

Please note that fines may be issued for holidays taken during term time by the Education Welfare Team as holidays can not be recorded as authorised absence unless there are exceptional circumstances.

Summer Term Dates:

Monday 18th July: Parents' Open Evening

The school will be open from 3:30pm-5:30pm for you to have a look at your child's work and meet the staff. Please take this opportunity to say hello to your child's new teacher. There will be a Scholastic Book Fair in the hall if you'd like to buy any new books.

KS2 Production: tickets are required and are available from the school office.

- Monday 18th July 1:30pm and 6pm
- Tuesday 19th July 1:30pm and 6pm

Wednesday 20th July: This is our last day for pupils in school.

There will be a leavers' celebration for our Year 6 pupils at 2:45pm in the hall. Parents are welcome to join us from 2:30pm.

Summer Term PTA Disco: Wednesday 20th July.

KS1: 6pm – 7pm. Come to the front entrance for drop off and pick up please.

KS2: 7:15pm-8:15pm. Pupils to wait by the KS2 entrance (by the car park) / Pick up will be from the front of the school.

Year 6: 8:15pm-9:00pm. Pick up from the front of the school.

Important dates for the 2022-2023 academic year:

Statutory Assessments / SATs (Standard Assessment Tests):

- Year 2 SATs will take place during May 2023.
- The Year 1 Phonics Screen will take place during the week of Monday 12th June 2023.
- The Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check will take place over a three week period from Monday 5th June.
- The Year 6 SATs will take place on Monday 8th May – Thursday 11th May.

School assessments:

Assessment weeks for all year groups usually take place during the last 3 weeks of each term.

Staffing for 2022-2023:

Year 6: Mr Redfern

Year 5: Miss Kelly

Year 4: Mrs Poynton

Year 3: Miss Rushton

Year 2: Mrs Loton / Mrs Graham

Year 1: Mrs Cooper

Early Years: Mrs Philp, Miss Plimmer, Miss Goodwin, Mrs Williams, Miss Goldstraw.

Inset Days for 2022-2023:

5.9.22 / 6.9.22 / 21.10.22 /
3.1.23 / 26.5.23

PTA Summer Raffle:

Here comes **THE BIG PTA Summer Raffle** ... please share and buy a ticket to support our fundraising efforts this summer. <https://www.bigptaraffle.co.uk/support/st-johns-school-st9>

What we've been up to:



The summer term has been full of success for St. John's pupils.

A massive well done to Freddie who has been signed to play for Port Vale Football Club! What a fabulous achievement.

Isabelle T in Year 6 has secured a position with the regional team at Newcastle Swimming Club which is fantastic news! Great work Isabelle.





Harry has certainly been busy having been nominated for the under 9s 2022 'Players' Player' award for his rugby team AND he's achieved his next belt up in his taekwondo lessons! Top job Harry!

A massive well done to Isaac for swimming a mammoth 1000m.



We love to share the success our pupils are having out of school, so if you have any news, please let us know: headteacher@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk

School Games Cross Country Success

St. John's competed in the cross country event at the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent School Games Summer



Festival at Keele University with great success. Our Y3 Girls team finished in 3rd position overall and our Y4 Boys finished in 2nd position. A fantastic achievement and a huge well done to all.



School Improvement:

We have been working hard to make improvements to the school over the year and there's still lots to do, but we are starting to see the benefits! We are in the process of developing an Early Years forest school area and outdoor classroom; we have had a new perimeter fence fitted which means our site is now totally secure, we have had training and bought resources to enrich our playtimes so that pupils have a range of 'child led' activities to choose from; our intervention room and Nursery are currently having a refurb; and we have created a wellbeing room!

Summer Term Learning fun: It's been lovely to get back to a bit of 'normal' over the summer term - sports day, mystery readers, visits to new places!



Staffordshire Wildlife Trust Lunch time Club:

Some of our pupils have been enjoying their Wednesday lunch times making dens, climbing trees, and hunting for bugs with the Staffordshire Wildlife Trust. A huge thank you to the team for spending your time with us!





Year 2 learned all about bees from a local bee keeper, and then visited the local minibeasts of Whitfield Valley.



Reception have grown and harvested their own potatoes and been visited by a real life superhero!



Year 1 travelled back in time to the Victorian days where I hear some of the staff needed to have the cane!

Year 4 had a great day out challenging themselves at **Stanley Head** outdoor Education Centre.



Year 6 had a fabulous week at Stanley Head and are working hard on the school production 'Alice in Wonderland'.

All classes had a circus skills worship with BeeActive.



Early Years had a fab day out at Peak Wildlife Park.

Year 1 spent a day at Chester Zoo.



Mental Health Champions

A huge thank you to Mrs Graham, our Mental Health Lead, for arranging a visit from 'One Goal' who came into school to train pupils to be Mental Health Champions!

We are very proud to say that our Year 5, Year 2 and Year 1 are now fully trained Mental Health Champions! The children enjoyed the workshops, engaged well in the activities and have acquired knowledge and skills to enable them to look after their own mental health as well as that of others.



Summer Reading Challenge:

If you'd like something to keep you busy over the summer holidays, the 'Summer Reading Challenge' will be taking place again this year. Check out the website for lots of fun activities!

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>



Keep up to date with our news and what's going on in classes with our school Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnswetleyrocks>

If you have any news for our newsletter, please send it to headteacher@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk

Wishing you all a fabulous summer holidays. Take care and keep safe and we're looking forward to seeing you all in the Autumn term.

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Very best wishes.

Mrs Stone and the St. John's team

