



# St. John's CE Primary School

## End of Summer Term Newsletter July 2023



Where has the year gone! As we come to the end of the school year, we'd like to share the following news with you.

### Diary Dates:

- 2023/2024 Inset dates: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> and Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September / Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October / Monday 6<sup>th</sup> November / Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May.

### Statutory Assessments / SATs (Standard Assessment Tests) for 2023/2024:

- **September / October:** The Reception Baseline Assessment for each child will take place during the first six weeks of the new term. There's more information about this assessment on the Early Years section of the school website or [click here](#).
- The Year 1 Phonics screen check will take place during the week commencing **Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June, 2024**.
- **The Year 4 Multiplication Times Table Check** will take place within the two week period from **Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2024**.
- **Key Stage 1 Optional SATs** will take place during the Summer Term.
- **Key Stage 2 SATs** are timetabled from **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May – Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May, 2024**.

### Internal School Assessments:

Assessment weeks for all years will take place during the latter half of each term.

### Reading at St. John's:

We've worked really hard to raise the profile of reading over the year – you really can't beat curling up with a great book! We love our latest addition to the school library – reading really does rock if you find your thing!

**Book swap:** Please remember our adult / child book swap which is in the school entrance area.



Here's a few ideas to help you keep turning those pages over the summer holidays:

**Powered by Nike and Rebel Girls**, this year's **Summer Reading Challenge 2023** can be found online or at your local library.

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

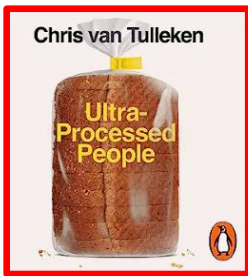
**Free audiobooks and e-reads** can be found at:

- <https://harpercollinschildrensbooks.co.uk/listen-for-free/>
- <https://www.audible.co.uk/search?keywords=free+children+books&node=19376662031>
- <https://www.pbs.org/parents/read-along>
- <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/have-some-fun/storybooks-and-games/>



## This Term's Recommended Reads:

- Mrs Poyton recommends 'Peanut Jones and the Illustrated City' by Rob Biddulph. This is a great book for Key Stage 2 children.
- Megan and Clara in Year 4 recommend the 'Dork Diaries' for a fun read – they keep you wanting to read more!
- A very interesting non-fiction read for adults: 'Ultra Processed People: Why do we all eat stuff that isn't food and why can't we stop' by Chris van Tulleken.



## Word Millionaires:

Congratulations to our dedicated readers who have read their little socks off to achieve 'Word Millionaire' and 'Word Multimillionaire' status. Year 6: Lillie-Mae, Edie, Beth, Willow and Isaac. Year 5: Chase, Ruby, Heath and Max. Year 4: Lilly and Isabelle. Year 3: Harrison.

## Parent Teacher Association (PTA):

The PTA have raised over £4500 this year from the events they've organised. This invaluable resource has helped fund rewards sessions, selection boxes for Christmas, Christmas crafts, Easter eggs, school trips, new fiction and non-fiction books for the library, new library artwork and the 'Text2Parents' system.

## Staffing:

Sadly, we say goodbye to Miss Plimmer, Mrs Williams and Miss Espley at the end of the term. We wish them all the best with their next chapters – they will be missed!

## Summer Term:

Another action packed term: a visit to 'Think Tank'; transition events to Moorside; overnight stays at Standon Bowers; learning how to cook; learning how to sow and sew; computing workshops; Escape Room challenges; special visitors; visits to St. John's Church; and of course, lots of Stars!









## St. John's Sport:



We tried a new style of sports day this year with the 'St. John's Sports Fest'. Our school council reported back that children had enjoyed the

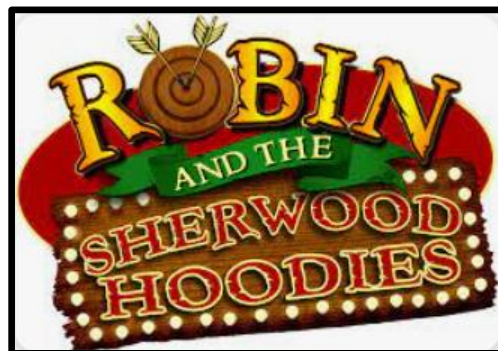
day, especially archery and the tug of war, but wanted more races next time. The Sports Fest was a great starting point and we're looking forward to making this event even better for next year.

A HUGE well done to our cross country runners who competed at Keele University in this year's Staffordshire School Games county final. Pupils showed great determination, strength and courage and did a fantastic job of representing the school. Thank you to all of the parents/ carers for your support on the day and transporting the children to and from the event.



## KS2 Production: Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies.

Congratulations to our KS2 pupils who did an amazing job of the summer term production especially our Year 6 pupils who worked brilliantly as a team and played the key roles like professionals!



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

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





**More wonderful examples of St. John's pupils displaying our school values outside of school. Shine like the star you are...**

**Leek Rotary Young Wildlife Art Competition:**

Well done to Mearle in Year 3 for her excellent artwork winning a prize in Leek Rotary's Young Wildlife Competition.



**Staffordshire's Musician of the Year:**

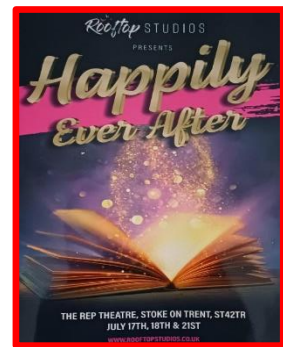
We are incredibly proud of Alife in Year 6 who qualified for the finals of Staffordshire Young Musician of the Year. Alfie is a very talented musician who wowed

the judges with his excellent rendition of 'I saw her standing there' by The Beatles. One for the future!



Our shining Year 5 star, Ruby, has had great success recently performing her street dance routine in the Rooftop Studios 'Happily Ever After' at The Rep Theatre. Ruby performed in front of an audience of over 230 people.

AND, in addition to this, passed her Yellow belt grading for kickboxing. Well done Ruby!



**Persistence Pays Off:**

A great example of our school values (hope, individuality, nurture) for Jenson, Charlie and Charlie who have persevered with their training for 'Werrington Wasps'. The team have worked hard to secure a win in their latest football tournament – great job lads.



Well done to Luca who has worked hard to achieve his green belt in Jujitsu. Luca is showing great determination and working in a group with children much older than himself – what a great role model!



### Football Success:

Well done to Werrington Wanderers players, Seb and Chase, whose team came out on top at a recent football tournament at Crewe Town. Both players' skill and dedication helped secure the trophy.

We are very proud to introduce Macclesfield FC "Manager's Player of the Year 2023" Edward in Year 2. What a fantastic achievement! Keep up the great work Edward.



### Swimming for the Stars:

Year 6 swimming star, Ruby, has recently passed her silver award, bronze award for lifeguard training and competed in her first club championship securing 3<sup>rd</sup> places in back stroke and breaststroke. Go Ruby!

Excellent work from Aleya who has worked hard to build her confidence in the water, and has gained her Level 1 and moved up a group after just 6 lessons – a great example of all of our values in action.



### Fit for the Part:

How smart does Harry look in his Royal Navy Junior Sea Cadets uniform ready for their parade around Queen's Park, Longton. Harry takes part in numerous activities outside of school and is soon to commence his weapons training.

Good luck to Jaylen, looking fab in his team's new season strip, for his new season with Hanley Town Football Club.



### Our Charity Super Stars:

Well done to our shining stars in KS1 who have completed charity events: Harry who raised over £130 for the Bowel Babe Cancer Fund, and Molly who completed the Dougie Mac event in record time! Thank you for your thoughtfulness and consideration for others.



### Chief Scout's Silver Award:

Kyan, in Year 4, has been selected to receive the 'Silver Award' – the highest award a cub can get.



### St. Philip's Church, Werrington Autumn Fair / Art Competition:

There will be an Autumn Fair at St Philip's Werrington on **Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September** and children are invited to join in celebrating the new bell that has just been fitted with their art competition. The competition is focused on all things bell related, so a drawing or painting on A4 size paper which represents a bell of any type. These can be brought along on the day and submitted for their wonderful judges to decide on a winner.

There are three age groups: 0 – 5 yrs / 6 – 9 yrs / 10 – 12 yrs.

There will be a prize for the winner in each category which will be presented on the day. In addition, the three winning entries will be displayed in the church.

### A Prayer for Summer:

Thank you to Lynn Parker for our prayer for the summer.

*"Heavenly Father, As this year of school ends, watch over us in the weeks of rest ahead. Guide us each day as You have done this past year. Make us aware of your presence as we have our holidays, whether it be at home or abroad. Help us to be aware of our behaviour and help us to be kind and loving to everyone & your world. Give our teachers & staff rest, and refresh them. Keep us all safe, so we can be assured of seeing each other again in September. Help us all return to school with a new spirit and a new energy to prepare for the new school year. Amen."*

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](mailto:headteacher@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk)

**Wishing you all a very happy and safe summer holiday.  
Looking forward to seeing you on Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September.**

***SHINE like the star you are.***

**Very best wishes. Mrs Stone and the St. John's team**