



# St. John's CE Primary School

## Summer Newsletter July 2024



### Diary Dates:

#### [Click here for the school calendar](#)

- Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> / Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September: Inset days.
- Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September: Autumn term starts.
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September: Yr 2/3 Stoke City Football Club starts.
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September: Yr 2 Scooter Skills Workshop with BeeActive.
- Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> September: Leek Rotary Club Charity Swimathon 10am-11am.
- Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September: Year 5 Bikeability training.
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Year 6 Level ½ Bikeability training.
- Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October: pupil photographs.
- Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> October: Sport for School – Danny Butler / Great British Champion Mountain Biker visit.
- Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October: Scholastic book fair in school.
- Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October: Fun day with BeeActive.
- WC 21<sup>st</sup> October: parents' evening.
- Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October: last day of Autumn term 1.
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October: Staff inset day / School closed.
- Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October –Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November: October half term.
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November: School open for Autumn 2.

### St. John's Church:

Thank you to Reverends Michael and Steve who have delivered Worship at St. John's over the last year and invited us to St. John's Church to celebrate Harvest, Christmas, Easter and our Year 6 pupils moving on.

#### **Message from Reverend Steve:**

*It's with Joy in my heart that I thank all parents, children and staff of St John's School for your kind donation £205.15 for COPs (Care of Police Survivors Charity). This is a charity set up to help families who have lost a loved one on duty in the Police Force.*

*On 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7pm a group of us set off, climbing Loughrigg Fell in the Lake District. It was a tough climb. The aches and pains were eased when I recalled that you wonderful people had donated in the region of £200. I had a timely message from school on the day of the walk giving me this information, and it was such an encouragement during the climb. Once on the peak, we wild camped until 3am, at which time we lit flares in memory of lost colleagues, family and friends. This happened on all the Peaks in the Lake District (Police colleagues from other Forces on other peaks). It was such an emotional moment.*

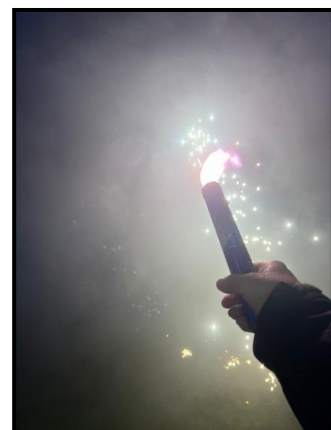


*As the sun rose, we came down off the mountain top, a slippery journey due to the heavy rain, but this didn't take away the emotion of the night and your generous donation.*



*As I reflect on this time, I am reminded that small steps and small acts of kindness go a long way. Each small, unperceived step up the mountain got me to the top and down again. Each donation of a pound has built up to over £200. There may be times in life that we find challenging, but little by little, with the help of others and faith we get through them.*

*Once again, thank you. God Bless. Rev Steve*



parents. Learning is a partnership between home and school, and it makes such a difference. Thank you for your support.

#### PTA:

It's looking likely that our PTA will cease to exist come September. We will do our best to continue with events and fundraising in order to support the school, but we'd like to thank everyone who has been involved with the PTA from the bottom of our hearts. The difference you've made with your fundraising has been invaluable. You really are STARS!

#### Parent Survey Feedback

Thank you to those who were able to complete our parent survey – we had nearly 80 responses! This really helps us to celebrate what's going well, reflect and focus on areas that can be improved. We will start work on this in the Autumn term and will keep you informed.

#### After School Clubs for Autumn 2024-2025:

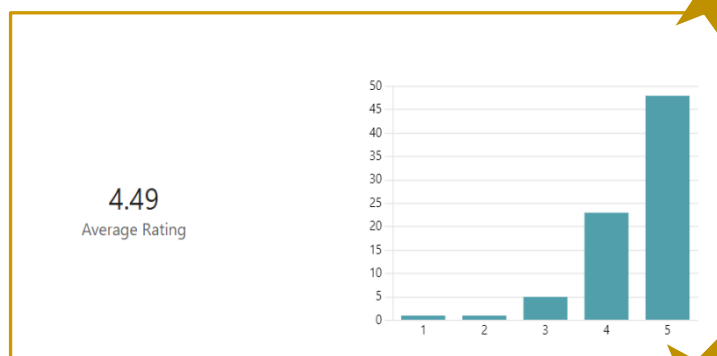
Monday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Choir with Miss Parish	Recorder Club with Mr Oxborrow	Drum Club with Mr Oxborrow	Craft Club with Caverswall
BeeActive Sports Club:	Homework Club.		Creative Hub
	Stoke City Football Club: Yrs 2 & 3		

Please email the office to book a place at Craft Club as places are limited:

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

#### Assessment results:

We are really proud to have some really strong phonics (Year 1), multiplication times table check (Year 4) and Key Stage 2 (Year 6) results. The children have worked incredibly hard, supported by our staff and you as



## The Summer Reading Challenge:



*It's nearly time for those long summer holidays again which also means that it's the time that libraries start to promote our Summer Reading Challenge. As per usual, to complete the challenge, we ask children to read at least 6 books and visit a library on at least 3 different occasions. On their reading journey they will be presented with a folder of activities and stickers which introduces the main characters from this year's challenge and those who complete the challenge receive a medal and a certificate too.*

*This year's challenge takes place from Saturday 6th July – Monday 9th September 2023. This year's Challenge is called Marvellous Makers and it's all about creativity! From dance to drawing, junk modelling to music, there's something for everyone.*

[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



## Attendance:

**Attendance for 2023-2024: 95.7%**

Please take note that the guidance / fixed penalties for unauthorised absence is changing – this includes for any amount of holiday absence and / or ten sessions (1 session = half a day) of unauthorised absence in a 10 week period.

Please see the **school website** for further information. The attendance policy will be updated in August to reflect these changes.

Please remember the importance of children being in school and the effect that absence can have on your child's attainment.

**Absence due to illness:** If your child is unwell, please refer to the following guidance:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/> If your child is going to be absent, please leave a message on our absence phone line before 9am (01782 550309).

## St. John's Sport:

It's been a fantastic half term of sport and we couldn't do it without you!

We are so grateful to Mr Redfern who has been beavering away behind the scenes to achieve the Gold School Games Mark award for commitment and engagement in the School Games for 2023/2024 for St. John's - we're really proud to have achieved this award.

The School Games Mark is designed to recognise a school's provision of P.E., school sport and physical activity against a national benchmark, and to celebrate keeping young people active.

It's vital that our children hit their 60 minutes-a-day of physical activity to set them up for a fit and healthy future.

Thank you to our wonderful children, staff and parents / carers who have represented St John's or supported us this year, and a massive thank you to Mr Redfern who has worked so hard over the year to achieve this amazing award.





### St. John's Olympics Sport Fest 2024

We had a fabulous celebration of sport during this year's 'Sports Fest' with the support of our friends at BeeActive.

We listened to feedback from last year, and hopefully there was something for everyone to enjoy whether that's the competitive side of sport, the skill, the team spirit or just the fun!



### Year 5/6 Rounders:

We had a great afternoon competing in the rounders tournament at Cheadle Primary School. A combination of excellent team work and skills resulted in two wins, a draw and a very close loss with an overall place of third.

Well done to all involved and to families for your support.





### The 'Monster Kickabout':

Well done to our Y5 footballers who participated in a "Monster Kickabout" football event at Moorside High School.

The aim of the event was to provide further sporting opportunities and the team played really well. They played so well, in fact, that they actually finished in 1st position and won the event! Well done team.



### Success at Northwood:

44 of our KS2 pupils represented the school at Northwood Stadium in the CADSSA Athletics Competition.

All involved did really well and St John's earned an overall third place finish - a great result against some tough competition! It was an absolute pleasure to witness the effort, commitment and support on show from all of our children.

We're so very proud of them!



### Summer Term:

To see what children are learning each half term, please see our Year Group Curriculum Maps on the 'Curriculum' section of the website.

We've had another half term of action packed learning and adventures: 3d creations, carnivals, lots of sporting opportunities, learning about neurodiversity, growing plants, designing and building nests, computer programming, learning about people who work in our community, fun and new challenges at Standon Bowers, looking after the school grounds, poetry performances, an evening of musical delights, completing projects, art competitions, testing new recipes, and an amazing Key Stage 2 end of year production!















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

### Pupils shining outside of school...

Hanley Town under 9 players (Charlie and Charlie) won the City Cup Finals when their team won on penalties in the semi final, and took the title 1-0 in extra time of the final. The team only conceded 1 goal through the whole tournament! Excellent job!



### Hanley Town Girls

Rosie and Aleya have trained hard to form part of a new

under 8's girls football team for Hanley Town which is due to start competing in September's new season. The girls took a fabulous opportunity to be mascots for the club when they played Ryan Reynold's team, Wrexham. They got to meet the first team and train with them. What excellent role models for girls' football!



### D Day 80:

Jaylen was in his element when he had the opportunity to get involved in a variety of activities during the commemoration of the Normandy Landings at the Powys Arms.

Thank you to Miss Parish and the St. John's Choir who prepared a special performance for the event.





### **Action man!**

Harry continues to keep himself busy with a merit in his latest grading (just 3 to go for black belt), and training with Leicester Tigers Rugby Club who work closely with some Staffordshire clubs providing training sessions throughout the year.



### **Confident Kayaking:**

A huge well done to Olly who has been up and down the canal having his very own kayak adventures! Great work Olly.

### **Race for Life**

Great work from Harry who completed the Race for Life raising just over £100 at Tatton Park. Harry found the race hard going in the heat but he managed to complete the challenge and was super proud at the end when he got his medal – well done Harry!



### **Football Success:**

An unbelievable achievement from the extremely talented U8's as Jenson and his team mates won the 'Kings of the North West' tournament at Manchester City. After being 1 of 4 teams that qualified for the tournament during the 23/24 season, the lads absolutely smashed it, coming away as unbeaten champions playing some superb football along the way.

It's the perfect way to round off their last season as they ALL go to play academy football next year. We are so proud of all the boys and wish them the very best on their new chapters at various professional clubs.



A huge well done to Freddie who completed Valet Fun Run with his friend and fellow Port Vale Academy player. Freddie whizzed around finished in an amazing 12<sup>th</sup> place out of 192 runners – excellent running Freddie!







Good luck and our very best wishes to our class of 23-24 Year 6 pupils who are moving on to their next chapters. We are so proud of you all and know that you will continue to SHINE at high school.

We love to hear about the achievements and success of pupils outside of school, so if you have anything for our next edition, please get in touch: [headteacher@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk](mailto:headteacher@st-johns-wetleyrocks.staffs.sch.uk)

**A huge thank you to everyone in our school community for a fantastic year  
– we couldn't do it without your support.**

**Have a safe and relaxing summer holiday.  
We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September.**

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

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

