



St. John's CE Primary School

Summer Newsletter May 2025



Diary Dates: [Click here for the school calendar](#)

INSET DAY	23rd May 2025
School opens	Monday 2nd June
Year 1 / Year 2 visit to Uttoxeter Gymnastics Club	Monday 2 nd June
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	2-week period from Monday 2 nd June
Reception / Year 6 individual photos	Monday 2 nd June
Meeting for Year 6 Parents / pupils at Moorside	Tuesday 3 rd June at 5:30pm
Sports Fest – bring a chair and a picnic and enjoy our festival of sport.	Monday 16 th June KS2 9:30am EYFS 12:30 & KS1 1:30pm
Year 2 visit to Whitfield Valley	Thursday 26 th June
Summer Term Disco	Thursday 26 th June EYFS & KS1 3:15-4:15pm / KS2 4:30-5:30pm
Transition Day – all year groups spend the day in their new class	Wednesday 2 nd July
New Intake Parents' Evening (Early Years)	Wednesday 2 nd July 5:30pm
Year 5 / Year 6 visit to Uttoxeter Gymnastics Club	Thursday 3 rd July
Year 4 / Year 5 Ukelele Music Show	Thursday 3 rd July 2:30 - 3:15pm
Music Evening 6pm	Thursday 3 rd July
'Break the Rules' fundraising day	Thursday 10 th July
Year 5 visit to Newcastle College Lego Coding Day	Friday 11 th July
BeeActive Colour Run	Monday 14 th July
KS2 End of year show	Wednesday 16 th July. Afternoon and Evening show
KS2 End of year show	Thursday 17 th July. Evening show
Parents' Evening / Meet the teacher	Date to be confirmed.
School closes / Last day of the Summer Term	Monday 21st July

Year 6 Important Dates

Y6 Leavers Photos	Monday 2 nd June
Painsley transition morning for non-feeder schools	Monday 2 nd June
Moorside Transition Day: "Rollercoaster Day"	Wednesday 25 th June
Moorside transition day	Wednesday 2 nd July
Painsley transition days	Monday 7 th / Tuesday 8 th / Wednesday 9 th July
Y6 Leavers Service with Rev. Steve at St John's Church	Tuesday 15 th July. 9.30am Families welcome to attend
Y6 Leavers Assembly	Monday 21 st July at 2:45pm

2024-2025 Statutory Assessments / SATs (Standard Assessment Tests):

- Year 1 / Year 2 (resit) Phonics Screen: Week commencing Monday 9th June, 2025.
- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check: the 2-week period from Monday 2nd June, 2025.

Internal School Assessments: Assessment weeks for all years / second half of each half term.

St. John's Church / School Vision and Values:

Our focus over the Summer Term has been our school values of 'Individuality' and 'Nurture'.

Individuality:

The children have been thinking about the following quote and how it applies to them. 'I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made; your works are wonderful, I know that full well.' This means that each person is intricately created by God. We are God's handiwork and there are no two people alike. We have encouraged the children to think about their own individuality and what makes them special.



Nurture:

We have listened to and considered 'The Parable of the Good Samaritan' which has taught us to 'Love Thy Neighbour' demonstrated brilliantly by one of our Yr 3 students who has been helping a local resident to walk her dog, do the shopping and complete household chores – what a caring and considerate young lady and fantastic role model for our SHINE values.

Thank you as always to Reverend Michael and Reverend Steve who have led Collective Worship in school this term and helped us to

consider our school values. We would also like to thank them for welcoming us into church so that we could celebrate Easter with our local community.

Our final focus in worship this school year, will focus on our school value of 'Excel'.

After School Clubs for Summer term 2024-2025:

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Monday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Choir with Miss Parish (KS2)Bee Active Sports Club (Cricket Year 2 – Year 6). 3:30pm-4:30pm
Thursday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Drum Club with Mr Oxborrow. 3:30pmMini-Mindfulness 3:30pm-4:30pm

Bee Active:

Next half-term, our BeeActive after-school club on Mondays will have a focus on cricket. Places are just £3.50 for the hour.

Places are limited! To secure your place...

Sign up available now: [Click here to sign up](#)

MiniMe Mindfulness:

MiniMe Mindfulness teaches children life changing mindfulness and mindset techniques. This class will help your child to build confidence, recognise and understand emotions, reduce stress as well as having fun!

[Click here to book a place:](#) or to book a 2 session trial.

BEE ACTIVE

Improve your game with our expert cricket coaching!

Open to children in years 2-6. Sessions will give your child the opportunity to develop their cricket ability, improve fitness, confidence and social skills.

Meet your coach
Cory

Sessions for children of all abilities!

ONLY £3.50 PER SESSION

Years 2-6 Mondays 3:30-4:30pm

Book now at beeactive.co.uk

Places are limited and will be secured on a first come, first service basis.

Read our reviews ★★★★★ See what others say about Bee Active.



Building Children's Resilience whilst online:

Continuing the theme of building knowledge of emotions and resilience, take a look at the ['Where Will it End?' website](https://violencereductionalliance.co.uk/young-people/).

This teaches children how to manage their emotions whilst online and helps them learn when to turn off.

Click on the image to explore the website.

<https://violencereductionalliance.co.uk/young-people/>

St. John's Sport

Pupils at St. John's have been enjoying a range of sports - our sporting calendar has been jam-packed! We have had everything from cross country to swimming and everything in-between.

As always, thank you to Mr Redfern who is at the heart of all things sporting at St. John's. From organising events, selecting teams, coaching and refereeing, he always plays a part.



A huge well done to our Year 5/6 cross country teams. Both teams, boys and girls, worked hard to improve their finishing positions from the previous week with the boys achieving a fabulous third place from ten teams, and the girls winning the competition!




A fantastic first place overall for our fantastic KS2 gymnastics team. Well done, you displayed our school values brilliantly and effortlessly.

The latest Year 5/6 football tournament ended up with St John's coming 2nd in a hard-fought battle.

They went unbeaten (without even conceding a goal) and only ended up as runners-up in their groups on goal difference – well done team!






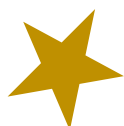
MiniMe Mindfulness at St. John's Primary School

For the last two terms MiniMe Mindfulness has been running a Thursday after school club here at St. John's CofE Primary School.

Children have been learning about a wide range of mindfulness and mindset superpowers to help them build their confidence, their resilience and to recognise and regulate their emotions. Children take part in a wide range of activities each week including: guided meditation, games, challenges, crafts and stories. All whilst building wellbeing tools for life.

In the final half term of this academic year, children will have the chance to learn about 6 of their superpowers: Body Anchor, Kindness, Team Work, Mindful Movement, Posture and Gratitude.

Help your child build lifelong resilience and emotional wellbeing by enrolling them in our after school club. In a fun and supportive environment, children will learn simple yet powerful techniques to manage stress, develop a positive outlook, and build confidence. These skills not only support better focus and behaviour in school, but also lay the foundation for emotional intelligence and self-awareness that will benefit them throughout their lives. It's an investment in their mental health and future happiness.



Our footballers from Year 3 and 4 put in a fantastic effort at their latest tournament. The blues won the tournament, and the reds came in second. Well done boys!

A fantastic morning was had by all when our mixed Year 5 and 6 team competed at Cheadle Swimming Baths for the CASSDA Swimming Gala. All the children put in maximum effort and it was great to see the children enjoying themselves.

Our Year 1 and Year 2 children demonstrated their gymnastic skills at their latest tournament displaying our school values of Hope, Strength, Individuality and Excellence. St John's came away with a 1st, two 2nds, two 3rds and overall team winners. What a fantastic team effort.



Not only do our boys have great football talent, but our Year 5 and 6 girls have developed some great skills this term. They are building their confidence and have a positive attitude towards the game which is lovely to see. The girls also played on the 8th May coming away with a win, draw and a defeat. Great effort all round - well done ladies!



The Year 3 and 4 children who visited Uttoxeter Gymnastic Club had a wonderful time experiencing the equipment. A great day out was had by all!



Our Year 3/4 TAG Rugby Team played incredibly hard in every single game. It was lovely to watch, and all the children had great fun. After a hard-fought battle and a very close final game, an amazing second position was secured.

Finally, our boys and girls in Year 4 had a great afternoon joining in with a celebration of Rugby at Leek Rugby Club. The children worked on their rugby skills and won all their games – well done Year 4.



Reading at St. John's:

This term it was World Book Day. Pupils had a fabulous time listening to stories, reading to each other and talking about inspirational people. It was lovely to see everyone getting involved and everyone had a lovely day.

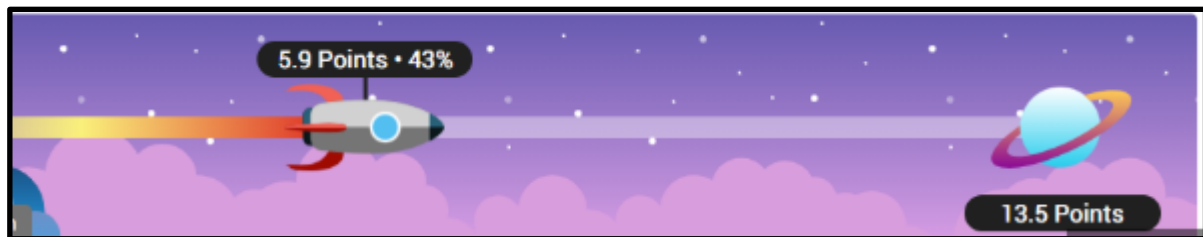


Learning to Read

Learning to read is hard work but **practice makes progress** so any occasions children have to read, share and listen to stories will really help them to improve their skills and make progress.

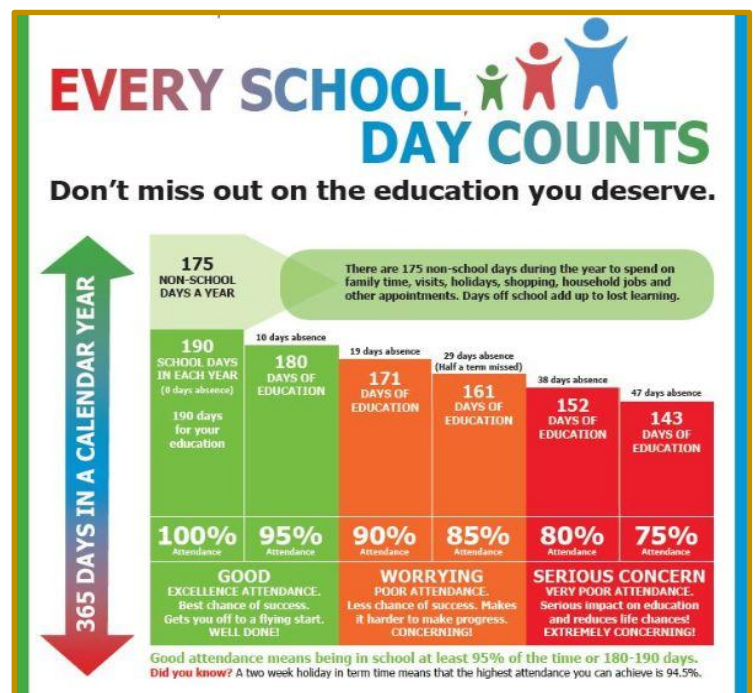
The **Accelerated Reader** programme is used in KS2 to monitor your child's reading. To ensure that your child makes progress, we set targets of between 20-30 minutes reading per day (to be completed at school and at home), and a quiz pass rate of 85% or above. Each book read gives your child points to help their rocket reach the planet and adds to their reading engage time.

**Targets are adjusted to encourage reluctant readers.*



Attendance:

MINUTES LATE	IMPACT ON YOUR ATTENDANCE IN A YEAR
5 MINUTES A DAY =	3.4 days 98.4% attendance
10 MINUTES A DAY =	6.9 days 97.6% attendance
15 MINUTES A DAY =	10.3 days 94.6% attendance
20 MINUTES A DAY =	13.8 days 92.9% attendance
30 MINUTES A DAY =	20.7 days 89.2% attendance



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 9:15am (01782 550309).

Are you Eligible for Free School Meals?

Parents claiming some benefits can claim free school meals for any of their children who are registered at a Staffordshire school and who would normally be at school at lunch time. School meals are a good way to ensure that your child eats well at lunchtime and you can save yourself time and money.

Even if you don't want your children to have the meals, claiming them helps their school. The more eligible parents who claim meals, the more funding the school receives.

Click [here](#) to see if you are eligible.

Curriculum Maps:

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



A taste of what we've been up to over this half term:

Breakfast Club / After School Club:

Our wonderful children were busy in Breakfast Club making Easter bunny baskets and cards for Wetley Manor Residential Care Home. What a lovely thing to do. It demonstrates our school values of Nurture and promotes the teachings from the Good Samaritan of 'Love Thy Neighbour'.

EYFS

Early Years have had a busy few weeks exploring the topic 'Let it Grow'. They looked at the texts: Oliver's Vegetables, The Teeney Weeny Tadpole, Mad about Minibeasts and The Little Red Hen. They created life cycles, explored vegetables, planted cress, and made a wormery. What busy bees they've been.



Year 1:

In Year 1, the children have gone travelling and investigated different places. They have used a range of geographical vocabulary and have learnt lots about towns and the countryside. Well done Year 1.

Year 2

Thank you to the [RSPB North Staffs Local Group](#) who spent time with Year 2 to help us support our local birds and bees. They helped the children plant seeds to encourage bees and wildlife to flourish.



Year 3

Year 3 are now experts on all things Roman. They learnt about jewellery and had an opportunity to visit the museum who commented on how eager the children were and that that they were a wonderful class to work with. Great work Year 3!

Year 4

Year 4 had a lovely time at the Hare Krishna Centre learning all about Hinduism and the beliefs of Hindus. They learned about some of the Hindu Deities and even had the chance to dress up in traditional dress too! It was a fascinating morning that helped them better understand the practices of another religion – well done Year 4.



Year 5

This term, Year 5 have practised their sewing skills. In D and T they needed to research, design and sew a small toy. All of the children tried their best and the toys they produced were fantastic! There were examples of animals, vegetable and even fruits.

A special thanks to Mearle and Ellie's mum and Olly's Nan whose help was greatly appreciated. Without these ladies, we would not have been able to complete the toys to such a high standard. Thank you.



Year 6

This term, Year 6 had the opportunity to visit Werrington Primary School and take part in a fun-filled Science Day. The children explored the natural world using VR headsets; learned how to measure the amount of carbon held in different size trees; and completed a science experiment measuring the temperature in a huddle of test tubes against a lone test tube.



They also enjoyed pond dipping, identifying animal footprints, using nets to look at bugs from the bushes, and held and identified different types of worms. They then went on to complete the Darwin's Finches investigation, deciding which shape beak is the best.



Pupils shining outside of 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



One of our talented Year 6 pupils performed at the Rep Theatre, Stoke and at the Regent Theatre - the biggest audience she has performed in front of so far. What an amazing achievement and what a stunning photograph. Well done!

We have two young athletes in the making! These two sporting stars took part in the



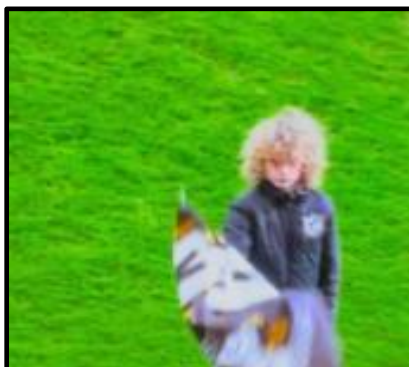
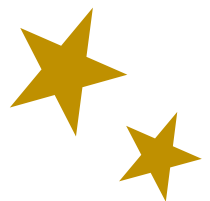
Iron Kids event in Oman where their dad completed a half Ironman. What an incredible achievement! Well done to you all.

A super swimmer in Year 4 completed the Potteries North District Swimming Gala for Cubs and Scouts. She competed in both front crawl, diving competition and mixed relay and won gold for her individual race. Super Swimming!



One of our multi-talented Year 5 pupils sang at the New Vic with Young Phoenix Choir as part of the Madulla joined by a Drum showcase. She got an award for most improved performer! Not only has

this young lady been honing her singing skills, she has also worked hard on her swimming achieving the swimmer of the month award in March. Keep up the great work!



One of our talented Year 6 footballers has made it onto the pitch by being a flag bearer for Port Vale. Just to add to the excitement, the game was on television! What an exciting experience.

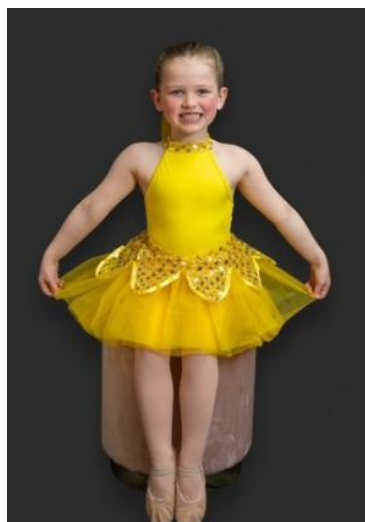
The footballing accolades keep on coming with one of our Year 3 pupils who scored 2 goals and was awarded 'Parent Player of the Match' and 'Player of the Match'. St John's and your parents are very proud of you! 💙



Another footballing super star can be found in Year 4 - this talented footballer and his teammates qualified for a National Finals Tournament of Category 2&3 Academy teams earlier in the year. The final was Saturday 4th May and the team played brilliantly and were unbeaten all day taking home the title and trophy after a very close penalty shootout. What a fantastic achievement!

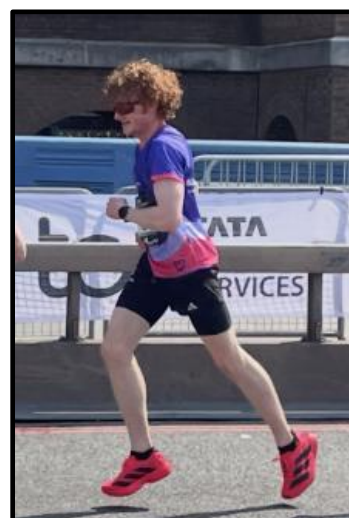


The super proud parents of this Hanley Town footballer have shared her recent success: when she started playing, she got the 'Manager's Player' and 'Parents' Player' in the first week. She scooped both awards for her hard work in midfield, control on the ball, strength against the other team and great passes resulting in two assisted goals. Amazing!



One of our talented Year 1 pupils has recently starred in a dance show performing in four dances over four nights showcasing her skills in ballet, tap, disco and gymnastics. An excellent role-model for our SHINE values.

A former pupil of St. John's not only completed the London Marathon but did it in an amazing time of 3 hours and 39 minutes. He ran to raise money for a charity close to his heart – Caudwell Children. What a fantastic young man who still displays our school values.



Keep up to date with our news and what's been going on with our school Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/Stjohnswetleyrocks>

A huge thank you to everyone in our school community for another fantastic term.

Whether it's helping your child academically, giving lifts, mystery readers, supporting at events, or even just a hello in the morning, we couldn't do it without out you.

**We look forward to seeing you on Monday 2nd June 2025 for the final half term of the year.
Very best wishes. Mrs Stone and the St. John's team.**

SHINE like the star you are.