

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER



NEWSLETTER DATED FRIDAY 1st MAY 2026

Dear Families,

Over the past two weeks, our school community has had much to celebrate.

We were delighted to welcome a visit from Wiltshire Local Authority School Effectiveness Team to monitor the quality of teaching and learning in mathematics across the school. The feedback was extremely positive, highlighting not only the high quality of teaching but also the excellent learning behaviours demonstrated by our children. It was particularly pleasing to hear how confidently pupils could articulate their knowledge and understanding, reflecting the strong foundations being built in every classroom. This recognition is a testament to the hard work and dedication of both staff and pupils.

We have also enjoyed opening our doors to families of our new Early Years Foundation Stage cohort, who will be joining us in September. It was a real pleasure to meet so many parents and carers and to begin building the strong partnerships that are so important in supporting children as they start their school journey. We look forward to welcoming our new pupils and helping them settle into school life.

Please do take the time to read the full newsletter—there is so much going on within our school and wider community, and we would love for you to stay informed and involved.

We would also like to highlight a couple of important upcoming events. Please add to your diaries the Colour Run organised by the Friends of the School. This promises to be a fantastic, fun-filled event and raises much-needed funds to support every child in our school.

In addition, we are looking forward to celebrating 150 years of St John the Baptist Catholic Church in Trowbridge. A special Mass led by Bishop Bosco will be held on Wednesday 24th June at 7pm in the parish church, followed by a community celebration on Saturday 27th June. We hope many of you will be able to join us for these meaningful occasions.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Mrs O'Rourke

Upcoming Dates

Thursday 7th May – Year 5 Train Trip to Salisbury

Sunday 10th May – Children's Mass in Church at 10.30am – All Welcome

Thursday 14th May – Feast of the Ascension – Whole School Mass at 1.30pm in Church – All Welcome

Friday 15th May – Love, Joy and Peace Classes Benediction at 1.30pm

Tuesday 19th May – EYFS Trip to Trowbridge Library from 2pm – 2.45pm

Friday 22nd May - Sports Day

Sunday 24th May – Feast of Pentecost

Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May – Half Term

Monday 1st June – First Day of Term 6

Tuesday 2nd June – UKS2 Steam Fair

Wednesday 3rd June – Knowledge Class Liturgy at 1.30pm

Tuesday 9th June – Love Class Mass in School Hall at 9.05am – Parents Welcome

Thursday 11th June – Class and Year 6 School Photos

Friday 12th June – EYFS Trip to Longleat

Tuesday 16th June – Joy Class Mass in School Hall at 9.05am – Parents Welcome

Tuesday 16th June – Mission Review Evening from 5.00pm – 6.30pm

Wednesday 17th June – Year 6 Leavers Mass at Clifton Cathedral

Friday 19th June - Year 5 Faith Day

Tuesday 23rd June – Peace Class Mass in School Hall at 9.05am – Parents Welcome

Friday 26th June – Wacky Hair Day/Mufti Day

Saturday 27th June - St John the Baptist 150th Celebration – being celebrated at St Augustine's Catholic College – All Welcome

Sunday 28th June – Children's Mass in Church at 10.30am – All Welcome

Tuesday 30th June – Courage Class Liturgy at 9.05am – Parents Welcome

Friday 3rd July – Whole School Pilgrimage

Friday 10th July from 4.30pm – 7.30pm – The Friends Summer Fayre

Friday 17th July – End of Academic Year School Mass in Church

Tuesday 21st July – Year 6 Parents' Pilgrimage from 8.35am – 10am and Year 6 Leavers Assembly

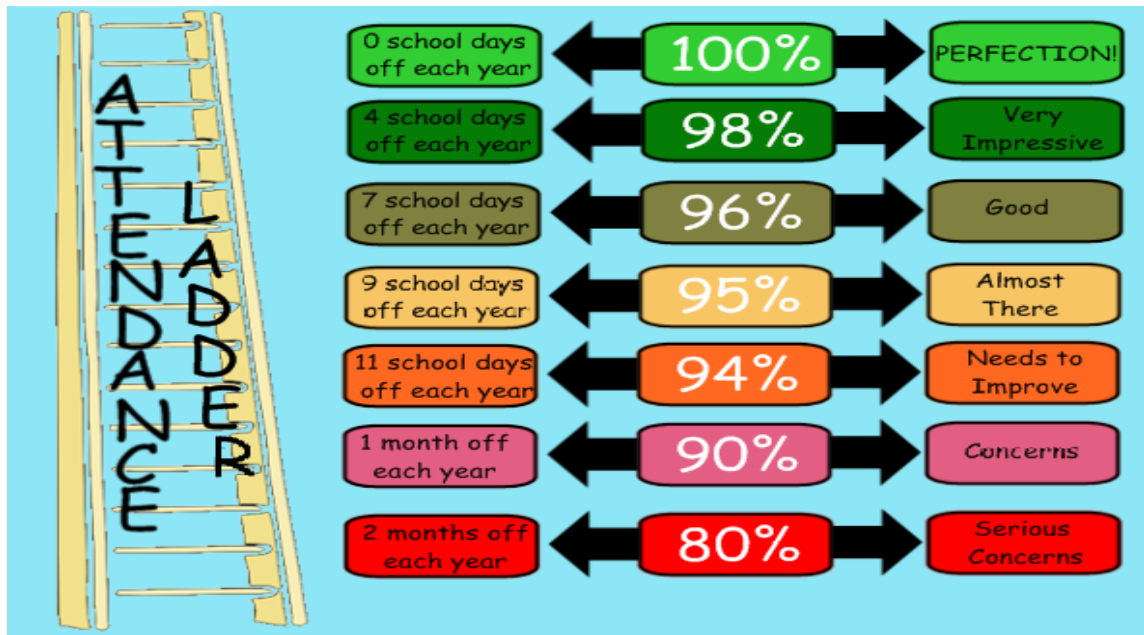
Second Session of Extended Day Cancelled on Friday 8th May 2026

The second session of Extended Day – 4.30pm – 5.45pm is cancelled on Friday 8th May due to an event taking place.

If your child is booked in on this date, please collect your child by 4.30pm at the very latest.

Thank you.

Attendance Matters



We are encouraging every child to be an Attendance Hero!



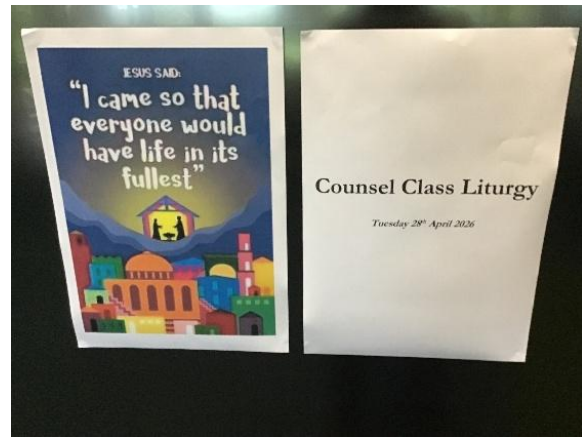
Affordable Schools

We understand that the rising cost of living continues to place pressure on many families. If you have any questions or concerns about the affordability or cost of anything related to school, please know that we are here to help and support where we can. This may include costs linked to school trips, wrap-around care, after-school clubs or music lessons. Families are welcome to contact us confidentially at affordability@st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk. We encourage anyone who may need support, or who wishes to ask questions, to get in touch.

Counsel Class Liturgy

This week, Counsel Class led a liturgy based on the Gospel from John, exploring what it means to live life to the full and to use the gifts and talents we have been given. We were delighted to welcome Fr Richard, who joined us for this special time of reflection.

All of the children contributed brilliantly, either by reading, showing or sharing an aspect of their learning or by singing with all their heart! We were so proud of every child. Counsel class showed great respect and have really engaged with the message of the Gospel and represented St John's beautifully.



Marian Procession and May Crowning Sunday 10th May

The procession will begin at 9.45am outside St John's Catholic Primary School. Everyone is welcome to join the Children's Rosary as we process to the church, via St Augustine's. We will pray the 5th decade in the church before Mass and the May Crowning of Our Lady will take place at the start of the Children's Mass.

Divine Mercy Chaplet

Some parents are going to pray the chaplet of Divine Mercy by the statue of Our Lady at the front of school at 3pm on Fridays. Everyone is welcome to join in or just listen - it takes about 8 minutes and is a very powerful devotion that calls down grace and mercy from Heaven upon our families and the whole world.



Sports Day this year will take place on Friday 22nd May. Children are to arrive at school in their PE Kits wearing a T-Shirt representing the colour of their house:

Blue - St. Mother Teresa

Yellow - St. Don Bosco

Green - St. Francis of Assisi

Red - St. Carlo Acutis

If your child is unsure of their house, they should ask their teacher.

The timings will be as follows:

AM – KS2 (after registration – 12pm)

PM – EYFS and KS1 (1.15pm – 3pm)

Parents are warmly invited to stay for a picnic on the field. Of course, this is all weather dependent.

If you are taking any close-up photos, please ensure that they are of your own child **only**.

Policy on photography: you will understand the need to safeguard children by refraining from posting photographs/videos of other children on social media sites without the permission of their parents/guardians.

Sunday Children's Mass

Once again this year we are delighted to be working in partnership with St John the Baptist parish and all children are warmly invited to join our celebration of Mass. Miss O'Mahony will be organising readers and singers. Everyone is welcome!

Sunday Children's Masses:

Term 5 – 10th May 2026

Term 6 – 28th June 2026 - St John The Baptist Church 150th Anniversary Celebration Mass

Lost Property

Lost property will be displayed on the Key Stage 2 playground every Friday after school, giving families the opportunity to check for any missing items. Please continue to ensure that all school clothing and belongings are clearly labelled, as this greatly helps us to return items quickly to their rightful owner.

Wednesday Word

Please find below the link to this week's copy of the **Wednesday Word** which can be copied and pasted into your browser.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/good-news?pid=MTA101634&v=163.4>

Inclusion and SEND Drop In Meetings for Parents

If parents have already spoken with their child's class teacher and would now find it useful to make an appointment with Mrs O'Mahony our inclusion lead please do contact Mrs Burden in the school office who will be able to offer a time and date for you to meet.

Use of School Car Park For Breakfast Club

Please can we remind families not to use the staff car park to drive in and drop off or park for your child to attend Breakfast Club.

The car park is for staff use only unless you have a disabled badge and have permission from school to drive in.

Please can you also not use the car park entrance to turn your vehicle around. You may be aware there have been serious accidents outside the school and we all have to be responsible for the safety of every child.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Music Lessons in School

We offer piano, brass, violin and guitar lessons during the school day.

If your child is interested in playing a musical instrument, please come to the office to complete a form. This is then given to the appropriate music teacher who will contact you if they have any spaces. If they don't they can add your child's name to their waiting list.

Leaders in Faith Award

Congratulations to the following pupils who have earned this award:

Gold Award:

Florence H

Silver Award:

Ivy K

Trixie W

Daisy M



Bronze Award:

Aurelia G

Trixie W

Rose B

Mila Elizabeth B

Louis C

Tahlia H

James C

Kacper H

Cloe M

Liberty S

Sebastian H

Teddy H

Phoenix-Jett H

Lucas N A

Kuba J

Jowin J

George B

Kuzey K

Mason L

Lena S

Sera S

Birthdays

During Celebration Assembly we celebrated all children who have had birthdays and presented them with a St. John's birthday pencil.

Pupils

Sera S

Isla C

Roberta H

Blessing A

Annabelle O

Liviah T

Margot F

Teddy H

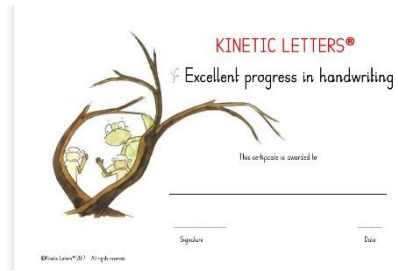
Tristan H

Camila W

Lilly R



Celebrating Handwriting Progress - EYFS And KS1



We celebrate the progress of pupils in EYFS and KS1. Fluent handwriting is an essential skill that the children work to master.

The Following pupils have been awarded certificates for their excellent progress:

Wisdom Class:	Hailey-Rose M Travis V
Understanding Class:	Nimrat S Jacob T Elliott S
Counsel Class:	Giulia O
Courage Class:	Amaia K
Knowledge Class:	Felicity W

EYFS Reading Breakfast

It was fantastic to have many Foundation Stage parents / grandparents join us for our reading breakfast last week. The children thoroughly enjoyed sharing the love and joy of reading with their families. There was such a wonderful atmosphere in the hall and a very special morning.

EYFS Big Brush Club

Foundation Stage have been working hard to develop their independence when brushing their teeth. We are part of the Big Brush Club scheme which provides tooth brushes and tooth paste for all children who wish to take part. Recently we were visited by Jess, from the Big Brush Club who came to quality assess the delivery of the tooth brushing sessions in school. We are pleased to share that we passed with flying colours! So, look out for our shiny teeth!



A brighter future for people with serious allergies

Year 5 & 6 Fruit Kebab Fundraiser – Friday 15th May

On Friday 15th May, our Year 5 and 6 children will be making and selling delicious fruit kebabs at break time. Kebabs will be sold for 50p each and children are very welcome to bring money in on the day if they would like to buy one.

All money raised will go to Anaphylaxis UK, a charity we will be working closely with. This is a cause that is particularly meaningful to us as we have several children within our school family who live with anaphylaxis.

We would be very grateful for any donations of fruit to help make this a success. Collection boxes will be placed outside the Outdoor Classroom on Wednesday 13th, Thursday 14th and Friday 15th May at the start and end of the school day.

Suitable fruits include: grapes, strawberries, melon, pineapple, blueberries, kiwi, banana, satsumas and apples.

Thank you for your continued support.



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By Discovery Education

The following pupils have achieved these Doodle Streaks in Doodle Maths:

1000 Days	Kimpreet D
750 Days	Oskar H
500 Days	Riona R
	Holly A
	Callie E
100 Days	Amelia A
	Amelia G
	Mia S
	Niamh D
	Gabriela G
50 Days	Sebastian O

Here is the Top Doodling Class at St John's Catholic Primary School for:

Week Ending 24th April – Year 2 (54% of pupils in the green zone)

Week Ending 1st May – Year 2 (56% of pupils in the green zone)

The Friends of St. John's Colour Run 2026

On Friday 22nd May, immediately after Sports Day, St. John's will be hosting a Colour Run. All children aged 4+, plus parents, friends and families are invited to join this fun safe and colourful event.

This isn't just about running and colour, it's also a fundraiser for Dorothy House, a local charity close to our hearts. Children are encouraged to seek sponsorship from friends and family with a prize for the class raising the most money.

All other proceeds support The Friends of St. John's school projects and activities.

Sponsorship forms will be sent home with pupils soon.

Bring old clothes, goggles and a big smile. This promises to be a vibrant and memorable afternoon for everyone.



THE FRIENDS OF ST JOHN'S PRESENT...

COLOUR RUN 2026

STRAIGHT AFTER SPORTS DAY

COLOUR RUN OBSTACLE COURSE FOR
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• EXTRA COLOUR BAGS AVAILABLE TO BUY!

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