

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



NEWSLETTER DATED FRIDAY 11th OCTOBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first term of the new academic year continues to provide many moments of joy and success. The children in Foundation Stage have settled into the routines of school life beautifully and are already showing such wonderful learning behaviours. In particular the children's recount of the Creation narrative from the book of Genesis was very impressive!

Year 1 and 2 have been enjoying more opportunities to embed their learning through continuous provision and are thriving within their learning environment both inside and outside the classroom. The younger children are showing such determination in their phonics and we are excited to witness what the year ahead brings!

Year 3 and 4 gathered together with Fr Richard and celebrated Mass together to mark receiving the Sacrament of First Holy Communion with their families. The children showed such reverence and delight, reading and singing with confidence. Class 8 have also started their First Access violin lessons with Charlotte Sloane-Hill where every child has the opportunity to learn how to play the violin.

Year 5 and 6 have also been very busy and have much to celebrate. In addition to a rich and challenging curriculum there have been visits to Trowbridge Museum, swimming lessons, celebration of Class 11 Mass on the Feast Day of Sir John Henry Newman and Year 6 have been cycling on the local roads achieving their Bikeability awards!

Over the past couple of weeks we have welcomed external visitors from Wiltshire Local Authority who have commented on the children's confidence, oracy and positive attitude to learning which we are determined to continue to develop.

I know you will all be thinking of Mr Smith at the time of his illness and please keep him in your prayers. We are so grateful for the dedication and care that the staff at Dorothy House have shown our dear friend, teacher and colleague. Mr Smith is being well cared for, is very comfortable, surrounded by his family and friends. Children have been invited to write cards, pictures and letters to Mr Smith. If families would like to write a card or letter please do drop them into main reception where it can be delivered.

This weekend we look forward to celebrating Children's Mass on Sunday in the St John the Baptist Parish Church at 10.30am, looking forward to gathering together with the Parish community.

With best wishes

Mrs K O'Rourke

Diary Dates For Term 1

Thursday 17th October—Class 11 Trip to Trowbridge Museum

Thursday 17th October—Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Friday 18th October—Class 10 Mass in Classroom

Tuesday 22nd October—Class 9 Mass in Classroom

Tuesday 22nd October—Last Day of Term 1

Wednesday 23rd October—T.D. Day—School Closed to all Pupils

Save The Dates

Sunday Children's Mass—13th October, 8th December, 26th January, 30th March, 11th May and 20th July

Thursday 17th October—Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Tuesday 22nd October—Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Monday 4th November—Stay Safe Initiative

Tuesday 12th November—Maths Workshop for parents of pupils in EYFS at 8.50am.

Friday 22nd November—St. John's Book Fair

Saturday 23rd November—Open Day 9.am—12pm. Please phone school to book a time slot.—everyone welcome! Please share with family and friends.

Thursday 28th November—Advent Penitential Service in School Hall

Wednesday 4th December—Open Day 9.30am—2.30pm. Please phone school to book a time slot—every welcome! Please share with family and friends.

Tuesday 17th December—EYFS Nativity in Church

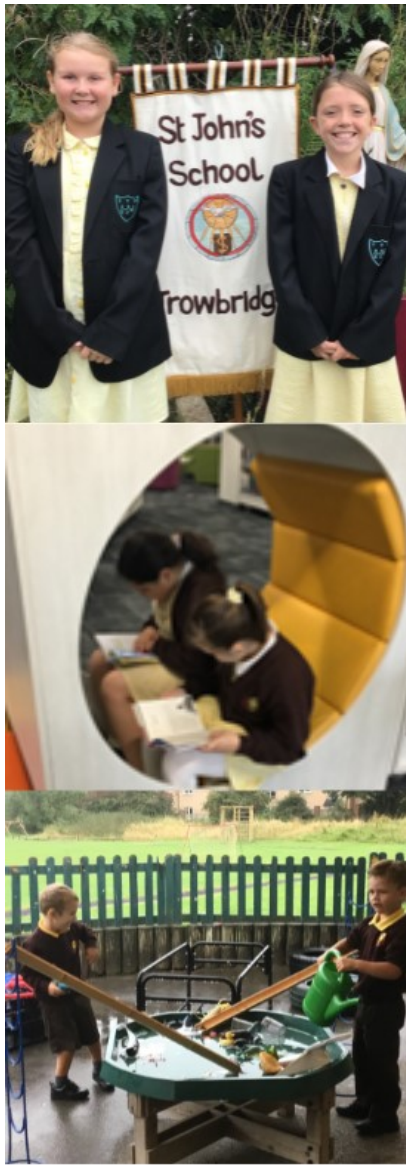
Thursday 19th December—Whole School Carol Service in Church

Education Mass on Thursday 21st November 2024

Bishop Bosco will be celebrating Mass for all those involved in any way in Catholic education, at Clifton Cathedral, on Thursday **21 November at 6.00pm.**

This is an annual Mass, bringing all our school community members together as a diocesan family to celebrate Catholic education. This year's choir will be St Peter's High School, Gloucester. The Mass offers an opportunity for all those connected with Catholic education, teachers, staff, governors, pupils and parents, in Clifton Diocese to renew their commitment to Catholic education.

Light Refreshments will be available.



AUTUMN TERM OPEN DAYS

FOR ADMISSION SEPTEMBER 2025

Friday 20th September

Meet The Headteacher, Stay & Play

2.00pm-3.00pm

Thursday 10th October 9.30am-2.30pm

Saturday 23rd November 9.00am-12.00pm

Wednesday 4th December 9.30am-2.30pm

Please contact the school office on **01225 752006** or email **admin@st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk** to book a visit.

www.st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk

St John's Catholic Primary School, Wingfield Road, Trowbridge, BA14 9EA

At St John's we grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus.

Collection Time For Pupils in EYFS

Pupils in EYFS will now be finishing school at 3.10pm.

This is to enable Parents/Carers who have older children in school to get round into the main playground before they are dismissed from their classrooms at 3.15pm.

GDPR Regulations

Under GDPR regulations, you may review the consent that you have previously provided to the school. Should you wish to do so, please email **admin@st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk**

Copies of our privacy notices can be found on the school website **www.st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk**

Birthdays This Week

We would like to wish all children who have had birthdays last week, this week, or will celebrate over the weekend a very HAPPY BIRTHDAY.

Pupils will receive their pencils in Celebration Assembly today.

Pupils

Emily B	Grace D	Pippa W
Bethel I	Carlita F	Darcey V
Zofia M	Tyron S	Violetta B
Niamh D	Daniel N-A	Sam G
Oliver S	Callie E	Freya B



Online Safety

This week we are highlighting what you need to know as parents/carers about In-Game Chat.

Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

Leaders in Faith Award.

Congratulations to the following child who has earned this award:

Silver Award: Dalia E

The certificate was presented in Praise Assembly on Friday.



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.

We hope you enjoy sharing the Bible Scripture together with your child.

<https://www.paperturn-view.com/wednesday-word/happiness?pid=MTA101634&v=151.3>

Uniform Shed New Opening Day

Mrs Dixon who runs the Uniform Shed has had to change the opening day again from Mondays to **Wednesdays**.

It will be open after school from 3.10pm. The Uniform Shed is situated in the main playground next to the outdoor classroom.

Maths Workshop for Parents of Pupils in EYFS

We invite you to join us for an in-school workshop for Foundation Stage children at 8.50am on Tuesday 12th November 2024.

This will run for 45 minutes to 1 hour. Parents will be invited into the hall and will sit and work alongside their child. You will experience first-hand the activities that will be set as home-learning tasks and you will receive your pack of resources for the activities at home.

Parents or primary carers should attend the meeting, but children can be supported in the workshop by another significant adult in their lives – i.e. grandparent or other relative – who can share the workshop ideas and home-learning plan with you for on-going support.

Vacancy – Parish Administrator

We are seeking a positive, self-motivated and organised individual with excellent interpersonal skills for the role of Parish Administrator.

The successful candidate will play a vital role in supporting the Parish Priest by overseeing all the administrative aspects of running the parish. The position requires a good foundation in office management and IT skills. It is a multi-faceted role that also involves being the first point of contact for both parishioners as well as external parties, and dealing with queries and concerns sympathetically, discreetly and professionally.

Hours: Tues-Fri 9am-2pm. Salary: £12.50-£14 per hour. A DBS check will be required for this role.

A job description and application form can be downloaded from the parish website <https://www.stjohnthebaptisttrowbridge.co.uk/> or by contacting the Parish Office trowbridge.stjohnthebaptist@cliftondiocese.com

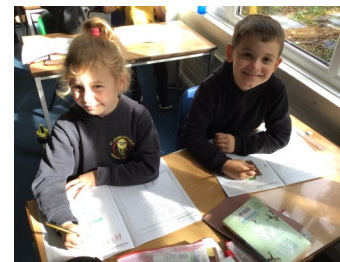
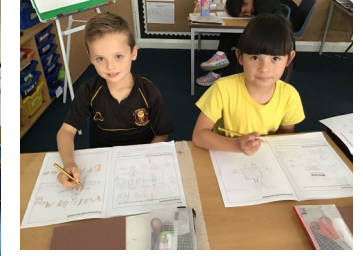
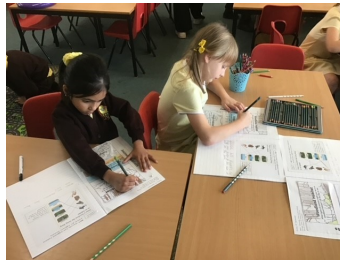
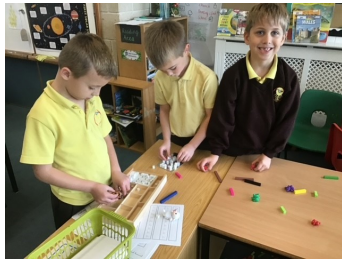
Deadline for applications: 8th November 2024.

Save the Date

We are pleased to have Richard Pomfrett from the Stay Safe Initiative returning to St John's on Monday 4th November. He will be working with the children throughout the day and will then be running a session for parents in the hall from 2.15pm-3.15pm to which all parents are invited.

Pupils in year 3 will shortly be bringing home an 'Acceptable Use Agreement' to complete regarding online safety, and we would ask that you go through this with your child before returning it to the school office.

Lessons, Activities and Events Taken Place During These Last Two Weeks



Dance Workshop

This week a few girls from KS2 took part a dance workshop in Trowbridge. They were able to enjoy dancing with many other children from other local schools. They were a pleasure to take out, and wonderful role models to represent our school. They made St John's proud!



Save The Date!
St. John's Book Fair



Next term, the school is running a Book Fair to encourage the school's "Love of Reading" on

Friday 22nd November 2.30pm in the Hall.

The benefit is not only to get children reading and valuing books but if the school raises more than a certain amount the school will receive free books to stock our reading library.

In school, the children will be given a chance to look at the books before they buy and share a "wish list" with their parents. These lists can then help parents decide what books they would be happy to buy on the day. Parents can pay by cash, card or QR code.

Competition: To win a £5 book voucher to go towards buying a book at the Fair, children need to create a poster or model to encourage reading.

Winners for each Key Stage will be judged by the school librarians.

All entries in by **Wednesday 20th November.**

KS2 Cross Country Event

Lace up your running shoes and get ready for an exciting Cross Country Event!

The Clarendon Academy are hosting the KS2 Cross Country event on Monday 11th November.

Whether you are a seasoned runner or just looking for some outdoor fun, this event is for everyone. It's a fantastic opportunity to embrace a healthy lifestyle and put your Daily Mile into practice.

The event will take place at 3.45pm.

We ask that parents collect your child from the school office at 3.05pm and take them to the event. Parents will need to stay for the duration of the competition. Siblings of children participating may also be collected at this time.

If your child is interested in taking part please let the office know.