

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER



NEWSLETTER DATED FRIDAY 27TH SEPTEMBER 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

The children have fully settled into the rhythm of school life and there is a wonderful sense of purpose and challenge. The term has already included many successes including a visit from Patrick Kaberia, a Fair Trade farmer from Kenya, trips to Trowbridge Museum supporting our rich curriculum, school Mass celebrating with the children and families who received their First Holy Communion in June, children representing the school at local sporting competitions, Year 6 Leaders attending a Sports Conference, additional professional development for the whole staff team and stay and play sessions for new EYFS children ready for September 2025!

Last week we hosted a visit from a Headteacher in Purton who remarked on the impressive learning behaviours and purpose with which the children were working; I am unashamedly ambitious for what the children can achieve over the coming academic year. Please ensure you book an appointment for the first parent's evening this academic year as this will provide valuable information on how your child has settled and guidance on how you can support at home.

As mentioned in the 'Meet the Headteacher' sessions earlier in the term I would like to introduce the 'Parent Representative' role which will allow us to further develop our methods of communication. Early next week we will be contacting two parents from each year group who have been randomly selected to represent parents at a termly meeting with me. The responsibility will then be for this information to be cascaded to other parents. I really am looking forward to working alongside you all to enhance the life chances and opportunities for every child.

We will be celebrating our 'Harvest Service' in the next few weeks and we ask for a donation of a box (or two) of any brand of cereal that we will donate to Trowbridge Foodbank. We are setting the challenge of collecting at least 400 boxes of cereal - please support if you are able. Thank you for the donations we have received already.....currently have approximately 50 boxes.

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend.

Mrs O'Rourke

Diary Dates For Term 1

Tuesday 1st October—Individual and sibling school photos. Pupils are to wear their **winter uniform** on this day

Thursday 3rd October—Class 10 Trip to Trowbridge Museum

Tuesday 8th/Wednesday 9th October—Group One of Year 6 Bikeability

Wednesday 9th October—Class 11 Mass

Thursday 10th October—Open Day 9.30am—2.30pm. Please phone school to book a time slot.

Thursday 10th/Friday 11th October—Group Two of Year 6 Bikeability

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

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



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 753230** or email **admin@st-johns-trowbridge.wilts.sch.uk** to book a visit.

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

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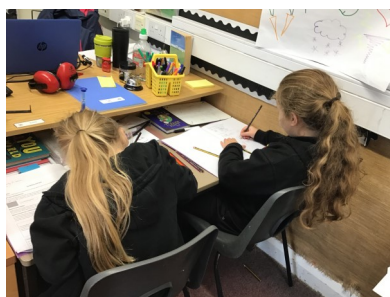
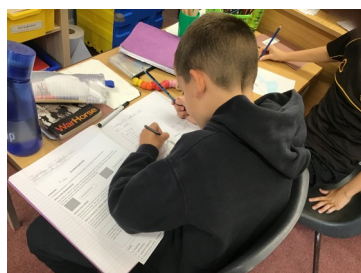
At St John's we grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus.

First Holy Communion Mass

On Thursday 26th September, LKS2 children who have celebrated their First Holy Communion gathered at school to celebrate again, but this time with their families and the school community. Children were dressed in their Communion outfits and brought with them their joy, excitement and reverence at such a milestone in their Catholic lives. It was a lovely event and was an inspiration to the St. John's family.



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



Reporting Your Child Absent on the School Answerphone

If your child is unwell or unable to come into school, please leave a message on the absence line before 8.30am.

Please phone the school number 01225 752006, then option 1.

After leaving your message, please remember to press the **# button** to save it. Otherwise your message will be deleted. Thank you.

School Photos

David Wiltshire Photography will be in school on **Tuesday 1st October** to take pupil's individual photos. Pupils with siblings in our school will also have a photograph taken together during the school day. Unfortunately we are not able to take photos with children who are not currently at St. John's or any other family relationships than siblings.

All pupils should come into school in their **Winter** uniform on this day.

Booking for Parents Evenings

Parents Evenings will take place on:

Thursday 17th October—Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Tuesday 22nd October—Parents Evening 3.30-6pm

Please go to www.parents-booking.co.uk/stjohns to book a slot. You should have received a letter via Parentmail on Monday 23rd September giving you the information to make an appointment. Bookings open at 6pm on Friday 4th October.

No Year 5 Swimming Next Friday 4th October 2024

Pupils in Year 5 will not be swimming next Friday 4th October.

It will resume as normal on Friday 11th October.

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/goodness?pid=MTA101634&v=149.2>

Fairtrade Assembly

On Tuesday 17th September, Patrick Kaberia, a Fairtrade Tea Farmer from Kenya gave a presentation to KS1 and KS2 children and spent time with the Year 5/6 chapel champions.

He taught us about the life of a Fair Trade farmer and set us some challenges.

Oliver said "Buy Fair Trade Products to help the farmers"

George said tell your friends and family about Fair Trade goods"

We would like to thank Fair Trade Trowbridge for organising his visit to our school.

We are exploring becoming a Fair Trade School.



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

Julia M	Alex S
Barney W	Alfred W
Jack B	Neyo A
Mia S	Nikola G
Pola J	Kylie M
Maximilian P	Oliver P



Round the World Reading Challenge

We would like to congratulate the following pupils who completed the Round the World Reading Challenge and were sponsored by their family and friends, raising £59 for Mission Together:

Sam G
Alex G
Kimpreet D
Felicity W

Well done—excellent effort!



Children's Rosary



May and October are dedicated to Our Lady and the rosary. We celebrate the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary on October 7th, and October 13th is the anniversary of the miracle of the sun, when around 70,000 people in Fatima, Portugal, witnessed the sun appearing to spin, change colour and fall to the earth.

During the month of the Holy Rosary we would like to invite you to join us for any of the following opportunities to learn to pray the rosary and deepen your

faith. We would be delighted to give you rosary beads and teach you how to use them.

In school at lunchtime there will be Children's Rosary available for pupils in the chapel. Every Sunday morning from 9.45 the children lead us in a beautiful Children's Rosary. Usually we meet in the parish centre but on Sunday 6th October we will gather in the church. Why not come along to see what it's all about?



In our parish church of St John's on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9am we will be praying the healing rosary for families, why not come and entrust your family to Our Lady?

On Sunday 29th September and 27th October (and the last Sunday of every month) we pray a public rosary in Trowbridge park at 16.30, by the war memorial, for peace and reconciliation in our community and country.

Finally, starting on the 28th October we will be starting a 46 day consecration to Our Lady, finishing on the 12th December, the feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe. There is detailed information on the parish website and attached separately.

The photos are from our Marian procession and May crowning earlier this year.



Online Safety

This week we are highlighting what you need to know as parents/carers about Instagram.

Please see the leaflet attached to this newsletter.

Trowbridge Town Council Christmas Lights Switch On

Trowbridge Town Council's Christmas Lights Switch On and Lantern Parade will take place on Friday 15th November in Trowbridge Town Park, and we would love you to be involved!

We are offering free workshops for adults and children to make willow and tissue paper lanterns to join in our parade!

Lantern Making Workshops

Workshops will be held in the Trowbridge Museum on the following dates & times: Thursday 24th and Saturday 26th October, and Friday 1st November at 10:30am, 11:30am, 1:30pm and 2:30pm.

Workshops will be one-hour long and are suitable for children of 8 years and above.

You can book workshops via the Trowbridge Museum website: [Lantern Making Workshops at Trowbridge Museum event tickets from TicketSource](#)

Lantern Making Packs

We will be giving out free lantern making packs so you can make lanterns yourself within your lessons, after school clubs or at home!

Packs will be available to collect from the Information Centre (Civic Centre, Trowbridge, BA14 8AH) from Monday 21st October onward. We will also be producing an instruction guide and handy video to help you make your lantern.

Please note: there are no bookings or reservations available for kits, there will be a limited number of kits available, and these will be on a first-come, first-serve basis. Kits are free, but a donation to the mayor's charity is encouraged.

Asda Rewards for Schools



Parentkind – the charity that supports school PTAs - have teamed up with Asda, who are donating millions of pounds to primary schools across the UK through their 'Cashpot for Schools' initiative. All you have to do is opt in through the Asda Rewards app, choose our primary school and shop and scan in store or shop online at Asda.com, between 2nd September and 30th November 2024

Every time somebody opts in, Asda will give an additional £1 to the school Cashpot. Plus, it doesn't stop there – Asda are also giving £50 to every school to get them started.

If you shop in Asda, please connect St. John's to your Rewards App to earn some money our school. Thank you.

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Download and sign up to the Asda Rewards app Opt into the Cashpot for Schools campaign and select a specific primary school or select 'Schools in Need'.	Shop in store across Asda and George, or online at Asda.com Asda will donate a percentage of your shop to your chosen school each time you shop and scan.	Asda does the rest The money raised will be donated through Parentkind to schools to spend on what they need most. This won't affect your own Cashpot earn.
Once opted in and selected a school, we will add £1 to your chosen schools Cashpot to help get them started. Each school will get an additional £50 added to their Cashpot, after at least one customer has shopped and scanned their Rewards app.		