

"Our Mission - At St. John's we grow and learn in the footsteps of Jesus"



St. John's Newsletter

Friday 2nd February 2024



Dear Parents and Carers

X (formally tweet) of the week

Loving is the greatest gift. We receive it when we make room for the Lord in prayer, when we welcome Him in His transforming Word and in the humility of His broken Bread.
#YearOfPrayer



Illness and Absence reminders

If your child is ill and unable to attend school, please leave a message on the answerphone before 8.30am on **each day of absence**. Please leave a brief description of the illness (please do not just state 'unwell'). Absences with no reason will be unauthorised.

If your child will be absent for a reason other than illness please complete a leave of absence request with as much notice as possible. We will require proof of medical appointments (text on phone is acceptable).

Thank you for your support with this.

Dates for your Diary

Fri 9th Feb - EYFS & Class 11 cake sale after school (please take cakes to class in the morning).

Mon 12th - Fri 16th Feb - Half Term, School closed to all children.

Mon 19th Feb - Start of term 4

Wed 21st Feb - Year 4 to Trowbridge Museum

Thurs 22nd Feb - Year 3 to Trowbridge Museum

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Trowbridge Youth Parliament

Rose and Bea enjoyed a productive session at Trowbridge Youth Parliament on Wednesday morning (Rose's first as chair). All the schools involved contributed brilliantly to the discussion around improving Equality and Diversity in our community. Special thanks to Walwayne Court for hosting us and providing the most amazing chocolate brownies!

Well done to Rose and Bea for once again representing St John's so well.



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/uk/wednesday-word/healing?pid=MTA101634&v=118.3>

Staff Car Park

Please can we once again remind all parents and carers that the staff car park must not be used at any time by parents/carers dropping off or collecting children from school. This includes breakfast club and extended day.

Please also ensure that when walking to the EYFS gates that you use the designated path and not walk across the car park. There have been a number of near-misses recently when staff are trying to exit and parents and/or children have walked behind/in front of cars.



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National Storytelling Week



This week the school's Reading Champions took on the challenge of reading out loud to an audience to promote National Storytelling Week. They used their voices to bring the characters to life and to clearly tell a story. Also, they used gestures to add meaning to the words they read. They also used a great storytelling trick of getting the audience involved by asking questions and getting them to join in. They made the library come alive this week and will have encouraged the children of St. John's to read for enjoyment.

Thank you to the Reading Champions:

Daniel L, Alexis M-B, Weronika K, Rose W, Lucas B, Poppy M, Iga K, Daisy B, Beatrice P, and Michael T.



Leaders in Faith Award.



Congratulations to the following children who have earned their Bronze Award:

Livia T

Zara K

Darcey V

Samantha W

Scarlet A

Amy P



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Birthdays This Week

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

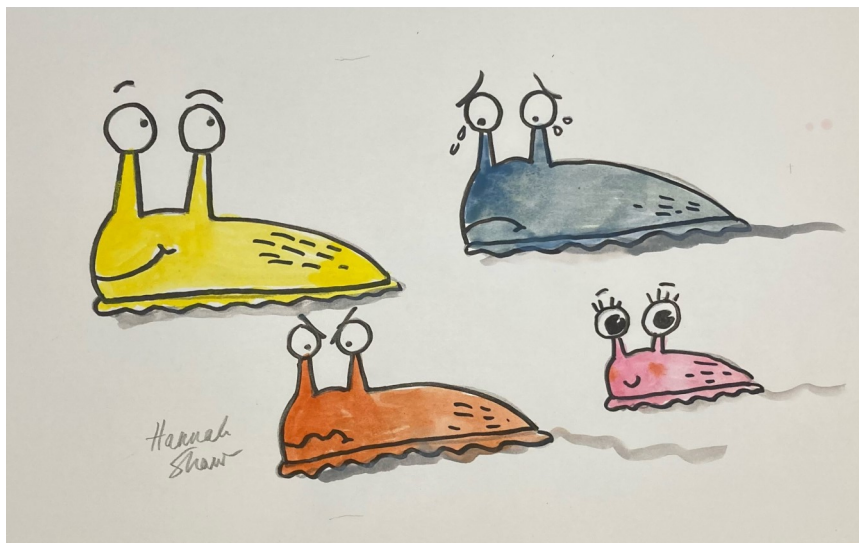
Pupils will receive their pencils in Celebration Assembly today.

Albie M
Johan S
Jacob L



KS1 Illustrator Visit

Following on from their author visit of 'The Disgusting Sandwich', KS1 had an online drawing workshop with the illustrator Hannah Shaw. The children enjoyed learning how to draw some characters and learnt how to draw slugs! They learnt how to use colour and draw different eyes and eyebrows to show emotions.



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Dorian Appeal - A fund-raiser by Tatiana, Weronika and Emilia

Hi, this is Dorian.

Dorian is 22 years old and has Downs syndrome.

He swims in the bronze squad at Trowbridge ASC.

Dorian has been swimming since he was very young, training hard to be the best he can be.

People with Down syndrome have an extra copy of chromosome number 21. Having the extra chromosome 21 makes the growing plan work differently to other people. People with Down syndrome can look different too. They may not speak quite the same as you and may do things a little differently. People who are born with Downs syndrome can do anything that anyone else can do...it just takes a lot longer and needs a lot more practice and patience, but in most ways they are very much the same!



FUNDRAISER

We are raising funds to help Dorian cover the massive costs of the trip
to the World Championship 2024 in Turkey
for people with Down syndrome.

Down's Syndrome swimming does not receive any funding and as such the entire trip will need to be funded by Dorian and his family.

The funding received will go towards flights, accommodation, food and anything Dorian needs while he is there. Any additional excess funds will go towards other competitions Dorian attends

PLEASE HELP US RAISE AS MUCH MONEY AS POSSIBLE!

IF YOU WANT TO HELP, YOU CAN ASK YOUR PARENTS/CARERS TO GO TO THE GOFUNDME PAGE FOR DORIAN'S TRIP TO THE DOWN SYNDROME WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP IN TURKEY IN MARCH 2024 OR TAKE PART IN OUR CHARITY EVENT.

THE GOFUNDME PAGE IS HERE (WITH A NOTE - „ST.JOHN'S SCHOOL")

[HTTPS://GOFUNDME/EE1D3422](https://gofundme.com/EE1D3422)

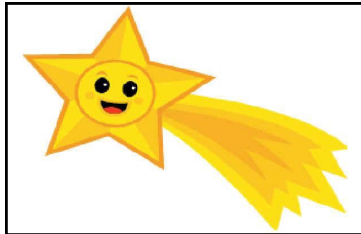


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Stars of the Week



House points

St. Rose	-	394
St. Anthony	-	317
St. Dominic	-	272
St. Therese	-	218

The theme from our mission statement this week is taking responsibility.

Class 1:	Margot F	For taking responsibility of her own learning and producing fantastic pieces of writing.
Class 2:	Sophia E	For taking responsibility for her own learning. Being a great team player, responsible for keeping our classroom tidy.
Class 3:	Phoebe S	For being a super responsible messenger whenever we need any help from the office. Thank you Phoebe.
Class 4:	Cillian J	For taking responsibility so seriously and always being a responsible role model.
	Annabelle C	For being responsible in everything she does, but especially her learning.
Class 5:	Theo M	For being a responsible learner this week and working hard in all lessons. Well done!
Class 6:	Izabela M	For being a very responsible learner in Class 6 and a role model to others with her great learning behaviour.
Class 7:	Lilly B	For organising a fund-raiser for Animal Aid.
	Grace D	For organising a fund-raiser for Animal Aid.
	Amy-Teresa J	For organising a fund-raiser for Animal Aid.
	Sofia C	For organising a fund-raiser for Animal Aid.
Class 8:	William F	For showing a great responsibility for his learning but sharing with others so well too!
Class 9:	Blanka C	For taking pride and ownership for her own learning. Blanka was inspired by the Mission Day to do her own research on St. John.
Class 10:	Julia S	For taking responsibility for her learning and work - her books are always so well presented and reflect how well she has listened in lessons.
Class 11:	Rose W	For the responsibility she has shown in chairing the Youth Parliament meetings.