



Respect

Kindness

Confidence

Tolerance

Self-Discipline

### Key Dates

Monday 29th—Friday 2nd Feb

National Storytelling Week

Wednesday 31st January and

Thursday 1st February

Parent Interviews

Monday 5th—Friday 9th February

Children's Mental Health Week

End of Term - Friday 9th February

Start of Term 4 - Monday 19th  
February

Dear St John's Families,

I can't quite believe that we are mid-way through Term 3 already. It's been another couple of great weeks at St John's.

It was wonderful to see so many of you enjoying looking through your children's learning at our Parent Book Look last week. The children are rightly so proud of their learning and for them to be able to share that with you was really special. We look forward to welcoming you soon for our Parent Interview evenings where teachers will discuss more about your child's progress. I look forward to being able to meet and chat with more of you during these evenings.

In our assemblies the last couple of weeks, we have continued to think about our value of the term 'Respect' by celebrating Martin Luther King Day and World Religion Day. I felt humbled hearing the children's responses during these assemblies and I am so reassured that our pupils are living our values through their thoughts and their actions. I've had some wonderful letters from pupils wanting to become Equality Champions for our school! Watch this space to find out more about this.

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As always, please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any queries or want to discuss anything at all in relation to your child.

*Mrs Emma Jefferson*

*Headteacher*



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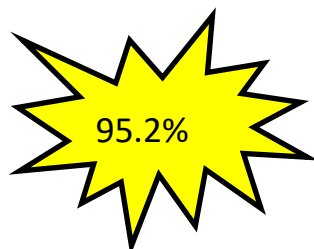


# Attendance and Safeguarding

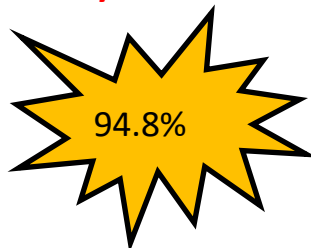


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Y1CT	92.4%
Y1RT	92.8%
Y2ST	94.8%
Y2F	96.4%
Y3B	96.3%
Y3HC	96.1%
Y4O	96.3%
Y4BC	93.6%
Y5M	94.1%
Y5N	94.7%
Y6B	96.6%
Y6D	93.9%

## Attendance for the week:



## Attendance for the year to date:



## Attendance Update:

At St John's, we want to work in partnership with families to ensure attendance for all pupils is as high as possible. Every child, every lesson, every day is what our ambition is in order to champion pupils and allow them to reach their full potential.

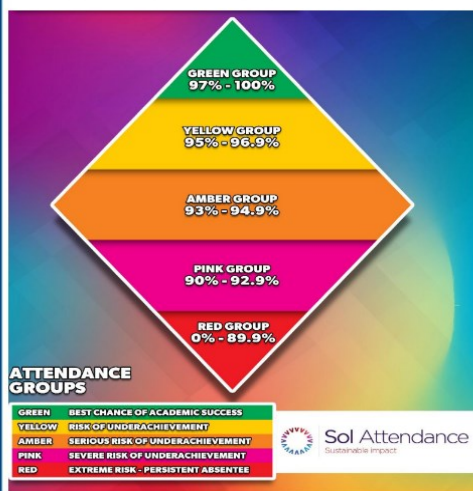
Attendance is an area which requires strong partnership between school and home. We will provide support and help and work with all of our families on ensuring every child is receiving the quality education they deserve.

If you ever wish to discuss your child's attendance, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

## Safeguarding:

Our main priority as a school is to ensure that children are safe. Please can we remind parents that we will not allow children to leave with a different adult unless school has been notified beforehand. An email / telephone call should be sent to the school office or a message passed to your child's class teacher. If a member of staff queries an adult picking up your child, then please know that they are following our safeguarding policies and prioritising the safety of your child. Whilst we recognise this may cause a small delay in being able to collect a child, please treat the staff with respect and appreciate what they are doing to ensure your child comes to no harm. Thank you for your support with this matter.

## Attendance Ladder



Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



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# In other news:



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## Singsation

Our Year 5 and 6 pupils had an amazing music enrichment experience at Branston Academy singing some pop and Latin medleys with children from other schools. They were led by Hayley Sanderson, one of the lead vocalists from Strictly Come Dancing and a live band. 'Inspirational, phenomenal and an unforgettable experience' were some of the quotes from our pupils. A huge thank you to the staff who organised and supported with this wonderful opportunity.

## Children's Mental Health Week

Children's Mental Health Week is coming up from the 5th February 2024. The children will be taking part in activities in class during the week to help them understand the importance of their mental health and how they can look after themselves. There's lots of information online but below are some top tips for families (written by children themselves) to support children's positive mental health.

### Here's what children and young people told us they need from you:

- ① We don't need to have 'one-off conversations about our mental health' – sometimes a chat on a journey or at bedtime is enough.
- ② I need to know it's okay to talk to you about any and all of my feelings. Please hear what I have to say, without interrupting me.
- ③ Please listen to me carefully and acknowledge how I am feeling – it might seem silly to you but what I am going through is important to me.
- ④ Playing with pets can make me feel better. Same with playing football, basketball or whatever type of sport I am into.
- ⑤ Don't compare my experiences to your own when you were a child.
- ⑥ Sometimes I just need you to listen and hear what I'm saying – I don't always need answers (or lectures)
- ⑦ Please don't worry about trying to fix things for me – I often just need to know you are there for me and understand what I am going through.
- ⑧ If you are open with me about your feelings, this can help me to be more open about mine.
- ⑨ Sometimes I don't want to talk. Please trust that I will come to you (or another grown-up or someone my own age) when I'm ready. Sometimes it's easier for me to talk to someone nearer my own age – my siblings, cousins, friends, younger teachers at school - because they 'get it'.
- ⑩ Sometimes a hug is all it takes to make me feel supported.

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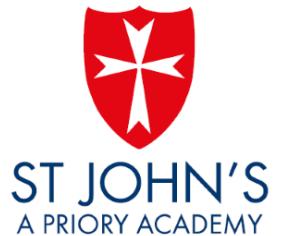
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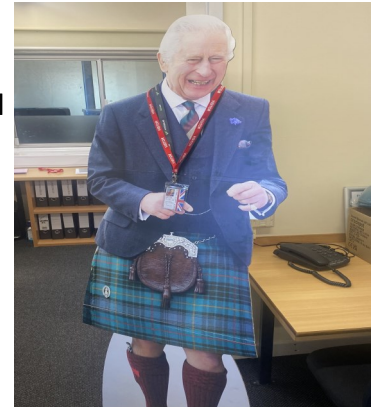
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## A Royal Visitor

It's not every day that we can say we have had a royal visitor in school but this week, that's indeed what happened. To go alongside our themed royal banquet lunchtime meal, King Charles himself made an appearance (complete with visitor lanyard to ensure our safeguarding policies were in place!) I think he looks rather excited to be at St John's!



## Lunchtimes

On the theme of lunchtime, developing the positive experiences of pupils during lunchtime is a focus for us this year. The children are now eating together in the hall to enjoy the social aspect of dining with others. We are also looking at our outside provision to ensure children have a range of play experiences to choose from. Coach Danny's lunchtime challenges have proved to be very popular! This term, the children are being challenged to either hit the crossbar or the posts of the goal with their kicking skills. I'm yet to have a go but I'm busy practicing ready to show the children how it's done!

As part of our curriculum, we teach children about the importance of a healthy, balanced diet and encourage this if children bring in a pack-up from home. We know how busy home life is so this useful poster can help with ideas for providing a balanced packed lunch.



## KS2 Stars of the Week

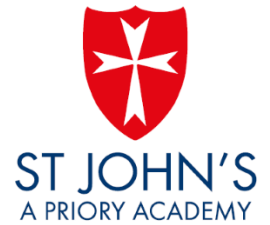
A huge well done and congratulations to our KS2 stars of the week, awarded certificates in last week's Merit assembly. You are a credit to St John's and we are so proud of you! Keep up the amazing work.



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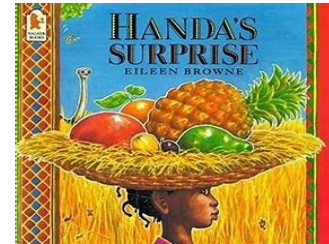


# Curriculum and Learning



It's been a busy couple of weeks learning about lots of exciting things at St John's. Here is a snippet of what some classes have been up to!

Reception have been reading the book *Handa's Surprise* by Eileen Browne. As part of our Design & Technology work, we have been planning the fruit we would like to have in a fruit salad and then making and eating a delicious fruit salad! Yum! We discussed why



we need to wash our hands before we cook or eat and how to safely use a knife. The fruit salads were very popular and we had lots of empty bowls!



Year 4 had an amazing whole day experience to support their History learning about the Anglo-Saxons. They played real Anglo-Saxon games, used their deduction skills to suggest what different artefacts may have been for and wrote their names and messages in Anglo Saxon runes. The children also discovered what Anglo Saxons would have worn and items they would have used in their daily lives. The excitement continued into the afternoon learning about Anglo Saxon weapons and armour. (I must admit it was quite a shock to walk out of my office to see a Saxon roaming around with an axe!!) What an incredible day though Year 4!

