



Respect

Kindness

Confidence

Tolerance

Self-Discipline

### Key Dates

Tuesday 3rd February

Year 5 Trip—National Space Centre

Friday 6th February

Year 3 Roman Lincoln Trip

W.B. Monday 9th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February

Safer Internet Day

Thursday 12th Feb

Singing group trip—LPAC

Friday 13th February

Year 3 Class Assembly—9.15am

Friday 13th February

Children's Book Festival—Engine Shed

END OF TERM 3

Monday 23rd February

Start of Term 4

Tuesday 24th February

Year 4—First Aid Workshops

Wednesday 4th March

Class Photographs

Dear St John's Families,

It has been another busy couple of weeks at St John's with lots of exciting learning taking place. Year 5 and Year 3 are very much looking forward to their school trips next week and I can't wait to hear all about their experiences when they get back.

Over the last couple of weeks, some of our school governors have been in school speaking to the children and looking at learning in books. It has been lovely to welcome them in and to hear the children speak so confidently about their learning. They have been a real credit to the school.

Coming up before the end of the term, we will be taking part in Children's Mental Health Week and Safer Internet Day, both of which we feel are of great importance in today's society. We will also include useful information for parents and families in the next newsletter.

Our school council did a wonderful job last week with their book sale raising money for their chosen charity—Lincolnshire Air Ambulance. They raised a fantastic £268 and we'd like to thank families for supporting their efforts.

We'd like to thank you for your continued support with all we do at St John's.

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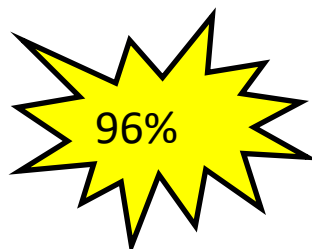
# Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

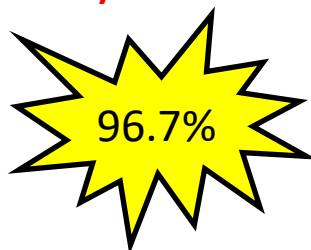


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6C	97.7%

**Attendance for  
the week:**



**Attendance for  
the year to date:**



## Attendance Updates

Mr Dunn's class have taken an early lead in this term's class attendance challenge with 2 weekly wins so far, however there is still a long way to go!

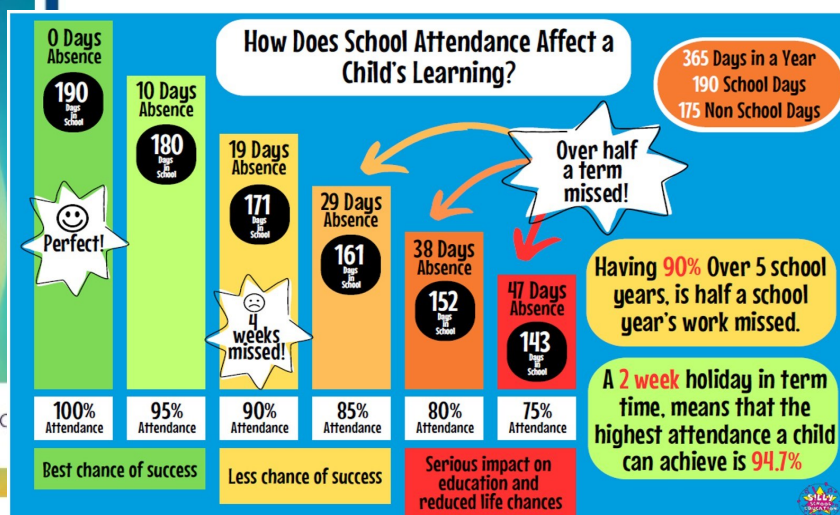
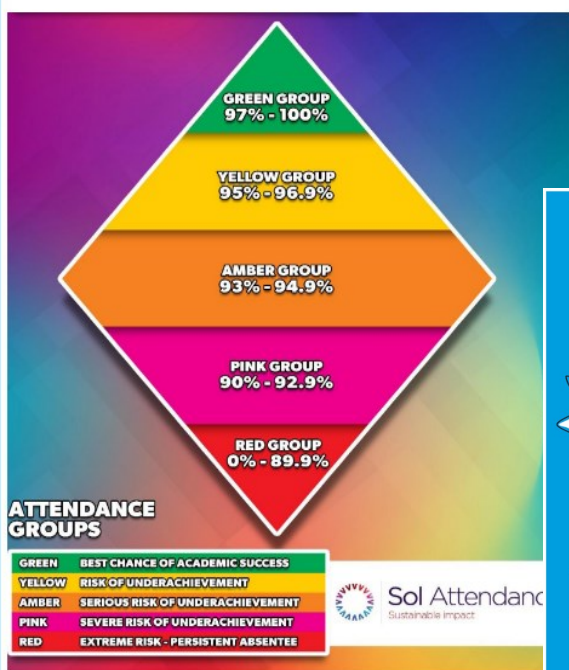
Our attendance is currently above national average and our persistent absence is at the lowest it has ever been which is really positive. We'd like to thank families for their support with promoting positive school attendance and working with us when support is required so that all of our pupils get the best chance with their education.

## Safeguarding

There have been some 'close calls' this week with children riding scooters / bikes on the playground and in the car park and nearly colliding with pedestrians and young children. Please can we remind all families that pupils are not allowed to ride their bikes or scooters until they are completely off the school site. We have reminded the children about this in school as well. Please do report to us if you see any pupils not following this rule so that we can discuss with them and their families in order to keep our school environment as safe as possible.



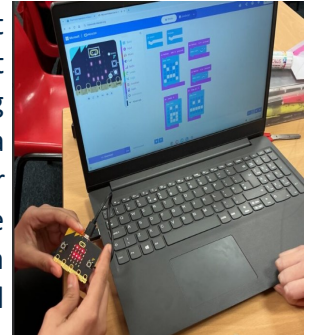
## Attendance Ladder



# Learning in Class

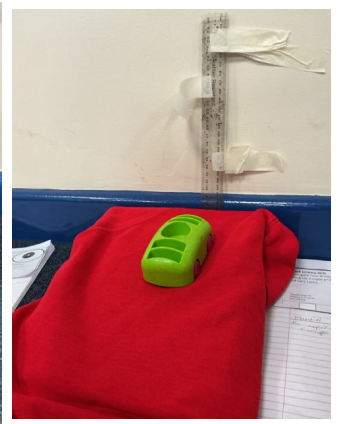
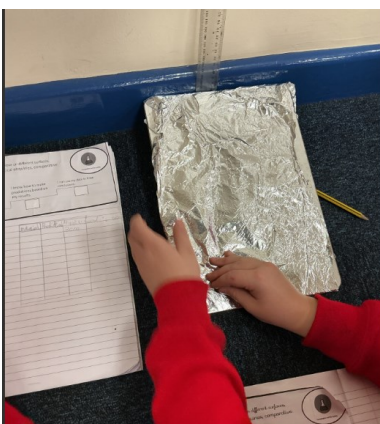
## Year 6

Year 6 have been having great fun this term learning about how Micro:bit computers work. They have already created name badges and beating heart animations using our coding knowledge and this week we had a go at creating emotion badges. When the input device is pressed (a button for example) then a particular emotion would be shown on the LED display to show the output. Year 6 experimented and adapted the coding by adding sound affects when the buttons were pressed and some tried to shake, tilt or use the touch icon to give a wider range of emotions. Here are some of the children with their badges and some of the coding blocks they used.



## Year 3

Year 3 have had a fantastic time exploring programming on Scratch, where we've enjoyed creating our own virtual bands! We learned how to sequence different sounds and change backdrops to enhance our music creations. In science, we've been investigating magnets and forces. We conducted an experiment to see which materials the car used more force on, and found that smoother surfaces allowed the car to travel farther. We were amazed to learn that F1 engineers use similar principles in their designs! We're also excited to apply our Roman knowledge during our upcoming trip and can't wait to see it all come to life.





# In Other News



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## PE lessons

We would just like to take this time to remind families that PE lessons are part of the National Curriculum and it is therefore very important that the children take part in these lessons. This term, we have seen an increasing amount of pupils saying that they can't take part in lessons. Some of these pupils are then still participating in after-school sports clubs at school. This term, most children in school are taking part in 'dance' and 'yoga' sessions for their PE learning. These teach vital skills such as balance, co-ordination and flexibility.

We understand that these activities may not be everyone's favourite, however it is still important to develop children's ability in these areas just like we develop children's maths, writing and reading. Moving forward, if children are unable to take part in a PE lesson, we will also say that they can't attend netball, football or cross country club for that week either. Please note, this is not about children with genuine illness or injury which might prevent them taking part in a PE lesson which we fully understand.



## School Clubs

When we send information out about school clubs each term, we do clearly state that the children are making a commitment to attend that club for one big term (12 weeks.) We feel this is important because it teaches the children about commitment and responsibility. Recently, we have had some children drop out of clubs despite making this commitment and also not showing respect to the staff member by letting them know that they have decided to quit. With our value of the term being respect, we want to teach the children that just not turning up to a club is not acceptable and that it is respectful to

speak to the member of staff to say that they won't be attending anymore. If children do drop out of a club without committing to the full term then this may impact their chances of being selected for clubs in the future as we want to promote the values of dedication and reliability.

## Headlice

We have had several families mention that headlice is becoming a recurring issue in some year groups. We understand that it is frustrating for families to treat headlice, only for your child to catch them again. It really does take a collective effort from all families to ensure that children's hair is being checked regularly and that headlice are being treated with proper treatment to ensure that we break the cycle and stop them spreading. We would advise that long hair is kept tied back and we will continue to send letters out when we have been informed of a headlice case within a year group.



## ParentPay

After Easter, the school will be moving to use 'ParentPay' as the website for paying for school trips as well as other school admin. More detail will follow soon including how to ensure you are registered with an account etc.



ParentPay

# In the Community



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## ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE... THE GOOD, THE BAD, THE UGLY - PARENT WEBINAR



Lincolnshire  
Working for a better future

**Stay Safe Team**



**Safer Internet Day Parent Event**  
**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February**  
**6pm-7pm**  
**Microsoft Teams event**

★ Curious about AI and your child's world?

Artificial Intelligence is part of everyday life—from homework helpers to fun creative tools. But how can parents make sure it's used safely and wisely?

Join our free webinar "AI: The Good, The Bad & The Ugly" to learn:

- ✓ How AI can support learning and creativity
- 🤖 What to watch out for, like chatbots and misinformation
- 💡 Simple tips for family conversations and using parental controls

**Empower yourself** to guide your family confidently in the age of AI!

<https://www.tickettailor.com/events/staysafepartnership/2024139>



Lots going on at

**Bracebridge Heath Community Library**

**Fri 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan 10am - 12noon** Library reopens - come and find your new read!

**Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am Storytime** come and enjoy some stories for your little ones

**Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Jan Book Chatter 6-7.30pm** - come and chat about books with other book people!

**Thurs 22<sup>nd</sup> Jan Knit and Natter 6-7.30pm** - come along to knit, crochet and natter over a cuppa!

**Sat 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 10-12noon Games** - enjoy playing lots of board games including chess - for all ages and levels

**Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 11am Storytime** come and enjoy some stories for your little ones

**Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Feb 6-7.30pm Sherlock Holmes Book Chatter Special** - come along to solve a Sherlock Holmes mystery

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup> Feb Knit and Natter 6-7.30pm** - come along to knit, crochet and natter over a cuppa!

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 10-12noon Games** - enjoy playing lots of board games including chess - for all ages and levels

All events are free and welcome to all. Also remember our jigsaw swap, photocopying, computer access and borrowing books are available every session.

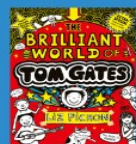


**New Year - do something new!**



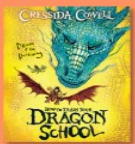
The Waterstones Book Festival is coming to Lincoln from 12th-14th February with the chance to meet some incredible authors. Tickets can be booked [here](#) - it really is a fantastic chance to hear from inspiring writers and gain some tips for the children's own writing!

**LIZ PICHON**



**BUY TICKETS**

**CRESSIDA COWELL**



**BUY TICKETS**

**SHEENA DEMPSEY**



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