



**ST JOHN'S**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

# Newsletter

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## Key Dates

Monday 18th—Friday 22nd May  
Year 3 Careers Week

Tuesday 19th May  
KS2 Drumming Workshop

Thursday 21st May  
New EY Intake Information Evening

Friday 22nd May  
Y1 Class Assembly—9.15am

Friday 22nd May  
END OF TERM

Monday 1st June  
Start of Term 6

Wednesday 3rd June  
Class 4D Visit—Pizza Express

Thursday 4th June  
Family Science Event Y3/4—9.15-10.15am  
Family Science Event Y1/2—2.00-3.00pm

Friday 5th June  
Family Science Event Y5/6—9.15-10.15am  
Family Science Event Early Years – 2-3pm

Wednesday 10th June  
Year 6 Anti-Social Behaviour Workshop

Friday 12th June  
Early Years Class Assembly—9.15am

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Dear St John's Families,

It has been a busy week especially for our Year 6s who have taken on their SATs. I've been so impressed with their focus, effort and calmness over the course of the week. They've all worked so hard and the cheer at the end of the final test was a celebratory moment for all!

We've got a very exciting week next week with Jeff Rich, legendary drummer in the band Status Quo coming to lead a drumming workshop for our pupils in Year 2 upwards. It promises to be a wonderful opportunity for our children and we are very much hoping we get a rendition of 'Rocking all over the world!'

Over the next few weeks, we have some really exciting events planned including class assemblies for Year 1 and Early Years and our very popular Family Science Events which, for the first time, we have expanded to include all year groups. We are really hoping that lots of you are able to join us!

After half term, our Year 4s will be taking their multiplication check. Practicing on times table rockstars really supports with the quick recall of facts needed for the check so we'd encourage practice on this. Our Year 1 children will also be completing their phonics screening check which they've worked really hard on. It's really important that children in these year groups attend school every day during these weeks.

Thank you for all your continued support.

*Mrs Emma Jefferson*

*Headteacher*



**Championing children; making a difference**

# Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

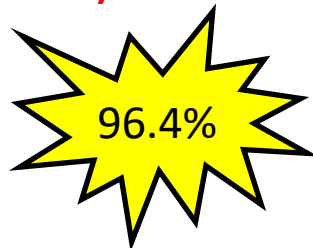


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4T	95.8%
4D	92.9%
5N	93.3%
5M	91.6%
6B	97.8%
6C	97.6%

**Attendance for  
the week:**



**Attendance for  
the year to date:**



## Attendance Updates

Well done to 1T who won last term's class attendance challenge! They have chosen to have a visit from the ice cream van which will be organised before the end of this term.

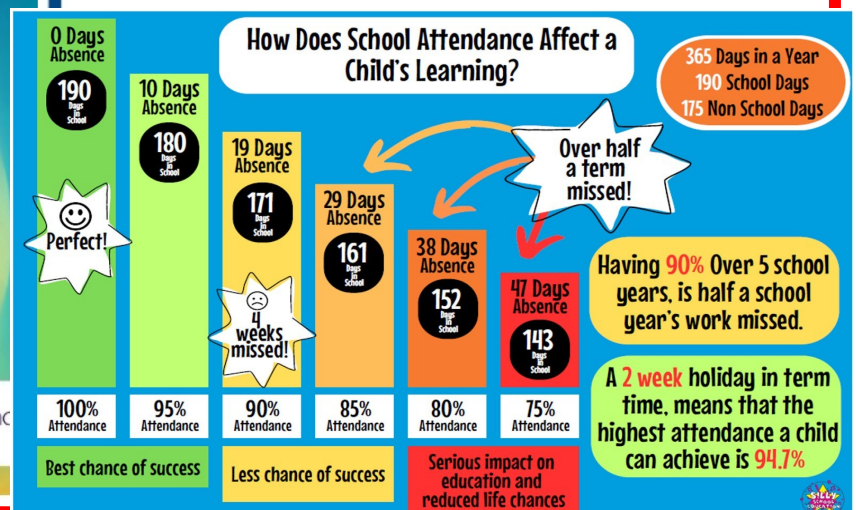
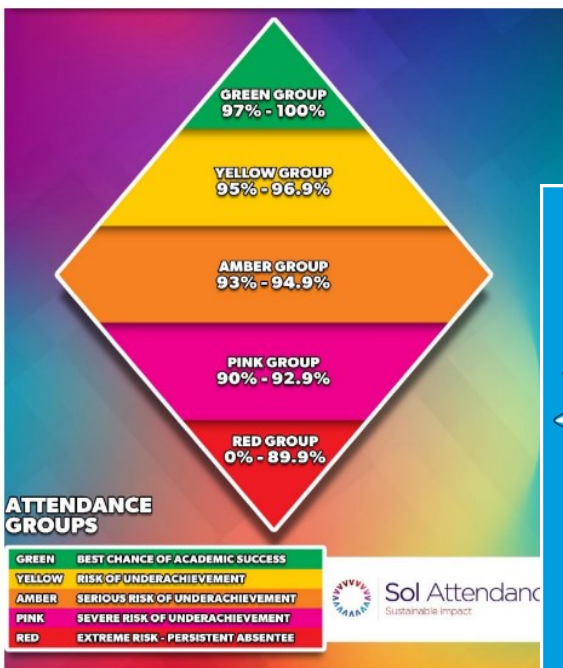
## Holidays

We are coming up to the time of year when families may be taking holidays. Please remember we can't authorise any holidays in term time. We are, however, always grateful to the families who are up front and honest with us about this. Please note, that if you do take a holiday and there's illness reported attached to either side of the holiday, we will ask for evidence of dates of travel and complete a home visit to ensure that the reasons for absence are being accurately recorded. This is to ensure that we are issuing fixed penalty notices in line with the DFE guidance where needed. Thank you for your support and honesty with reporting reasons for absence.

## Safeguarding

We have had some comments from parents about dogs being tied to the front railings during pick up times, particularly close to the gates which is causing some children to be frightened. Please can we ask that families are responsible owners and do not leave dogs tied up near the gates to the playgrounds so that all children can enter and leave the site feeling comfortable. Thank you for your support with this.

## Attendance Ladder



# Learning in Class

## Early Years

What an incredible day of imaginative learning! Early Years were thrilled to have visits from Little City, a picnic lunch and Rhubarb Theatre all in one day! The children had a magical, interactive experience combining immersive role-play with captivating storytelling. The children spent the sessions acting as mechanics, firefighters, doctors, hairdressers, vets, shopkeepers, bears, mice (to name a few) and interacting with an amazing array of different resources. It was a wonderful way for them to practice social skills and imaginative play. Thank you very much to Friends of the School who subsidised the cost of the visit.



## Year 6

Year 6 have worked so hard during their SATs week and we are so proud of what they have achieved. To end their tests, they had a fun party in the hall where there was lots of celebration, dancing and spending time with their friends to celebrate their achievements.



## Year 3

The children had an inspiring and energetic experience during their Playground Proms workshop with Hamish. They thoroughly enjoyed the session, which gave them the opportunity to explore and express their creativity through movement and music. Guided by Hamish, the children participated in an active workshop where they responded to different pieces of music by moving in imaginative and expressive ways. It was wonderful to see their confidence grow as they experimented with rhythm, space, and storytelling through movement, truly showcasing their creative side while having lots of fun together.





## Save the Date—Year 6 Leavers Event

The Year 6 leavers event will be on **Friday 10th July**. More details to be confirmed nearer the time but please save the date. This event will take place after school. A big thank you as always to FoS who fund and organise this event for the children to have a memorable experience at the end of their primary school journeys

## Movie Nights

Last Friday, we had two wonderful movie nights with the children in Early Years and KS1 enjoying the Jungle Book and KS2 pupils enjoying KPOP Demon Hunters. It was lovely to watch the children spend time with their friends and get snuggled with their blankets and pillows. A huge thank you to Mr Cooper who provided an epic cinema set-up with huge screen. It made it such a fantastic night and we are already keen to plan others perhaps at themed opportunities during the year! FoS raised over £500 from this event which will go back into providing resources and experiences for the children at St John's.



## Playground Proms

Last week, we were thrilled to have a visit from Hamish at Playground Proms who did some musical activities with us. This is in preparation for us to attend our own proms at St John's where, in early June, we will be joined by a string quartet who will come and perform for the children. During Hamish' session, we learnt the playground anthem which we will perform with the string quartet when they come back to visit. This was an amazing Musical enrichment activity for all our pupils to be part of and we can't wait for our next session!



## Goodbye Mrs Rothwell

We will be saying Goodbye to Mrs Rothwell next term as she leaves us to start a new career in a nursery setting. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her all the best for her future, and we give our thanks for all the support she has given to children at the school. We'll really miss her here at St John's!

# STAR Champion Shop



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We are very excited to announce that the STAR Champion Shop is reopening its doors next term for the children to once again come and spend their very hard-earned house points. It has been one of our favourite things to introduce to St John's and the build up with the children is very exciting while they try and work out what they'd like to get from this shop!

We've included the shop listings for next term below so you can see what a vast choice the children have to select from!

## S.T.A.R Champion Shop

 <b>Tote Bag</b> 150 house points	<b>Limited Stock</b>  <b>Star Squishie</b> 90 house points	 <b>Bookmark</b> 70 house points	 <b>Star Rubber</b> 40 house points	<b>Limited Stock</b>  <b>Star Highlighter</b> 120 house points	<b>Limited Stock</b>  <b>Motivational Ball</b> 90 house points
 <b>Shining Star Pen</b> 80 house points	 <b>Keyring</b> 80 house points	 <b>Star Charm</b> 70 house points	 <b>Star Scratch Art</b> 70 house points	 <b>Wristband</b> 80 house points	 <b>Star Reflector</b> 60 house points
 <b>Squeeze reliver</b> 75 house points	 <b>Funny face rubber</b> 40 house points	 <b>Teddy keyring</b> 250 house points	 <b>Star Pin Badge</b> 80 house points	 <b>STAR Magnet</b> 30 house points	 <b>ST JOHN'S</b> A PRIORY ACADEMY

## S.T.A.R Champion Shop – New for Summer 2026

 <b>Magnetic Bookmark</b> 80 house points	 <b>Smiley face maze</b> 70 house points	 <b>Star bracelet</b> 90 house points	 <b>Afternoon tea with Mrs Jefferson + 1 friend</b> 150 house points
 <b>Smiley face purse</b> 90 house points	 <b>Star multicoloured pen</b> 80 house points	 <b>Slinky</b> 60 house points	 <b>Sports session with Coach Danny</b> 150 house points
 <b>Pencil case</b> 100 house points	 <b>Star Sunglasses</b> 90 house points	 <b>Necklace</b> 100 house points	 <b>EXTRA TIME</b> Choose 3 friends and have 10 minutes extra playtime 120 house points
 <b>Toy glider</b> 75 house points	 <b>30min Lunchtime 'Just Dance' Party</b> 100 house points		

# In the Community



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North Kesteven  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

**SLEAFORD  
CAN**  
Climate Action Network

Got Something  
That's Broken?

We Can Help  
You Fix It

## Repair Cafe Bracebridge Heath

Village Hall  
**16<sup>th</sup> May**  
12.30 – 3.30pm



Free Repairs:  
Small Electricals  
Tools, Toys,  
Clothing & Textiles  
Tool Sharpening  
Other Bits n'Bobs

For More Information

Email [sleafordcan@gmail.com](mailto:sleafordcan@gmail.com) or call 07962360581

NKDC Community Awards Winner 2025

More volunteers Needed TOO!



## E-WASTE ACTION WEEK



16-23  
MAY  
2026

TIME TO  
SORT OUT YOUR  
ELECTRONIC  
WASTE!

Is there an unloved laptop, tired tablet, defunct phone or chaotic cables taking up space in your home? They're packed full of potential and could have a second life.

### DONATE YOUR OLD TECH



Donated laptops, phones, tablets and cables, working or broken, will be refurbished and redistributed to good causes, or securely recycled.

Find out where and when you can donate on our website (scan the QR code) – this year there are locations around North Kesteven.

Alternatively, bring items to our Repair Cafes and donation sessions:

16 May 2026, 12.30-3.30pm  
Bracebridge Heath Village Hall  
23 May 2026, 12.30-3.30pm  
Sleaford, Riverside Church Hall

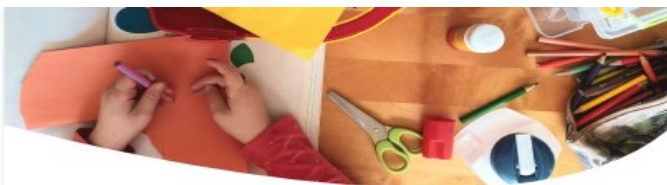


Find out more, including how to properly dispose of e-waste:

[www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/e-waste](http://www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/e-waste)

Broken small household electricals can be brought to repair cafes for repair, but cannot be accepted at donation points or the donation sessions. Find out what to do with unwanted appliances on our website.

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— IN NORTH KESTEVEN —



## What's on this school holiday? at Lincoln Central Library

### Lincoln Landmarks Treasure Hunt

Find the hidden Lincoln Landmarks for the chance of winning a small prize 23rd-30th May during opening times

### Elmer Day Craft Activities

Celebrate Elmer Day with a trunk load of fun and create a milk bottle Elmer. 23rd May 10.00 am -1.00pm

### Castle Junk Modelling

Make your own medieval castle masterpiece from junk 26th May 10.00am-1.00pm

### Air Dry Clay Workshop

Decorate your own plaque of Lincoln Central Library- for families 28th May 10.30am -12.00pm

### Craft Saturday

Create your own colourful elephant collage. 30th May 10.00 am -1.00pm

### Family Lego

Let your family's imagination run wild as you create and build LEGO 30th May 10.00 am - 3.00pm

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