



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Friday 28th February

Year 4 - First Aid Workshops

Monday 3rd March

Learning Showcase - 3.30pm

Thursday 6th March

Year 2 Trip—Lincoln Castle

Friday 7th March

World Book Day

Friday 7th March

Big Book Donation—School hall 3.30pm

Friday 14th March 9.15am

Y4 Class Assembly - Families welcome

Friday 14th March

Siemens STEM visit

Tuesday 18th March

Creature Ark—Early Years

Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March

Parents Evenings

Friday 21st March

Comic Relief

Friday 28th March 9.15am

Y2 Class Assembly—Families welcome

Wednesday 2nd April

Year 5—Rainforest Explorer Workshop

Friday 4th April

End of Term 4

Dear St John's Families,

Welcome back to the start of Term 4. I can't believe we are now over halfway through the year. Time really does seem to be flying. The children have some great topics which they're covering this term. Please look out for the curriculum newsletters which will be sent home detailing what the children will be learning in each of the subjects.

We've had a great first week back with a highlight being a tractor and some lambs coming to school to visit Reception and Year 4 as part of their learning about amazing animals and the journey of food!

Please remember we have our learning showcase on Monday 3rd March where you can visit your child's classroom and look through their books at all their wonderful learning so far this year. We look forward to seeing many of you there. You will also be receiving information about our upcoming Parents Evenings on Wednesday 19th and Thursday 20th March.

We will be celebrating World Book Day on Friday 7th March. Please note that the official World Book Day is on Thursday 6th however we are celebrating ours a day later because Year 2 are on a trip and we didn't want them to miss out! We look forward to a day of celebrating all things reading! Please also remember that in the school hall after school on Friday, we will be doing our "Big Book Donation." We have lots of books needing a good home. You can come and take whatever you like. There will be a bucket for any small donations you'd like to give which will go towards new books for the school but there is no requirement to give a donation as we'd just like the books to go to new homes!

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Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



RJR	100%
RAS	96.2%
1T	96.5%
1HC	97.4%
2ST	93.9%
2F	92.7%
30S	96.3%
3B	91.4%
4T	94.1%
4D	97.7%
5N	93.7%
5BT	96.6%
6B	93%
6M	94.5%

Attendance for the week:

95.2%

Attendance for the year to date:

95.4%

**Our aim is to try
and be in the green
for our overall
attendance across
the year!**

Attendance

Our school attendance for the year is currently above the National Average figures. Our persistent absence (the % of children with less than 90% attendance) is lower than the National Average figures. This is something for us to really celebrate. I'd like to thank our families for recognising the impact of good attendance on children's outcomes and experiences. We can, and do, continue to offer support where children may be struggling with their attendance and work with families together on this. Attendance was an area for us to improve following the last OFSTED inspection so these positive improvements are something to really celebrate.

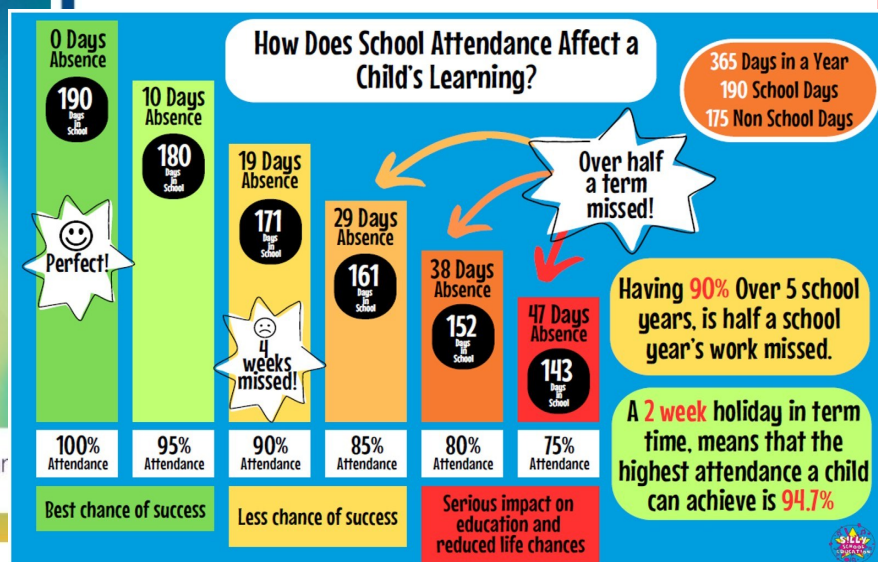
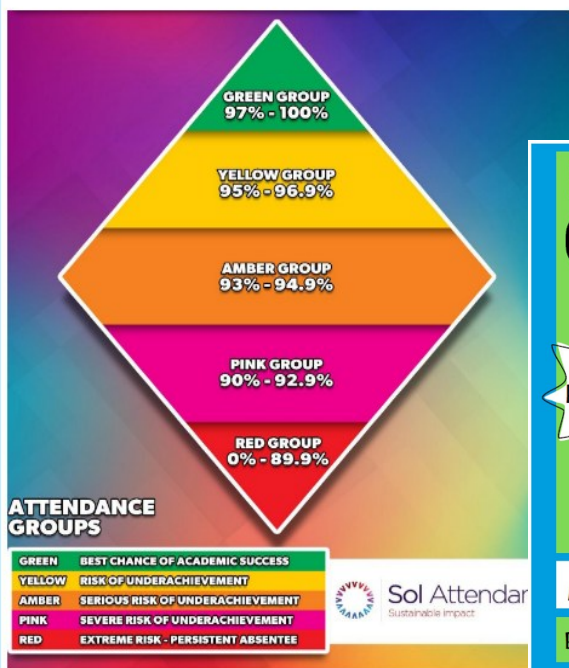


100 club

Our 100 club wheel has produced 4 winners for 100% attendance in Term 3. We had 165 children on the wheel altogether for Term 3 which is amazing! The 100 club has now reset for Term 4 so good luck everyone.

Well done to Edith 1HC, Hattie 1T, Daniel 5BT and Ted in 5BT. They received their prizes this week.

Attendance Ladder



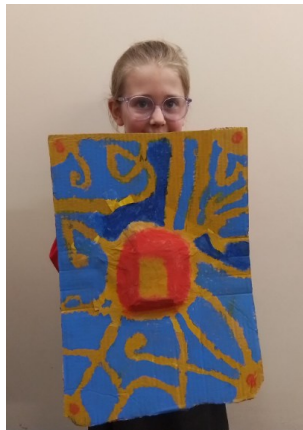
Learning in class



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Year 3

Year 3 led an absolutely brilliant class assembly at the end of last term all about their History learning on the topic of the Romans. They have clearly loved this topic and learnt so much about the Roman invasion of Britain and the lasting legacy of the Romans that we can still see around us today, especially in our local area! We had to share some of their wonderful Roman shields which I think look fantastic. During their assembly, they even demonstrated some defense formations that the Roman Army would have used during their battles!



Year 6

To finish their learning about World War 2, Year 6 visited the National Holocaust Centre where they stepped into the life of Leo, a young, German Jewish boy growing up in 1930s Berlin. Everything changes for him under Nazi rule and eventually, his family makes the brave choice to send him to safety in the UK, as child refugee on the Kindertransport. Year 6 walked through his home, examined objects from this period and heard real life testimonies of people who escaped on the Kindertransport. Year 6 found this a humbling experience but one which is so important in recognising why our school values of tolerance, respect and kindness are so important when people have had such contrasting experiences in the past and continue to do so today in some areas of the world.

On their return, Year 6 also had a VE celebration day where they enjoyed dancing, a VE style celebration buffet and enjoyed activities such as sewing, board games and working out what they could buy with 5 shillings! What a fantastic end to a really interesting topic!



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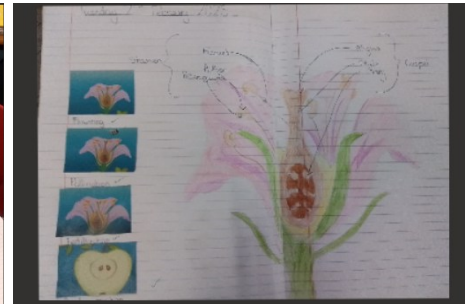
Year 1

Before half term, Year 1 visited St John's church as part of their RE learning about baptism. Reverend Jacqueline went through what happens at a baptism ceremony. The parents and godparents learnt about their important roles and the promises they make to look after the child. Reverend Jacqueline also discussed some of the symbols used during the service and why the family receives a candle. Year 1 baptised their babies and came away with a very good understanding of why baptism is important for Christians.



Year 5

This term, Year 5 are being biologists and studying life cycles. They have started their learning by looking at reproduction in plants. Children were able to take apart flowering plants to help them identify the different parts and understand how flowering plants produce seeds. By looking carefully, they were able to find the ovary which contained tiny seeds—you may be able to spot some in these photos!



Value of the term—Self Discipline

Our value of the term this term is self-discipline and we explored that in our assemblies this week. KS2 children watched an interview with rugby player Jonny Wilkinson where he described the self-discipline needed during practice sessions in order to be at his best on match days. We linked this to our S.T.A.R Champion Behaviour standard and that this is not something we want to 'put on' but something we want to become a natural part of who we are and our habits in school. It was really interesting to hear someone who has achieved so much success discuss how this was achieved by his self-discipline. Hopefully, this will inspire our children to try and demonstrate this themselves. In our assemblies this term, we will also look at how Christians demonstrate self-discipline during Lent and how Muslims demonstrate this during Ramadan and their reasons for this. We will also explore other role models who have demonstrated exceptional self discipline in order to achieve success in their lives.



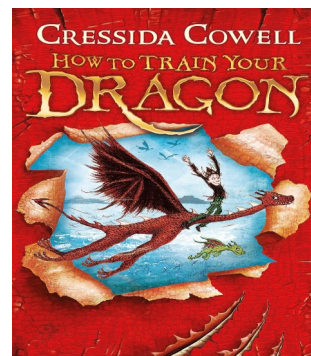
In other news...



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Waterstones Book Festival

I was able to take 8 children to the Engine Shed before half term to be part of the Waterstones Book Festival. We met Cressida Cowell who gave us an interesting talk about how she got inspiration for her stories as well as top tips for becoming great writers. She even showed us a sneak peek of the new film trailer for the live action re-make of 'How to train your dragon.' She signed books for the children and we also picked up some signed copies to go in our school library. It was a very inspiring morning and we all came back wanting to start reading the new books straight away.



Swimming Success

A special mention to Isla in Year 6 who has been competing in the Lincolnshire ASA County Swimming Championships. She qualified for 13 events but she then suffered from a cracked rib 2 days before the start of the competition. Showing exceptional determination, she battled on and came away from the championships with 10 PB times, 3 silver medals and 3 bronze medals. We are so proud of her at St John's - not just for her achievements in the pool but for her sheer determination and resilience when having to overcome obstacles. These are important life skills for all of our students and Isla has demonstrated these in abundance and we are so proud of her! Well done Isla.



St John's goes National!

You may remember earlier in the year, that our girls football team won the local Premier League Primary Stars tournament which meant they had the chance to travel to Hull to compete in the regional finals. They played absolutely brilliantly and made it all the way to the semi finals before narrowly missing out on a place in the final. They played with determination and a fantastic team spirit. They even made it on to Sky Sports with clips from their games and interviews. What an experience to remember and we are so proud of every member of this team!



In other news...



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Congratulations Mr Morris

We are delighted to share the news that just before half term, Mr Morris and his wife welcomed a new baby boy into their family. I am sure you join all of us at St John's sending our congratulations and best wishes to all of their family. Mr Morris is currently on paternity leaving but will be returning on Monday 10th March.



Year 6 Greek Dancing




Year 6 had a treat at the end of last term to finish their PE unit on Dance. Coach Danny arranged for Greek teacher Kiara Chatziioannou to come and teach the children some traditional Greek dances. It certainly required a lot of co-ordination but the children did brilliantly! A huge thank you to Kiara for coming in and providing the children with this experience—they had so much fun!



In the community..

East Midlands Open Karate Academy – Longest Established Shito Ryu - a 'Not for Profit' Group

KARATE...! 4yrs plus



For Children & Adults Of All Ages

Mondays
5pm-6pm – MAIN HALL
The Heath Village Hall & Library, Red Hall Lane,
Bracebridge Heath, Lincoln. LN4 2LB
Contact: on 07743 826 257 - infoemoka@gmail.com

To book your slot – places limited. All welcome....!



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CAN YOU LAND AN EGG WITHOUT BREAKING IT?

Come along to have fun, to
problem solve and to try not to
break your egg!!

SATURDAY 8TH MARCH
10AM TIL 12NOON
AT BRACEBRIDGE HEATH LIBRARY

STEM - SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, MATHEMATICS



MOTHERING SUNDAY SUNDAY 30th March 2025

**WE'D LOVE YOU TO JOIN US
THIS MOTHERING SUNDAY
AT 10 AM**

**ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST
CHURCH BRACEBRIDGE**

HEATH.

**WE WELCOME ONCE AGAIN
THE CHILDREN FROM ST
JOHNS ACADEMY SIGNING
CHOIR.**



Messy Easter

Join us at 10.30 am on
Friday 11th April

at
St. John's Church
Grantham Road Bracebridge Heath
(next to the School opposite Tesco)



Fun activities

Stories Food

Bracebridge Heath Library

Board Game Blowout!



Come and join in with lots of
board games including our
regular Chess Challenge.

**SATURDAY 22ND
FEBRUARY AND
SATURDAY 29TH MARCH
10AM -12NOON**



**All ages, all
abilities, all
welcome**