



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

FoS AGM

Tuesday 19th March 6pm

School Council Book Sale

Wednesday 20th March

End of Term 4

Thursday 28th March

Start of Term 5

Tuesday 16th April

Class 6B Test Trialling

Thursday 18th April

Year 2 Trip—Lincoln Cathedral

Tuesday 23rd April

Website Photographer in school

Tuesday 23rd April

Parent Book Look

Thursday 2nd May

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Dear St John's Families,

It has been another fantastic couple of weeks at St John's.

Last week, the school celebrated World Book Day. It was wonderful to lead assembly and see such a spectrum of colour in front of me. The children explored books throughout the day with colour as a theme and had great fun taking part in many activities celebrating all things reading. You can see some examples of what we got up to in this newsletter.

Thank you to all of our families who completed our parent survey. We had over 100 responses which is absolutely amazing and it has provided us with some feedback to work on to continue to improve the school and our partnership with you, our families.

In the next newsletter, I will detail some of the key themes from the parent survey and how we intend to act on these in the coming weeks and months.

We are excited to have some new after school clubs starting next term, adding more variety to our current offer. We have a new dance club starting for early years and key stage one and a new drama club for Year 3 and 4. Please also look out for information coming home to children about a Magical Maths club which sounds very exciting! If you know of any after school club providers who offer something different to what we already have then please let the school know as we're keen to explore what other options there may be to provide the widest range of experiences for the children.

Mrs Emma Jefferson

Headteacher



GROWING YOUNG MINDS: A GREAT PLACE
TO ENJOY LEARNING!



Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



FS RJR	92.7%
FS RAS	90.9%
Y1CT	93.5%
Y1RT	93%
Y2ST	92.7%
Y2F	93.8%
Y3B	94.6%
Y3HC	96.9%
Y4O	95.5%
Y4BC	93.8%
Y5M	96.5%
Y5N	96.7%
Y6B	95%
Y6D	95.4%

Attendance for the week:

94.4%

Attendance for the year to date:

95%

NB: A school day is split into 2 sessions—AM and PM

Attendance Updates

We continue to strive for excellent attendance across the academy and we're thankful for the support we receive from our families in ensuring that pupils are in school as regularly as possible. We are continuing to work towards adopting the Priory Federation's attendance policy and will communicate any changes with you before we adopt this fully from September 2024.

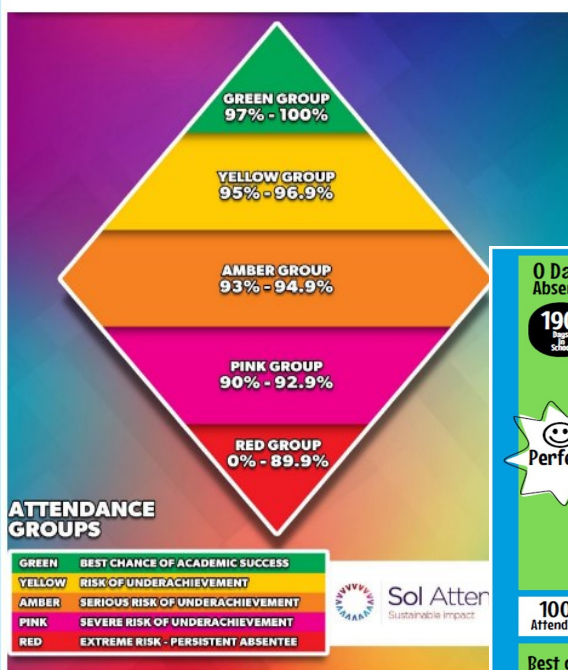
We urge families not to book term time holidays as these will be marked as unauthorised absence.

As always, if you have any concerns surrounding attendance or would like to speak to the school regarding support for your child and their attendance then please do get in touch with the office.

Collecting Early

We have seen an increase in families wanting to pick their children up early from the main office. Please note that the school day ends at 3.20pm for children in Reception and KS1 and 3.30pm for KS2. The children continue their learning right up to the end of the day so miss out if they are picked up early. Any request to pick up early from the office for any reason should be made in advance to Mrs Jefferson. Thank you for your support with this.

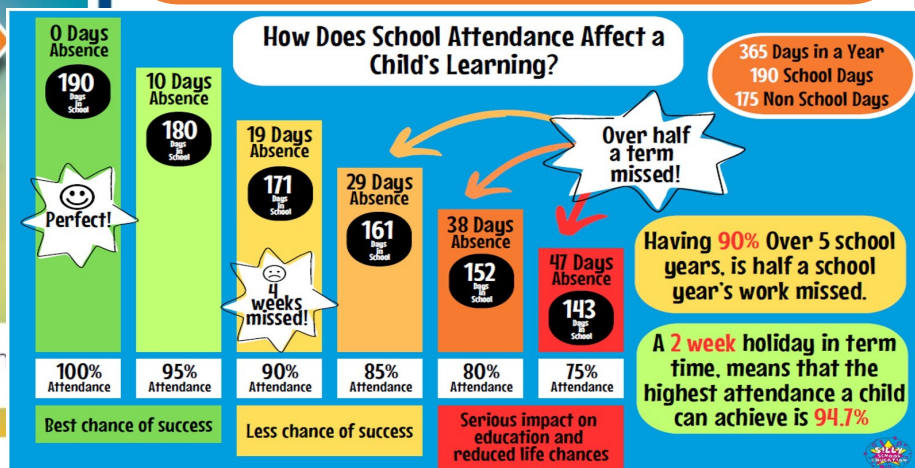
Attendance Ladder



Online Safety

We are aware that many of our older pupils may be part of WhatsApp conversations with their peers. We would always encourage parents to monitor conversations that their children may be having on devices. Any unkind comments sent on chats like these can be used as evidence of cyberbullying and we will support children if they feel they have been a victim of this.

How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



Curriculum and Learning



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Year 5

Last week, Year 5 met with their partner school, The Egyptian Japanese School in Samannoud. Together, we are taking part in a joint project about Climate Change. We have looked at the Sustainable Development Goals and have decided to do our project about the changes in our weather in Lincolnshire due to the fact that we have had lots of flooding this year. The Sustainable Development Goals are the blueprint to achieve a better and more sustainable future for all. They address the global challenges we face, including those related to poverty, inequality, climate change, environmental degradation, peace and justice. The 17 Goals are all interconnected, and in order to leave no one behind, it is important that we achieve them all by 2030. This is a fantastic opportunity for Year 5 to really develop as Global Citizens and it's incredibly exciting to be partnered with a school and be able to chat with other children so far away!



Reception

In Early Years our topic this term is Amazing Animals. We have been thinking about some life cycles and how to look after different animals. In the classroom we currently have some eggs in an incubator that are due to hatch next week (fingers crossed), some frog spawn and a wormery. The children are enjoying thinking about the different animals that might hatch from an egg and observing the changes that are taking place. We are using a variety of different learning opportunities from this amazing experience. Thank you very much to the Friends of the School for making a contribution towards the cost of the incubator. There were definitely some very excited children when I popped in last week who used some fantastic vocabulary when showing me the wormery!



Gardening Club

Gardening club is back! The strawberries are re-growing, the daffodils have flowered and we have just planted our potatoes. Great work gardening club.

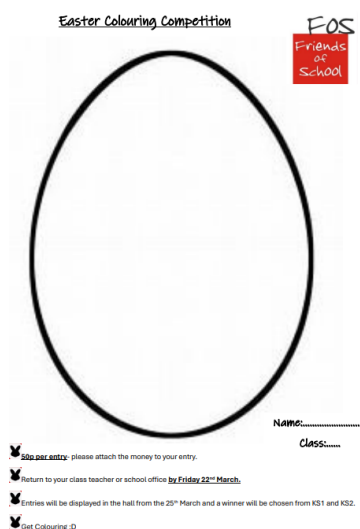


In Other News

FoS

FoS are running an Easter colouring competition which you should have received details about earlier in the week. The closing date for this competition is **Friday 22nd March**. The school wishlist for the FoS to fundraise for is ever-growing so please join in if you can! Their fundraising efforts go directly towards resources and experiences to benefit the pupils.

Also—a friendly reminder that the FoS AGM is coming up on Tuesday 19th April at 6pm in the school and anyone is welcome to attend. New faces are always welcome and I know the members would love to see as many there as possible.



School Council

The last two meetings for the School Council have been very busy ones. Firstly, we have been organising a Teddy and Book Sale to help raise funds for a KS2 basketball stand, net and backboard. This will be held in school on the afternoon of Wednesday 20th March. Hopefully, all families should have received an email about this event and we look forward to your support. In addition to the sale, we have been preparing a presentation to show the children during a whole school assembly. This presentation is mainly about improving behaviour in the toilets. We have had some complaints from our classes so we thought we would try and highlight the importance of good behaviour. Mr Paul Drury, Chair of Governors, joined us in our meeting this week. He has asked us to prepare a short entry for the Tesco's blue token scheme. This will hopefully bring in more needed funds! If you see our school in the blue token containers, please could you vote for us? It would be much appreciated.

The School Council Reps.

Here is a photo of us with the equipment which was bought using the money from recent fundraising. This is for Mrs Turner-Harrison to take to the children of Kampala, Uganda in the Summer.

Stars of the Week

A huge well done to our recent stars of the week! Celebrating with the children and our families on a Friday afternoon is one of my favourite parts of the week. These children should be feeling very proud of themselves.



World Book Day

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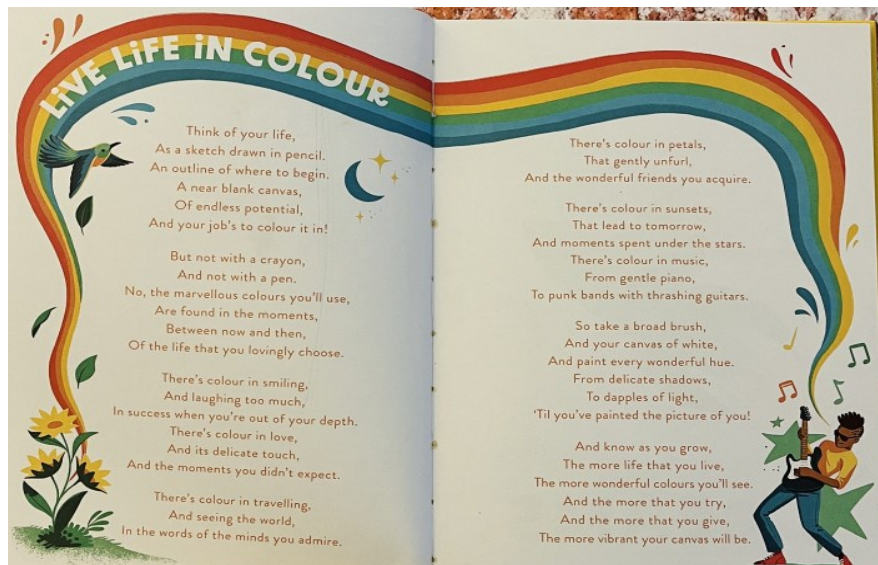
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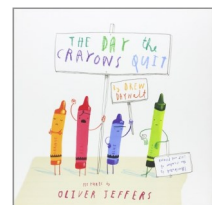
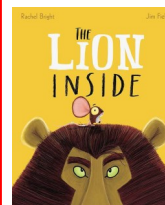
Last week, we had the best day celebrating World Book Day in school. The children were dressed in a beautiful spectrum of colour and spent the day immersing themselves in books and book-related activities! The children took part in some comfy reading where they paired up with another year group and read to each other. Throughout the day, the children had a great time trying to decide which books our 'masked readers' were talking about. I've included one below for you to have a go at! And I must say a tremendous well done to all of the children who turned an empty toilet roll into some incredible book characters. It was so difficult to choose winners as the creativity and design skills were just incredible. Well done to everyone and a big thank you to Mrs Tasker for co-ordinating the day. Your child will have come home with a special book day voucher so please take it to a bookshop to exchange for one of several free books!

To link with the theme of colour, we shared the beautiful poem below:

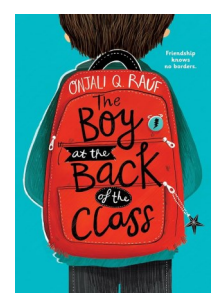


Mrs Jefferson's Book Recommendations

EYFS / KS1



KS2



Yesterday, I ate 6 sausages, 5 carrots, 4 apples, 3 oranges, 2 chocolate bars and one packed lunch. I'm always hungry!



Community News

What's on at the Library!

Saturday 23rd March 10am-12noon

Challenge Chess Morning—come to play chess, or learn, or develop your practice.

Saturday 30th March 10am to 12 noon

Easter Activities—Have fun try lots of Easter themed crafts and activities

Wednesday 3rd April 11am

Pirate Storytime—let your child enjoy listening to a pirate story and join the pirate picnic

Wednesday 1st May 11am

Under the Sea Storytime—let your child enjoy stories, rhymes and have fun.

The Heath

It was a pleasure to go across and see the newly refurbished village hall and library recently and it was great to have the chance to speak to others to see how we can really establish our school at the heart of the community.

The library is a fantastic place to go and visit and they're running some brilliant events over the coming weeks. I know the volunteers there would be delighted to see as many pupils from St John's as possible.



Signing Choir

Our fantastic signing choir performed at church for the Mothering Sunday service and did a wonderful job. We had feedback from the parishioners saying how much they enjoyed it. The signing choir also performed two songs for us in assembly recently and I was in awe of their ability to remember so many different signs. What a fantastic, inclusive skill to be learning and a special thank you to Mrs Bosworth for leading the signing choir and attending with them on Sunday.

Thank you Mr Hussain

The Islamic community are currently observing Ramadan and some of our school community are fasting as part of this observance. We want the children to have a good understanding and respect for all cultures and religions and their beliefs so we are delighted that one of our parents, Mr Hussain, will be coming to lead an assembly for KS2 next week all about Ramadan and its importance to Muslims. There are so many links with our value of the term, self-discipline and I'd like to thank Mr Hussain for giving up his time to come and help our pupils learn and understand more about the Islamic faith.

