



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Monday 27th January

Planetarium in school for Year 5

Tuesday 28th January

Year 6 Visit—STEM workshops at IBCC

Wednesday 29th January

4D to visit Pizza Express

W.B. Monday 3rd February

Children's mental health week

Monday 3rd February

Year 3 Roman Lincoln Trip

Wednesday 5th February

Year 6 Trip—National Holocaust Centre

Thursday 6th February

Priory Voices Event

Tuesday 11th February

Safer Internet Day

Tuesday 11th February

Year 1 Visit—St John's Church

Friday 14th February—9.15am

Year 3 Class Assembly—Families welcome

Friday 14th February—End of Term 3

Monday 24th February

Start of Term 4

Friday 28th February

Year 4 - First Aid Workshops

Dear St John's Families,

We are very much in the swing of Term 3 now and the children are making fantastic progress in their learning.

You can see from the key dates that it's a busy term ahead! In the next two weeks alone we have 5 trips and the Planetarium coming into school to support Year 5's learning about Earth and Space. These opportunities are often so memorable and exciting for our children so we're looking forward to hearing the children's feedback once they've been.

We continue to focus on our value of the term—respect. Our assemblies have focused on the Equality Act and what the protected characteristics are that are covered by this. In Early Years and KS1, we spoke about what respect means and how we show this. We also had an assembly about World Religion Day, which was on Sunday 19th January, where we looked at the similarities of different faiths and how this day helps to unite people in their respect and tolerance of different opinions and beliefs.

Year 2 had their highly anticipated visit from the ice cream van as their attendance reward. This was very well received indeed!

We also have opportunities for parents to come into school this term. Year 3 have their class assembly on Friday 14th February and there will be opportunities to come and see phonics in action in Early Years and Key Stage 1. We look forward to welcoming you into school!

Thank you for your continued support.

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Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



RJR	98.8%
RAS	99%
1T	98.1%
1HC	98.6%
2ST	93.1%
2F	97.5%
30S	94.7%
3B	89.4%
4T	94.8%
4D	96.3%
5N	94.9%
5BT	91.9%
6B	94.3%
6M	93.9%

Attendance for the week:

95.2%

Attendance for the year to date:

95.5%

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

Attendance

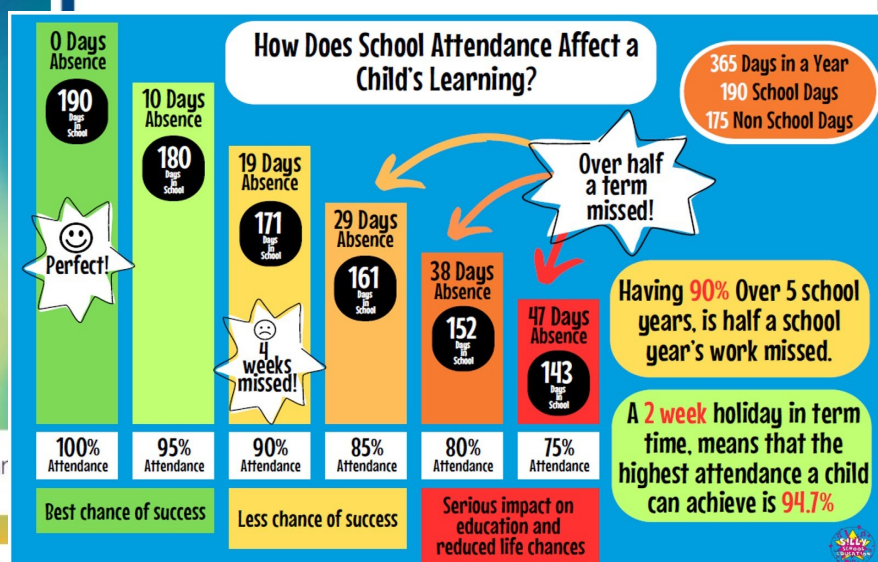
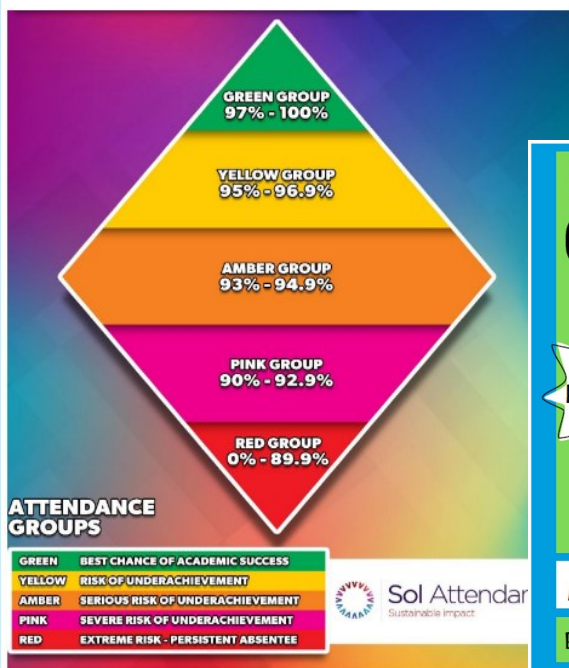
The ice cream van was a hit for 2F - so much so, we forgot to take photos because they were enjoying their ice creams so much! Thank you to Party Delights for coming and providing our children with this treat!



We're into the swing of a new class challenge now and so far, 30S and 1T have both won a week but it's very early days!

Please could we remind all families that if a leave of absence is needed, we have a form to be completed. There's a copy on our website or a paper copy can be collected from the office. Thank you!

Attendance Ladder



Learning in class



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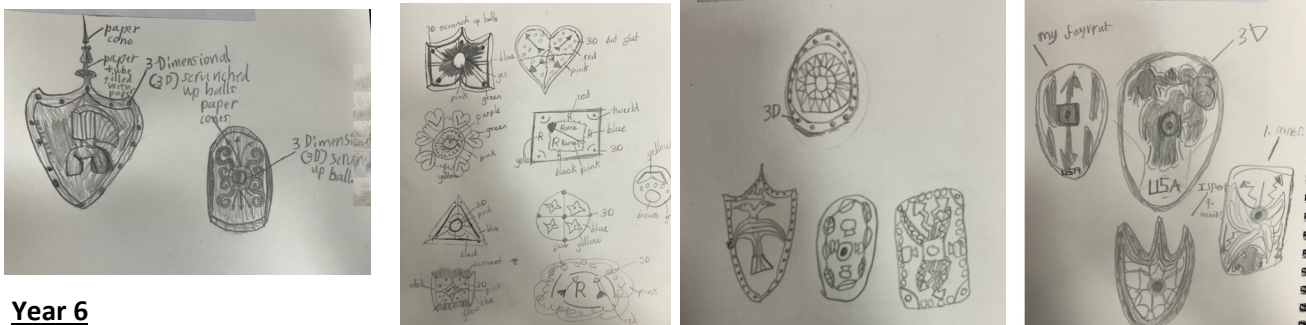
Early Years

In Early Years we have been reading the book *We're Going on a Bear Hunt*. The children listened to the story and acted it out in different ways, using different props, both inside and outside. We had a special 'Teddy Bear Day' where the children could all bring in their favourite teddy bear and we completed lots of different bear themed activities, including having a Teddy Bears Picnic for Lunch.



Year 3

Year 3 have been busy learning about the Romans this term and are very excited to be making their own 'modern day Roman shields' in art. They have been busy creating their designs which are inspired by the Romans but show what their personalities are like. They cannot wait to make their shields next week using paper mâché to join their forms to the shield so they are 3D. They will then paint them with bright colours. I can't wait to see them finished!



Year 6

This term, the children in Year 6 are learning about Micro:bits which are tiny computers that can be programmed with a code or algorithm. The children have made name badges and beating heart animations so far and are already experimenting, debugging and using their creativity with coding.



In other news...

World Religion Day

This week in our assembly and to continue promoting our value of Respect, we looked at World Religion Day which was celebrated on Sunday 19th January. It's a day when we aim to promote understanding and peace between religions as well as mutual respect and tolerance of people from different backgrounds. We watched a video of some different religious festivals which all looked very joyous! There are some lovely videos which can be watched [here](#) to introduce children to different religions as well.



Ogden Trust Science Olympics

We took 10 Year 6 children to represent St John's in the Science Olympics at Ling Moor Primary Academy with other schools from the Priory trust. The children had to take part in 5 different scientific challenges including designing a parachute for an egg, a bridge to hold the most weight, a boat which would take the most weight on water and the strongest tower made from spaghetti and marshmallows. The children worked so well together, showing great communication, teamwork and problem solving. St John's won 3 out of the 5 different challenges which is a terrific achievement! Well done to all who participated.



Phonics Sessions

Families of children in Early Years and Key Stage One will be receiving a letter inviting you to come in and see phonics in action in our school. We absolutely love our new phonics programme and Little Wandle and the children are making excellent progress with it. You'd be very welcome to come and see a session so you can see how new sounds and decoding skills are taught and how we segment words to spell. We look forward to welcoming you into classes where I know the children will be very keen to show off their expert knowledge!



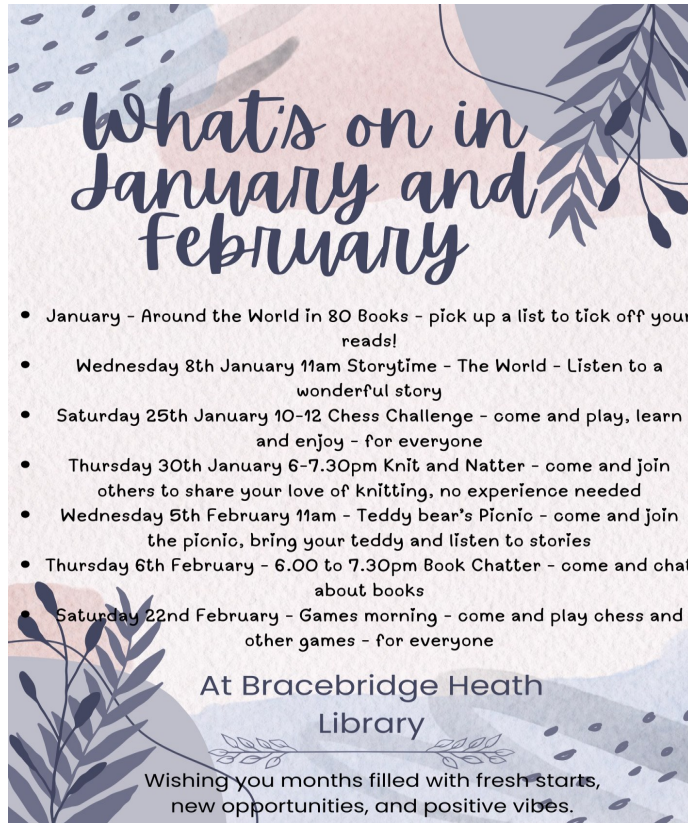
Maths Hub

We have also been making some changes to our Maths curriculum and have been working alongside the Maths Hub to make sure we are delivering a curriculum based on the latest research around effective Maths teaching. Our children in Early Years and Key Stage One are really enjoying their Mastering Number sessions where they are becoming quite the experts at using Rekenreks. The teachers benefitted from some training from Liam Bielby, one of the specialists working with the Maths hub and we're excited to watch our Maths curriculum go from strength to strength.

In the community..



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What's on in January and February

- January - Around the World in 80 Books - pick up a list to tick off your reads!
- Wednesday 8th January 11am Storytime - The World - Listen to a wonderful story
- Saturday 25th January 10-12 Chess Challenge - come and play, learn and enjoy - for everyone
- Thursday 30th January 6-7.30pm Knit and Natter - come and join others to share your love of knitting, no experience needed
- Wednesday 5th February 11am - Teddy bear's Picnic - come and join the picnic, bring your teddy and listen to stories
- Thursday 6th February - 6.00 to 7.30pm Book Chatter - come and chat about books
- Saturday 22nd February - Games morning - come and play chess and other games - for everyone

At Bracebridge Heath Library

Wishing you months filled with fresh starts, new opportunities, and positive vibes.

 BlissYoga 



Join us for a yoga course focusing on wellbeing and health!

Bliss Yoga is an all-levels class that leads participants through yoga flow by linking breath to movement. This practice of moving meditation creates strength, freedom and fluidity in the body and mind.

About the instructor: Dr Ananda Breed is a certified Frog Lotus Yoga International yoga instructor and practitioner in the creative arts.

Classes will be held at Bracebridge Heath Hall on Thursday evenings from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm until 6 March.

Please email Ananda Breed at ABlissYoga@gmail.com to register. Classes free or by donation.