



Key Dates

Wednesday 17th December

KS2 Concert—Y3/4 families 1.45pm

Thursday 18th December

KS2 Concert—Y5/6 families 1.45pm

Friday 19th December

End of term—Christmas Party Day!

Tuesday 6th January

Children return to school

Wednesday 7th January

Y6—Substance Misuse PSHE workshop

Friday 6th February

Year 3 Roman Lincoln Trip

W.B. Monday 9th February

Children's Mental Health Week

Tuesday 10th February

Safer Internet Day

Friday 13th February

Year 3 Class Assembly—9.15am

Friday 13th February

Children's Book Festival—LPAC

END OF TERM 3

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Dear St John's Families,

Wow, what a couple of weeks we have had! It's been absolutely wonderful to welcome so many families into school to watch our Early Years and KS1 Nativities. The joy that filled the hall from both the children performing and the families watching was just so wonderful to see. The children have worked so hard and we are so proud of their confidence and performing skills. We still have our KS2 concerts next week which I know will be equally enjoyed by others.

I was also really fortunate to support Mrs Ballard and our singing group at the Age UK Concert this week at St Peter and St Paul Church. Alongside St Hugh's choir, the children performed songs and carols all from memory and sang absolutely beautifully. I'm always in awe of how they perform and how they behave and this was no exception. They helped to raise nearly £2000 for Age UK which is an incredible effort. Thank you to the families who attended and purchased tickets.

Our FoS have worked tirelessly to continue fundraising for the school. They held a really successful Christmas Fayre and discos which, as always, were loved by the children! We are really thankful for their continued support of the school.

As we reach the end of this term, I always like to reflect on our year so far. The children, as always, have worked hard and enjoyed many experiences. I know you would also join me in extending my sincerest thanks to the incredible staff team at St John's. Their commitment and dedication to champion every child who walks through our doors is inspiring and I know they are looking forward to a well deserved break!

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas and look forward to seeing all of the children in January!

Mrs Emma Jefferson



Championing children; making a difference

Attendance and Safeguarding

MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.



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RJR	95.3%
RAS	99.2%
1T	98.6%
1HC	95.4%
2ST	98.1%
2F	97.1%
30S	97.8%
3B	94.4%
4T	97.3%
4D	97.5%
5N	91.7%
5M	93.5%
6B	92.3%
6C	96.9%

Attendance for
the week:



Attendance for
the year to date:



Attendance Updates

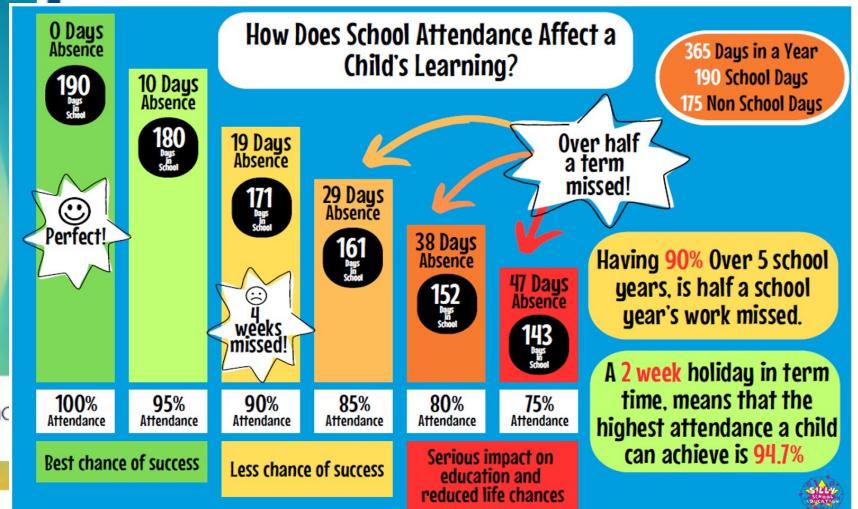
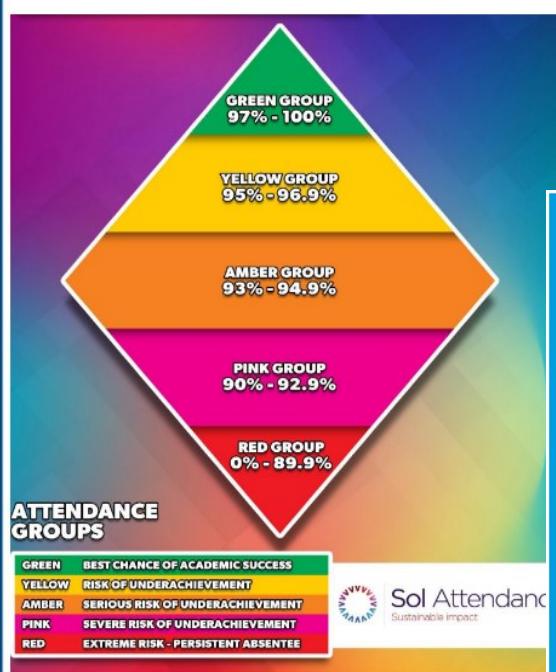
Please can we remind families that the start of the day for EY/KS1 is 8.50am and so the doors open at 8.40am. We are seeing a number of children in EY/KS1 be late because they are arriving in time for their older siblings to come through the KS2 gates at 9am. We begin phonics and reading teaching straight away so this means children are missing out on their crucial learning time in these key subjects. KS1 children should be dropped off at their gates / doors before 8.50am to ensure they are ready to start their day on time.

Illness and Holiday Absences

Please can we ask families when reporting absence for illness to give a clear reason for illness. We are having some voicemails and emails reporting absence which just says that a child is "unwell". We are expected to record a specific reason for absence so we need to know what the illness is e.g. tonsilitis, chicken pox, sickness etc. This will help ensure we are recording absences correctly in line with our attendance policy.

Please note that with any absences that are reported as illness but are attached to a requested holiday, we will conduct a home visit again to ensure that we are coding attendances correctly e.g. if a holiday has been requested for 4 days and a 5th day is reported as illness, a member of the attendance team will complete a home visit to be assured that the correct absence code is being used. If we have reason to suspect that a family may be on holiday and they have not let school know this, it is the trust policy to ask for evidence to show otherwise.

Attendance Ladder



Learning in Class

Year 3

Year 3 have been developing their sewing skills to make festive Christmas cushions. They have been practising running stitch, cross stitch and applique to bring their designs to life. Everyone has shown fantastic concentration and creativity as they carefully sewed each part of their cushion. It has been wonderful to see how confident the children have become with their stitching. We are all so proud of their work and they cannot wait to take their finished cushions home to share.



Year 6

Year 6 had a fascinating visit to the National Holocaust Centre this week. They explored some WW2 artefacts and used the primary sources to discover what life was like for German Jews in the lead up to the Second World War. The children were very knowledgeable and asked some thoughtful questions. In the afternoon, they followed The Journey exhibition which tells the story of a young boy called Leo and how his life changed in the 1930's before the war. The children heard diary extracts and visited his living room, school and a street which had been destroyed during the Night of Broken Glass (Kristallnacht). They heard video testimony from a real Holocaust survivor who travelled on the Kindertransport, which links to our class novel this term 'Letters from the Lighthouse' by Emma Carroll. The children were well behaved and respectful on the visit and really showed our St John's S.T.A.R Champion behaviour. Well done year 6.



Year 4

Over the term, Year 4 have been busy working on a brilliant biscuit-baking project. The children began by looking at different biscuit packaging and recipes, talking about what information they give and how they are set out. They then followed a simple biscuit recipe and adapted it by choosing an extra ingredient to make their own unique flavour. The children loved the practical side of the unit, and it was great to see their confidence grow as they read instructions, measured ingredients and worked together in the "kitchen." The biscuits were a real treat too!



Learning in Class

Early Years

Early Years have been very busy recently with their Nativity Performance. They have enjoyed learning lots of different songs and telling the story of Christmas which included their favourite donkey, a very bright star and a desire NOT to be cast as a tree! It has been wonderful to see the children gain in confidence and sing and speak in front of an audience, including older children from school and visiting nurseries. We are very proud of all of them. Thank you very much to families for all of the fabulous costumes and for supporting our show.



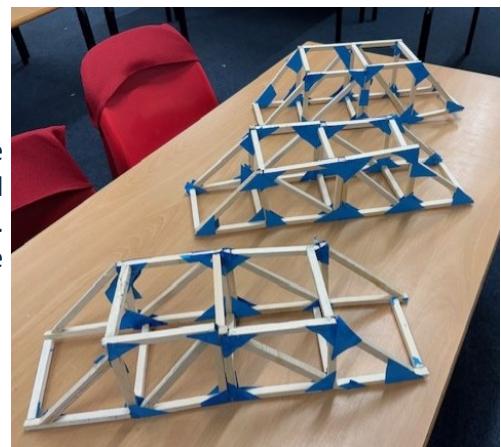
Year 2

Year 2 have been designing moving monsters as part of their Design and Technology learning. They have learnt all about pivots, levers and linkages and have thoroughly enjoyed creating their designs!



Year 5

I walked into Year 5 this week to a hive of activity going on. There were children using saws to chop carefully measured pieces of wood and then joining these together using different strengthening techniques. The children were finishing off their Truss Bridges and looking at the finished products, I think they've done an amazing job!



In Other News

Christingle

It was lovely to take part in the Christingle service last weekend at St John's Church with some of our pupils. They shared poems and prayers and represented St John's incredibly well. We also welcomed Reverend Jacqueline into school this week to make Christingles with all of our Year 1 children. They did an amazing job and really enjoyed making these and taking them home.



Well done Arthur!

We are so proud of Arthur who has signed an academy contract with Lincoln City Football Club. The hard work and determination Arthur has shown to achieve this success is amazing and we are thrilled for him and can't wait to watch his journey with Lincoln City unfold!



Well done St John's!



We were really proud of our Y5/6 mixed football team as they returned to Lincoln City this term to try and defend their title won last year which then saw them represent Lincolnshire at Wigan. They played with grit and determination and whilst it wasn't to be this year, we are still so proud at their effort, team spirit and sportsmanship.

Age UK Concert

Our wonderful singing group took part in the Age UK concert at St Peter and St Paul Church this week. They joined with the choir from St Hugh's Catholic Primary School as well as the Deanery Choir and performed a selection of carols. They sang so incredibly well and it was a real privilege to be part of. The concert raised just under £2000 for Age UK which is a phenomenal effort. A huge thank you to Mrs Ballard and Mr Ballard for all the work they do with the children to prepare them for this concert.



In the Community



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Sunday 28th December

