



ST JOHN'S
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Newsletter

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Key Dates

Monday 20th April

Back to School

Monday 20th April

Year 2—Fire Safety Workshops

Friday 24th April

FoS Discos

Friday 1st May

Little City and Rhubarb Theatre visiting
Early Years

Friday 1st May

Year 1—Great Fire of London Live Lesson

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday—School Closed

Friday 8th May

FoS Movie Night

Friday 8th May

David Attenborough—100th Birthday

Monday 11th—Friday 15th May

KS2 SATs Week

Tuesday 19th May

KS2 Drumming Workshop

Thursday 21st May

New EY Intake Information Evening

Dear St John's families,

We've made it to the end of another great term at St John's and I'm sure the children (and staff!) are looking forward to a well-earned break. It has been a busy term but it was lovely to see so many families attending our parents evenings.

Thank you also for the support of our school book fair. We earned over £300 of free books for the school so we look forward to choosing more some titles to add to our library and our classrooms.

Next term is a shorter one but no less busy. Can I remind Year 6 families that SATs week will be the week beginning Monday 11th May and all children will need to be in school every day in order to sit their tests.

We also have some exciting FoS organised events including the disco on Friday 24th April. Please make sure you have registered your ParentPay accounts in order to purchase tickets for this. They will also be organising a movie night, which was a suggestion from one of our pupils, on Friday 8th May. More details will be sent out at the start of next term but save the date!

We look forward to welcoming the children back after the Easter break to enjoy all the fun that the Summer term brings.

On behalf of all the staff, thank you for all your continued support and we hope you all have an enjoyable break.

Mrs Emma Jefferson

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Championing children; making a difference

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Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



RJR	98%
RAS	99.1%
1T	100%
1HC	96.6%
2ST	94.8%
2F	98.9%
30S	98.3%
3B	97.1%
4T	95.3%
4D	96.6%
5N	95.3%
5M	93.3%
6B	94.7%
6C	96.8%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



Attendance Updates

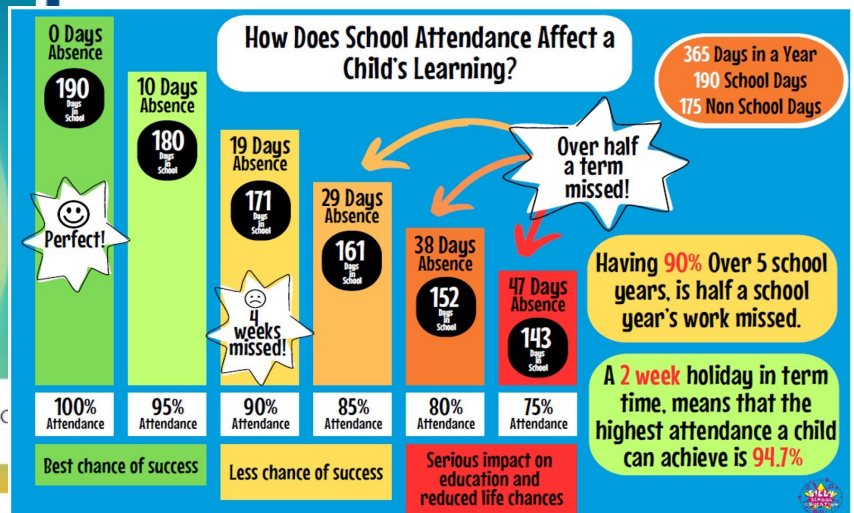
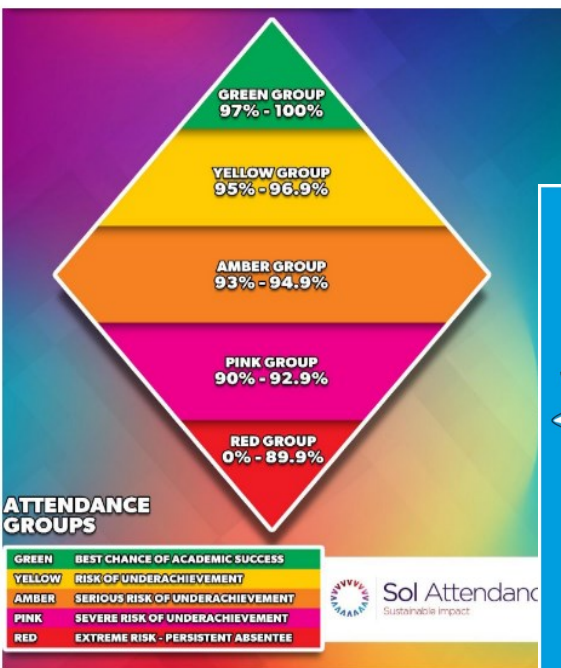
Our attendance remains above the national average and over 1% higher than this time last year which is a real achievement. Thank you to all our families for supporting us with promoting high standards of attendance and understanding the importance of this. Please note, we are unable to authorise any term-time holidays.

Safeguarding

Please can we ask that children are supervised closely whilst waiting in the car park before the start of the school day. We have seen an increase in the number of children using the railings outside the main entrance as gymnastics equipment and we really don't want any child to get hurt. We are also seeing some children running between the cars in the car park, posing a risk to themselves and also the cars! Children should gather in the area outside the gates rather than running around the car park. Thank you for your support with this.



Attendance Ladder



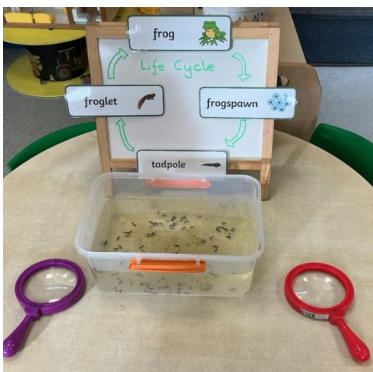
Learning in Class



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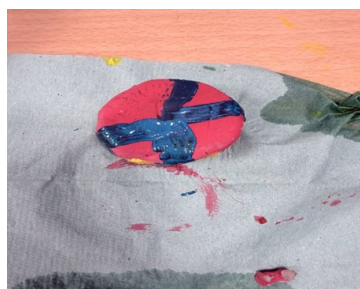
Early Years

This term our topic has been Amazing Animals. Teaching the concept of animal life cycles in the Early Years is a fantastic way to spark a sense of awe, wonder, and scientific curiosity in young children. At this age the goal is to keep things visual, hands-on, and focused on the magical ways living things grow and change over time. In the second week of term some very special visitors arrived in our classroom – a group of tiny caterpillars! We have been carefully observing them as they grow, change, and eventually we hope that they will transform into beautiful butterflies. We have also had some tadpoles and have discussed the different life cycles using scientific vocabulary. We have been very excited to watch these magical transformations happen right before our eyes!



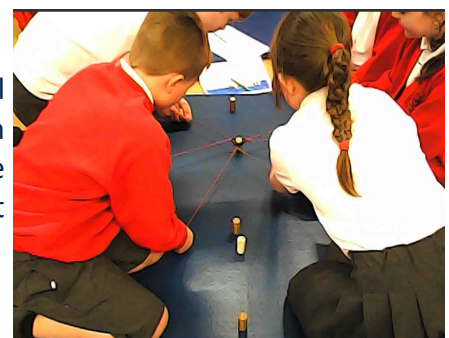
Year 4

This term's art has been a very exciting topic as Year 4 have been exploring clay. To begin with, they explored different artists who use clay and the message that they are sending with their artwork. Following this, Year 4 played with different techniques to create their pots. They looked at the pinch technique and the coil pot method with most of the year group preferring the pinch pot. Finally, they created their pots, painted them and provided a varnish through the use of PVA glue.



Year 5

This week Year 5 had a fantastic external workshop to learn all about the Amazon Rainforest as part of their Geography learning on North and South America. They learnt all about the layers of the rainforest and how the land is used as well as the species that call it their home.



In Other News



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Comic Relief

We had a wonderful day for Comic Relief a couple of weeks ago and the children all looked wonderful in their red clothing and accessories. There were some unforgettable performances in our staff lip-sync battle which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Thank you so much for your generosity—we raised over £250 to support Comic Relief and the charities they work with.



Sing-Up Day

Last week, the whole school took part in sing-up day. Over the last few weeks in singing assemblies, the children have been learning a song ready to take part in Sing-Up Day. We then recorded ourselves singing it on Sing-Up Day and the recording will be added to all of the other schools taking part to make one huge choir performance. The children demonstrated lots of energy and put on a fantastic performance!



Parent Survey

Thank you so much to all the families who have responded to our Parent Survey so far. The more responses we get, the better the understanding we can gain about where we can improve as a school as well as the strengths that we can celebrate. It will remain open over the Easter Holidays. It takes no longer than 3 minutes so if you get the chance then please do complete it—the survey can be accessed [here](#).

FoS Events

Communication has gone out about the FoS discos on Friday 24th April. Tickets can be purchased via ParentPay and need to be purchased by Tuesday 21st April so that we know numbers for risk assessments etc. Also, on Friday 8th May, we will be holding a movie night. This will be from 3.30-5.00pm for children in Early Years, Y1 and Y2 and from 5.15-7.15pm for children in KS2. More details and how to purchase tickets for this will be sent out at the start of next term.



In the Community



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This Easter at St John's Church, Bracebridge Heath 2026

MESSY EASTER IS HAPPENING ON FRIDAY 3rd April
1030-12pm with Easter Crafts, story and food. All Ages
welcome.

10 AM Easter Sunday service and Easter Egg Hunt. 5th April.

- St John's Church, Grantham road Bracebridge Heath
(opposite Tesco, next to the school).

In support of



St Barnabas

EASTER FAYRE

Food + drink, stalls, bouncy castles and much more.

SATURDAY 4TH APRIL 2026
11AM-4PM

Bracebridge Heath Pavillion, Bath
Rd, LN4 2TU



Easter Fun!

Come along to try out different
Easter themed activities

- Can you
- ...pin the tail on the bunny?
 - ...match the egg shapes?
 - ...make a tangram rabbit?
 - ...decorate egg shapes?
 - ...make an Easter card?
 - ...enjoy an Easter themed
story?

At Bracebridge Heath
Library
on Saturday 4th April
10am - 12 noon

A free event

BRACEBRIDGE HEATH EVENTS GROUP EASTER EGG HUNT

**SATURDAY 4TH
APRIL 2026**
10AM UNTIL NOON IN THE
WOODLAND WALK

PICK UP YOUR ENTRY
SHEETS BEHIND THE WAR
MEMORIAL ON THE DAY

£1.50 PER SHEET

ALL AGES WELCOME!
PRIZES FOR 1ST, 2ND AND 3RD
PLACE!

PLUS OTHER
EGGCELLENT
EASTER THEMED
GAMES AND
ACTIVITIES!

Easter

Egg Hunt



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