



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Thursday 16th January

Ogden Trust Science Olympics—Ling Moor

Thursday 16th January

EYFS teddy bear's picnic

Thursday 23rd January

Height & Weight checks—EYFS & Year 6

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

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,

Happy new year to you all! It has been a lovely start back to the new school term, even if the weather has decided to give us a frosty and cold welcome.

We have lots to look forward to this term including some trips, workshops and visitors to continue to bring our curriculum to life and inspire and engage our children. Please look out for the curriculum newsletters which will be sent out letting you know what your children will be learning about in class this term.

Our value of the term is Respect and we will be exploring this theme through our assemblies and class reflections. It also links well with some updates we are making to our behaviour routines and systems. You can find out more about this in the newsletter.

We are fortunate this term to be involved in some joint activities with the other schools in the Priory Federation of Academies Trust. We have some children taking part in some Science Olympics at Ling Moor Academy and we have some children taking part in a "Priory Voices" singing concert at Priory Witham. We are excited to be able to offer more experiences like this due to being part of the trust and it is also great for our children to work alongside pupils from other schools and collaborate and be part of something bigger than our own school community.

As always, please contact the school if there is every anything you wish to discuss. We look forward to another exciting term and sharing all that we get up to in our newsletters.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Attendance and Safeguarding

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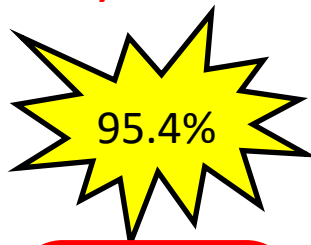


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1HC	100%
2ST	92.9%
2F	97.5%
30S	99.3%
3B	90.1%
4T	97.3%
4D	100%
5N	92.9%
5BT	94%
6B	89.4%
6M	93.4%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



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

Attendance

I'm delighted to announce that 2F were our class attendance winners for the Autumn term. Despite the freezing temperatures, the children are very insistent that they want their reward to be a visit from the ice cream van. It will be visiting them in the next couple of weeks as their treat for a term of great attendance.

We have also spun the wheel to find our 100 club winners for Term 2. Our lucky winners for last term were:

Vera —EYFS

Charlie P—Year 2

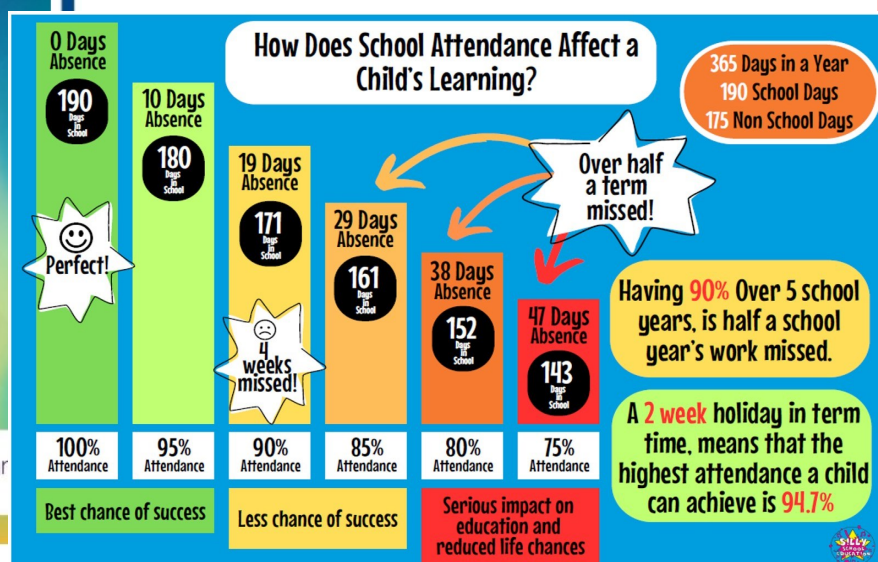
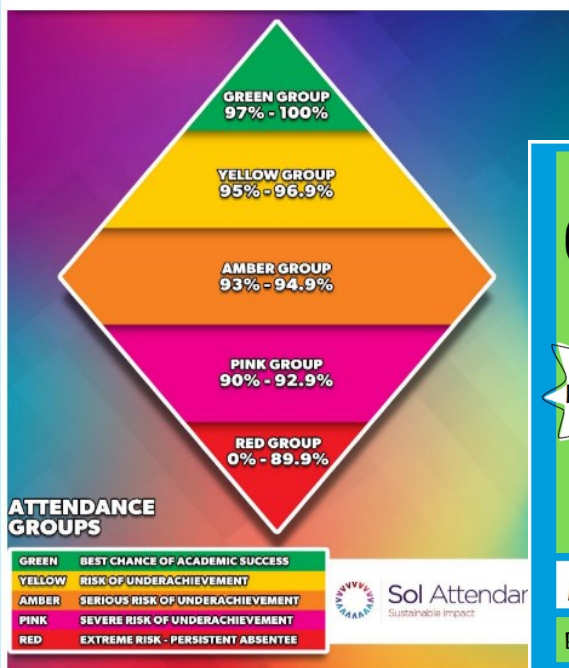
Emilia L—Year 3

Aubree H—Year 6

The 100 club is reset at the start of every term. We had 123 children on the wheel for Term 2 which is amazing!

Our class attendance challenge also resets and will now run until the Easter break. I wonder if 2F will aim to win again or if we'll have a new class take the crown.

Attendance Ladder



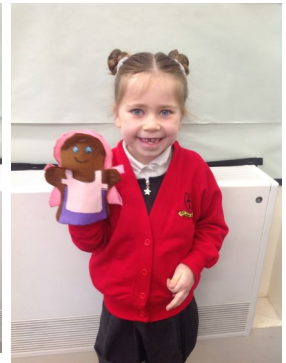
Learning in class



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Year 1

Last term in Design & Technology, Year 1 designed and made puppets of a fairy-tale character. The children learnt about different ways of joining materials and how to add embellishments. They were all very proud of their creations and I can see why! They look fantastic Year 1.



Year 5

Year 5 have been looking at our new school rules launched this term and also learning more about our expected behaviour standard which we are calling S.T.A.R Champion behaviour. They have explored what the rules mean and what S.T.A.R Champion behaviour can be defined as. They've made some eye-catching posters to show our whole school community what we would like to see. They are great Year 5—you are helping to make it clear for all, especially our younger children.



Rudy's Run

I want to share some of the amazing photos from Rudy's Run completed at the end of term. It was such an enjoyable day for all and we ended up raising over £1500 for St Barnabas Lincolnshire which will make a huge difference. St Barnabas have been in to school and could not be more thankful for all efforts and your incredible generosity. The children and staff had a great day and there were lots of smiles as we ran, pranced and danced our way around the playgrounds. Rudy was exhausted by the end of the day but it was all worth it!



Behaviour

This term, we are making a few changes to some of our behaviour systems and processes as part of our culture and ethos of 'championing children.' This has included reviewing our school rules and making sure they are simple and easily understood by all, and then helping the children to understand what our expected standard of behaviour is. We are also looking at our rewards and recognitions and how we notice children trying exceptionally hard and going over and above with their behaviour. We are also going to be developing our house system and making this an integral part of school life and the sense of teamwork and collaboration between peers that belonging to a 'house' can bring.

We have simplified our school rules which have been shared with all children this week. We think these are easy to remember and easy to understand whatever age you are. The children have had lessons this week teaching them the rules, but more importantly, what they mean and what they look like so that everyone is clear.

Our rules are:

1
BE
READY

2
BE
RESPECTFUL

3
BE
SAFE

We have also taught every class our new 'motto' to help us define what excellent behaviour at St John's looks like. We are calling it S.T.A.R Champion behaviour and this forms the basis of the behaviour we want to see from our pupils. This will start to form the beginnings of our rewards and recognition systems and will support in how

S Sustained over time
T Trying our best always
A Altruistic
R Ready, Respectful, Safe

S.T.A.R Champion



we discuss behaviour with the children, meaning all staff will follow the same approach.

Finally, every class has introduced a 'recognition board.' Each day the teacher chooses a focus for their class. This can be anything from excellent manners, super lining up, active listening, sensible walking etc. The focus gets put on the board and the recognition board aims to spot the children who are doing this well. It encourages positive noticing by all staff in the school and it's a collaborative team effort of trying to get all the

names on the board by the end of the day / 2 days that it's running for. Children can also nominate their peers to be put on the board if they think they've seen them showing the behaviour but they haven't been spotted by the teacher yet. It's designed to be a positive focus and to praise what we want to see and our S.T.A.R champion standard.

We will keep communicating any other changes we make regarding our behaviour approach and policies and seek your views over the coming months.



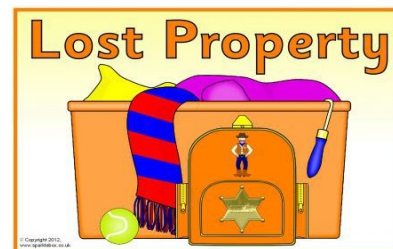
In other news



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Lost Property

We have got a large amount of lost property in the school office which we are struggling to keep space for. If your child has lost anything recently, please do pop in the office and have a look whether it might be in lost property. If items are not collected soon then we will need to remove them from school as we are very limited on space.



Homework



I'd like to thank all of the families who responded to our consultation about homework. Your views are really important to us and we want to take into account the responses we had. Please look out for our response to this which will be sent out early next week and will detail our approach to homework moving forward. We hope that we have produced a response and way forward which supports the views of all families.

School Admissions



We'd like to remind families that the deadline for applying for a school space for any children starting school in September 2025 is Wednesday 15th January 2025. Applications can be made on the local authority website which can be found by clicking [here](#).

In the community



BlissYoga



Join us for an 8-week 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 starting 16 January to 6 March.

Please email Ananda Breed at ABlissYoga@gmail.com to register. Classes free or by donation (to cover expense of the hall).



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.