



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Mon 30th June—Weds 2nd Nov

Y6 Residential

Tuesday 8th July

Y6 Orienteering Trip—Monks Wood

Wednesday 9th July

Sports Day—KS2 (am) EY/KS1 (pm)

Thursday 10th July

Reserve Sports Day

Thursday 10th July—6pm

Y6 Production

Friday 11th July—6.30-8.30pm

Y6 Leavers Party

Monday 14th July

French Day

Monday 14th July—6pm

Y6 Production

Tuesday 15th July

Move up morning

Tuesday 15th July—1.45pm

Y6 Production

Wednesday 16th July 9.15-10.15am

Y1/2 Family Science Event

Wednesday 16th July 2.15-3.15pm

Y5/6 Family Science Event

Thursday 17th July 2.15-3.15pm

Y3/4 Family Science Event

Friday 18th July 2.30pm

Y6 Leavers Assembly

END OF TERM

Dear St John's families,

We've had a great couple of weeks and there's been much to enjoy. Our Sports week last week was an amazing experience for all our children. The range of sports that the children were able to take part in and the inclusive theme really did engage and inspire the children. Year 6 got to take part in a fantastic wheelchair basketball session - I may have had a small go myself and it was great fun!

Our athlete visit from Liz McTernan really was the highlight of the week. Despite it being a very warm day, our pupils all took part in their sponsored circuits with huge smiles on their faces. Liz then delivered an inspiring assembly all about her journey to becoming an Iron Man World Champion. We all left feeling incredibly positive and motivated. Thank you so much to families who supported and sponsored. We have raised over £1000 for new sports equipment to use in school. This is a huge amount and Mr Morris and Coach Danny are already looking at what we might purchase to benefit all our children.

The next few weeks until the end of term become incredibly busy, especially for our Year 6s who start next week with their residential to Kingswood, Dearne Valley. I'm excited to pop up and see them for the day on Tuesday and see how they slept on their first night!

Please use the key dates to the side to keep a note of everything happening between now and the end of term. There's lots for families to be involved with too so we look forward to hopefully welcoming you into school over the next few weeks for some of our events.

Thank you as always for your continued support.

Mrs Emma Jefferson

Headteacher

Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



RJR	97.6%
RAS	99.2%
1T	94.4%
1HC	94.9%
2ST	94.9%
2F	96.2%
30S	90.2%
3B	96.4%
4T	96.7%
4D	92.3%
5N	93%
5BT	96.2%
6B	95.9%
6M	94.3%

Attendance for the week:

95.1%

Attendance for the year to date:

95.3%

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

Attendance

Please can we remind families to complete the form that can be found [here](#) if a leave of absence is going to be taken whether this for a holiday or another reason.

Please also be reminded that we cannot authorise term time holidays unless for exceptional circumstances. Our attendance policy can be found [here](#).

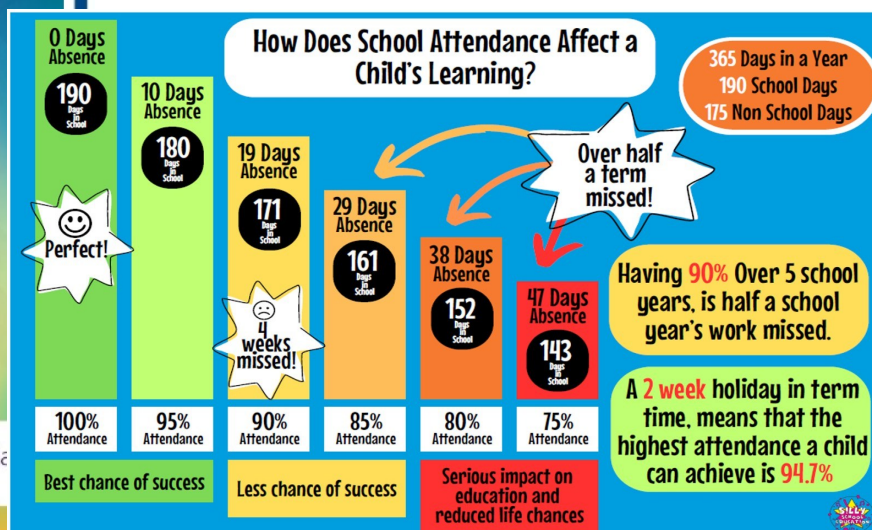
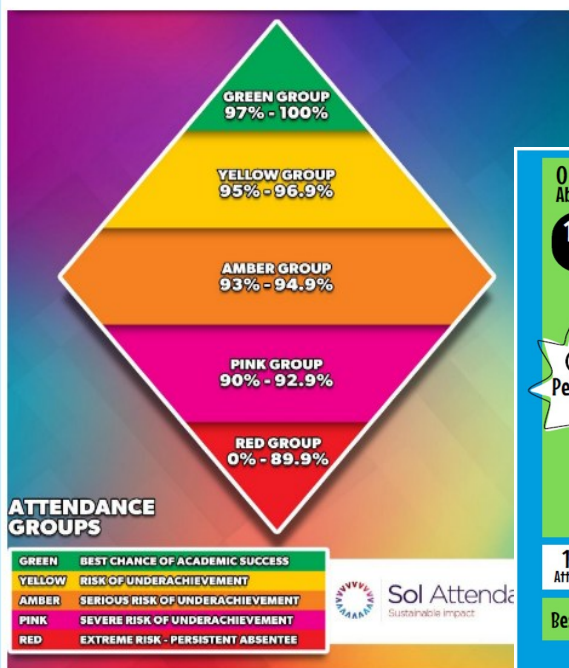
Well done to RAS who are currently in the lead for our termly class attendance reward but there's still a few weeks to go!

Safeguarding

We have had concerns from parents regarding cars idling their engines while waiting to pick up children. As you may be aware, this is more harmful for the environment than when a car is moving. I have passed this on to our school council who will be running a campaign to try and highlight why this isn't good. Watch this space!



Attendance Ladder



Learning in class

Year 1

In their Science, Year 1 have been learning all about plants and flowers. They have been looking particularly at roots and that there are two types of roots—tap roots and branching roots. The children observed closely and had a go at drawing these different types.



Early Years

Early Years had an amazing session last week with Sam from Little City. Sam said that "The children were all so SO lovely - all fully engaged with the city, using the toys and areas appropriately and their listening skills were fab! The children's behaviour was so good and I loved how their imaginations ran wild in the different areas". Sam arrived early and set up her Little City in the hall. This included a Post Office, Café, Vets, School, Hair and Beauty Salon, Shop and Dentist as well as a dressing up area and a variety of different vehicles to drive around in. The children explored all of the areas with great enthusiasm, interest, creativity and imagination. They worked together really well and shared all of the resources with great respect, displaying all of our 'Star Champion' behaviours. Well done everyone.



Learning in class



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Year 3

Year 3 have been learning about the Ancient Egyptians. They have been engrossed in learning the process of mummification which they are writing instructions about in their English lessons. To deepen this understanding, they have mummified a tomato in the classroom. They have to wait 40 days to see if it worked! They have linked this learning to their Design and Technology where they are making pneumatic toys. Some of the children have made Ancient Egyptian sarcophaguses where the ancient Egyptian treasure will jump out and some of them have designed a more modern-day toy. They have loved learning about the movement of air to make the toy work. It was fun seeing how far they could pop the syringe when there was too much air for the syringe to hold.



Year 6

Year 6 have been busy rehearsing for their Year 6 production of Oliver with a Twist! The children are embracing the challenge of learning their lines and have been helping to choreograph the dance routines for the musical numbers. They are really looking forward to being able to perform for everyone and know that it is going to be a fantastic show. Costumes will need to be bought in by Monday 7th July ready for their dress rehearsals and the first official performance on Thursday 10th July. Don't forget to complete the form for tickets.



In other news..



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Science Photography Competition

In March we launched a science photography competition taking part with the other Priory Schools. All the entries were sent to be judged at LSST and here is the winning photo taken by Lilly in Year 2. It was such a tough decision that we also choose winners for each



Key Stage for their hard work and creative eye in their entries. Well done to everyone who took part.

Healthy Minds Parent Workshop

Healthy Minds delivered an assembly to our KS2 pupils last week all about transition and dealing with worries. They taught the children lots of strategies that they can use if they are ever feeling worried about something. They have online workshops for parents which I said we would signpost in our newsletter. You can access what they have to offer by clicking [here](#)

National School Sports Week

School Sports Week really was a fantastic week as explained earlier. Liz had the children performing a circuit in a very warm hall! They all took part and did an incredible job—cheering each other on and pushing themselves to their limits. Throughout the week the children took part in various inclusive sports. It was quite the sight to walk in the hall one day and see boccia taking place. PE lessons at St John's are normally loud and energetic but the hall was silent whilst the children tried to guide the ball blindfolded. It took a whole range of different skills!



In the community..



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Family Science Events

Some of you may remember last year that we ran some family Science events in the hall for children in Years 3,4,5. The turnout for these events was fantastic which made our hall very busy! This year, Mrs Opie Skinner is going bigger and better by running sessions for more year groups across more days. This will allow more room in the hall and mean more children are able to take part! Families can choose to attend and complete some activities with their child in the hall. If you are unable to attend, please do not worry as the children won't miss out. They will complete the same activities in their classroom with their teachers. It should be great fun and we look forward to hopefully seeing many of you there.

Year 1 and 2 – Wednesday 16th July 9:15 – 10:15

Year 3 and 4 – Thursday 17th July 2:15 – 3:15

Year 5 and 6 – Wednesday 16th July 2:15 – 3:15



Bracebridge Heath Parish Council
invites you to our

Summer Community Tea Party

12.30 to 2.00pm
Saturday 12th July 2025
The Heath: Village Hall & Library



Enjoy live music, children singing,
delicious cakes & the Bracebridge Heath
Art Exhibition



What's on at Bracebridge Heath Library

Sat 24th May, 21st June and 26th July - 10 - 12 noon Chess Morning -
come along to play, learn and enjoy Chess - and some other board games.
All welcome.

Wed 4th June - 11am Storytime - all about toys! Come along and enjoy
with your little ones.

Thurs 5th June and 3rd July - 6-7.30pm Book Chatter - come along to chat
with other readers and discover books to try.

Thurs 12th and 26th June and 10th July - 6-7.30pm - Knit and Natter -
come along to enjoy a friendly group drinking tea, knitting, crocheting and
chatting!

Tues 17th June 6.30pm - Interesting talk by local author Jo Major about
her book "Kitty Fisher" - grab a free ticket to join us

Wed 2nd July - 11am Storytime - all about Dinosaurs! Come along and enjoy
with your little ones.

Watch out for lots of exciting activities and events
during this years Summer Reading Challenge - launching
5th July.

Remember our jigsaw swap,
food donation and borrowing
books are available every
session!

