



ST JOHN'S
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Newsletter

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Key Dates

Monday 9th March

Learning Showcase 3.40—4.30pm

Monday 9th—Friday 13th March

British Science Week

Tuesday 10th March

Year 2 Trip—Lincoln Castle

Wednesday 11th March

Year 4 Trip - Pizza Express

Thursday 12th March

Lincoln Music and Drama Festival

Friday 13th March

Year 4 Class Assembly—9.15am

Wednesday 18th March

Priory Voices

Thursday 19th March

Y5/6 Primary Maths Challenge

Friday 20th March

Comic Relief

Tuesday 24th March

Year 5 Rainforest Workshop

Weds 25th—Thurs 26th March

Parents Evenings

Dear St John's families,

It has been a great couple of weeks back as we start Term 4 and it's definitely nicer to have some brighter mornings and afternoons! The children have come back to school well settled and excited for their term's topics. You should have received their curriculum newsletters outlining exactly what they are learning in each curriculum area across the term.

We look forward to welcoming many of you after school on Monday as part of our learning showcase to give you the chance to look through your child's books and learning. They are rightly so proud of their learning so I know will enjoy sharing this with you.

Information about our upcoming parents evenings will be coming out soon. These will be on Wednesday 25th and Thursday 26th March and our Scholastic Book Fair will also make a return during these evenings so that we can hopefully earn some free books for school.

We have some exciting events coming up in school this term - the children will be working in their house teams as part of an exciting challenge for British Science Week. We also have our choir attending the Lincoln Music Festival and the Priory Voices concert which I know they've been working hard on with their rehearsals.

Please make a note of any key dates on the left hand side.

Thank you for your continued support.

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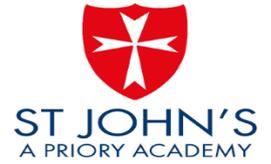
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Championing children; making a difference

Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



RJR	100%
RAS	96.3%
1T	94.8%
1HC	93.5%
2ST	98.9%
2F	96.2%
30S	98.3%
3B	97.4%
4T	97.8%
4D	95.4%
5N	94.8%
5M	95%
6B	99%
6C	97.2%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



Attendance Updates

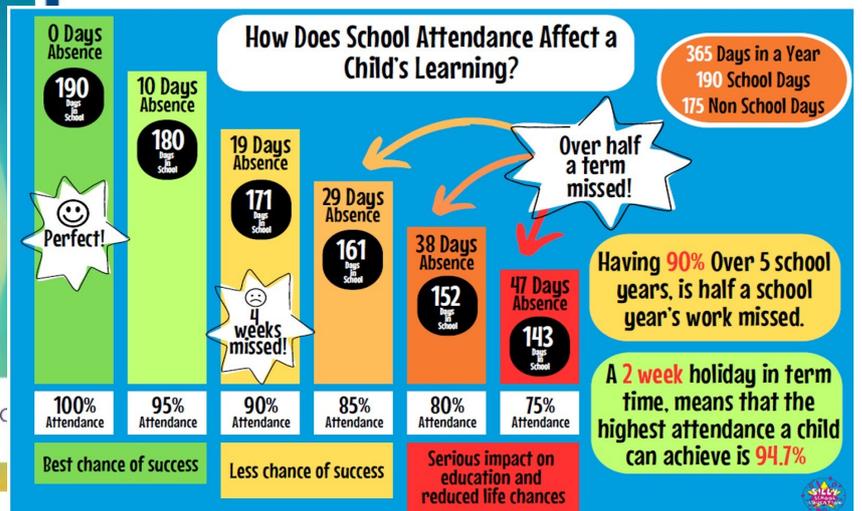
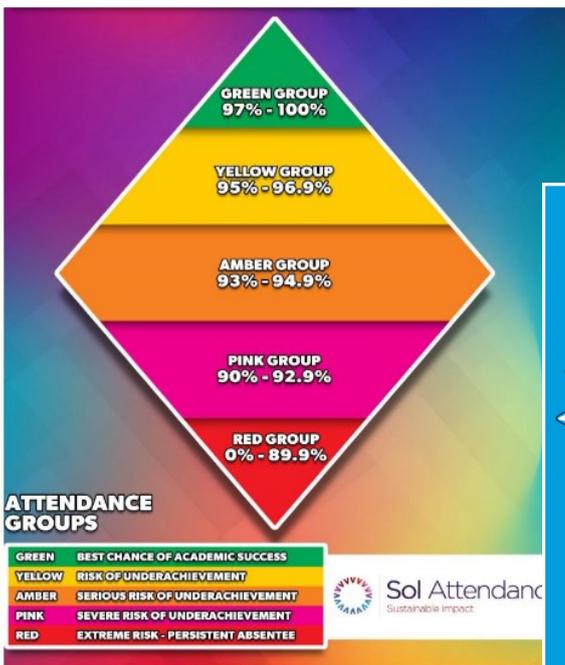
We want to say a huge well done to Carter (RAS), Maja (1HC) Ivy-Rose (3B) and George M (5M) for winning the 100 club this term. They have taken home their prizes this week. The 100 club resets for Term 4—I'm so proud of the number of children who end up on the 'wheel' because of their amazing attendance. Well done everyone!

Safeguarding

We have been made aware from some concerned parents about dangerous and reckless driving in the church car park during morning drop offs. This includes driving at excessive speed and revving the engine continuously. We are concerned about our pupils' safety so would ask that our school community act with care and consideration when driving anywhere around the school. If you are concerned about any individual and their driving, then the best thing to do would be to report this to the police.



Attendance Ladder



Learning in Class



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Year 1

In Science, the children have been finding out about materials and their properties. They have sorted materials and explored their properties. They have been carrying out investigations and using their observation skills. They tested different materials to find out which are waterproof and which are absorbent. This week, they will be testing how stretchy their socks are!

In Art, the children have used watercolours to create their own paper for a collage. They cut up the paper to design and make flowers. They then put them together to create their very own meadow.



Year 2

In Year 2, the children have been learning about the local communities of different religions and leadership. They have already had a visit from Reverend Simon from Waddington to talk about the local Christian Parish and how they support the local community. This week, they had a visit from Imam Habeeb who came to speak to the children all about the local Muslim community in Lincoln. He shared lots of information about the Mosque and the support for the local community. Next week, the children in Year 2 will be hosting another visitor—this time from Jasmit Kaur who was the first Sikh Sheriff of Lincoln. We're excited to hear how her faith has supported her in her positions of leadership!



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Early Years

Early Years had a great morning earlier this week when a tractor arrived on the school field! We were delighted to once again be taking part in the Young Farmers Tractors in Schools initiative. The children were able to sit in the tractor, explore different grains and wheats produced on farms and had the chance to say hello to a very cute lamb! It was a great start to their 'Amazing Animals' topic and the children had a fantastic time!



Year 6

Last week, Year 6 had a fantastic day dressing as evacuees, soldiers, pilots and land army for our World War 2 VE day party. They enjoyed a range of activities including sewing, dancing and working out how much they could spend with 5 shillings. In the afternoon, country dancing and jitterbugging was great fun and the children ate lots of delicious home-made treats. Thank you to everyone who helped with the costumes and making the food. It was a very special day which the children will remember for a long time.



World Book Day!



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In Other News



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Singing Group—Opera Experience

Before half term, our KS2 singing group had the opportunity to visit the LPAC to take part in an opera experience based upon *The Magic Flute*. The event immersed pupils in the enchanting world of Mozart's *The Magic Flute* through interactive storytelling, dramatic singing, and live performances by professional opera singers. Our children had a fantastic time exploring this genre of music and developing their performance skills!



Waterstones Book Festival

I was fortunate enough to take some of our avid Y5/6 readers to the Waterstones Book Festival at the Engine Shed. We spent the day listening to some inspiring authors including Iqbal Hussain, Neill Cameron and Phil Earle. We left with some top tips to inspire our own writing as well as some signed books by the authors themselves. It was a fantastic day celebrating reading for pleasure and we look forward to hopefully going again next year.

BBC Radio Lincolnshire—Make a Difference Awards 2026

We have been asked by Radio Lincolnshire to share information about their Make a Difference Awards 2026. These awards celebrate individuals, groups and even animals who go above and beyond to help others. If you know a brilliant volunteer, a young hero or a remarkable animal, you can nominate them for an award. You'll find the nomination form, award categories, terms and the privacy notice at www.bbc.in/makeadifference. **Nominations close at 5pm on Tuesday 31 March 2026.**



Early Years Food Safety

We have noticed some of our children in Early Years bringing grapes into school in their packed lunches. Under the EYFS safety guidelines, grapes served whole pose a choking hazard to young children and the recommendation is always for them to be cut lengthways into quarters before being served to pupils. Please can we ask that if grapes are provided that they are prepared in this way. Thank you for your support with this.



In the Community



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10AM TIL 12NOON



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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

