



**ST JOHN'S**  
A PRIORY ACADEMY

# Newsletter

Issue 42—May 2026



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

## Key Dates

### 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

### Monday 18th—Friday 22nd May

Year 3 Careers Week

### Tuesday 19th May

KS2 Drumming Workshop

### Thursday 21st May

New EY Intake Information Evening

### Friday 22nd May

Y1 Class Assembly—9.15am

### Friday 22nd May

END OF TERM

Dear St John's families,

We've entered Term 5 which is our shortest term but one of the busiest, especially for Year 6 who are busy preparing for their upcoming SATs assessments and working incredibly hard.

It has been a great first couple of weeks back. We have a new value of the term which is 'tolerance' and our assemblies have focused upon what this means and how we show this value.

Early Years have had a wonderful day today with a visit from both Rhubarb Theatre and Little City—both igniting a sense of awe and wonder and imagination in our pupils. We will include photos in our next newsletter.

Last week, we enjoyed two fantastic discos organised by Friends of the School. It was great to see the children having a fantastic time and really showcasing their dance moves. Friends of School have organised another exciting event coming up—movie night! You will have received details of this last week. It promises to be another great night.

We look forward to all of the wonderful things we have coming up in the Summer term. There will be lots for you to get involved in so please keep your eye on upcoming communications and the key dates on the left hand side.

Thank you for all your continued support. Enjoy the long bank holiday weekend!

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# Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**



RJR	97.4%
RAS	96.7%
1T	96.5%
1HC	91.4%
2ST	93.2%
2F	99.3%
30S	98.3%
3B	98.1%
4T	96.7%
4D	96.1%
5N	93.5%
5M	91.2%
6B	97.4%
6C	94.4%

**Attendance for the week:**



**Attendance for the year to date:**



## Attendance Updates

Well done to 1T who won last term's class attendance challenge! They are currently choosing what they would like their reward to be. The class challenge now starts again for the Summer term so we look forward to seeing which class is victorious this term!

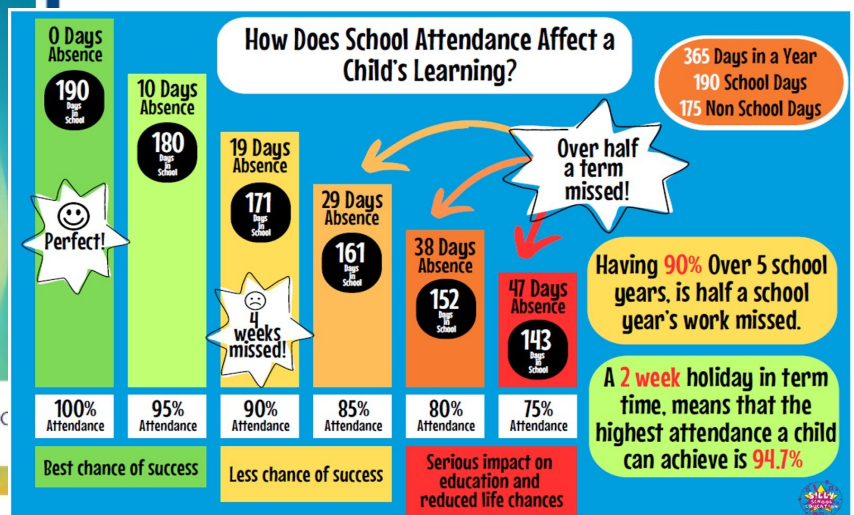
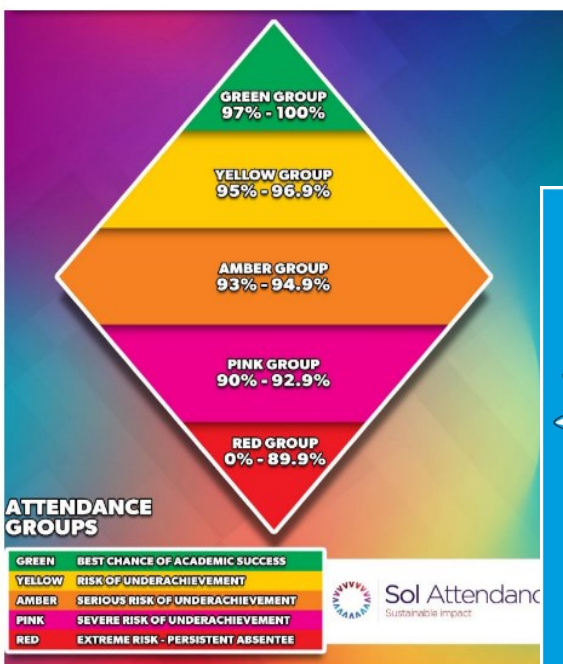
Well done to the following children who were our 100 club winners for Term 4. They have received their prizes this week for having 100% attendance last term. The wheel is reset for the start of this term.;

- Nikoleta—RAS
- Freddie—1HC
- Anakin – 5N
- Rhona—5N

## Holidays

We are coming up to the time of year when families may be taking holidays. Please remember we can't authorise any holidays in term time. We are, however, always grateful to the families who are up front and honest with us about this. Please note, that if you do take a holiday and there's illness reported attached to either side of the holiday, we will ask for evidence of dates of travel and complete a home visit to ensure that the reasons for absence are being accurately recorded. This is to ensure that we are issuing fixed penalty notices in line with the DE guidance where needed. Thank you for your support and honesty with reporting reasons for absence.

## Attendance Ladder



# Learning in Class



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## Year 1

Year 1 have been learning about word processing in their computing lessons. They have learnt about the different keys on a keyboard and what function they have. They practised typing words on a paper keyboard before having a go on the tablets. They can type, start a new line and use the delete key. They will also be learning how to type capital letters.



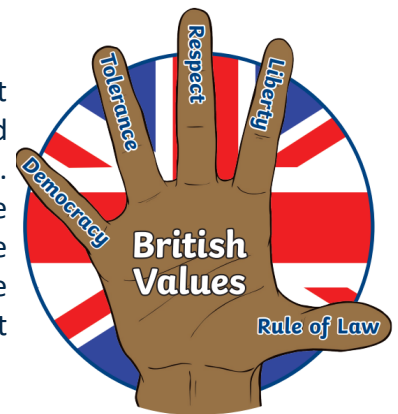
## Year 5

How can you separate a tray of different materials? This was the problem Year 5 tried to solve in Science this term. They made their own sieves and used filters, magnets and hand picking to separate materials of different sizes. Lentils were very tricky to separate from rice. Why not have a go at home?



## Value of the term—Tolerance

In our assemblies the last couple of weeks, we have been learning about tolerance and that this means celebrating everyone's differences and being accepting of these. We also looked at what the British Values are. These are values determined by the UK government to support everyone living in Britain to be part of a fair, respectful and tolerant society. The children did really well at remembering what they are and we use the poster on the right to help us remember them all! The children are brilliant at explaining what they all mean.



## PE Lessons—Earrings

Please note that as per our uniform policy, earrings can't be worn for PE lessons and we are unable to provide tape unless it is in the first 8 weeks of healing and we have been informed of this by parents. We are seeing an increasing number of pupils saying they don't know how to take them out or that they can't take them out. If this is the case then please can they be taken out before school by families so that the children are coming to school ready to take part in PE lessons. It is a health and safety risk to keep them in which is why we ask that they are always removed before lessons start.



NO EARRINGS

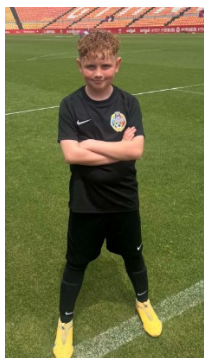
# In Other News



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## Congratulations Gabriela and Freddie

We have had two pupils travelling internationally to represent their teams in different sports. Gabriela travelled to Florida for the World Cheerleading Championship with her team finishing an incredible 4th. Freddie has travelled to Barcelona with his football team where they won the U11s International Shield. What incredible achievements from both these pupils and we are so proud of them!



## Cross Country Success



It has been another successful year of Cross Country for the St John's runners with some fantastic results. Our girls team came 1st in this year's league. As a school, we came 3rd overall and we had some fantastic individual results as well. Cross Country is no easy task and we are so proud of the children for their resilience and commitment. Thank you to Coach Danny and Mr Morris for supporting the children with this. We look forward to what results we can achieve next year and defending our Girls title!

## FoS Movie Night and Fundraising Success

Please see details of the upcoming FOS movie night available to all children attending St John's. It promises to be a great evening. I would also like to say a huge thank you to FOS and our families. Last year, I asked FOS whether they could support with funding a new trim trail for the KS1 playground who haven't had one for several years. In under 2 years, FOS have raised over £7000 to pay for this trim trail which our school budget simply would not have been able to cover. It means that at the end of June, the new trim trail is being installed and the children in Years 1 and 2 will have access to this every break and lunchtime. We are so excited for this and it wouldn't have been possible with the endless efforts of the FOS committee and volunteers and you as families supporting their events! Thank you

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### MOVIE NIGHT

We're excited to invite pupils to a Movie Night on Friday 8 May!

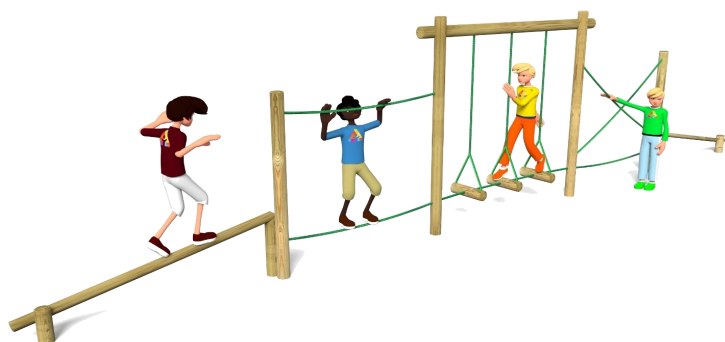
3:30 - 5:00 for EYFS Years 1 & 2  
5:15 - 7:15 for Years 3, 4, 5 & 6

Each £5 ticket includes a movie and chocolate buttons (EYFS) or popcorn (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) - the perfect recipe for a cosy night at the movies! Please bring own water bottles.

Payment should be made via Parent Pay by 4 May.

Children are very welcome to bring a blanket, pillow, or cuddly toy to help them get comfy and enjoy the film.

We look forward to a fantastic Movie Night with lots of smiles!





## Stay Safe Team



# How to Navigate Group Chats Safely

### Helping children stay safe, kind & confident online.



Group chats have become a big part of how children stay connected with classmates, friends, extended family and wider social groups. Whilst they can be fun and positive, they can also become overwhelming, unkind or unsafe without your guidance.

#### Why group chats can be challenging for children:

Group chats can move quickly and create pressure for children to keep up.

Common issues include:

- Too many notifications.
- Misunderstandings.
- Exclusion and arguments.
- Sharing unkind gossip or images.
- Pressure to respond late at night.
- Added to chats without permission.

**Talking openly with your child about these challenges can help them feel more confident and capable.**

#### Where to go for support



[www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/whatsapp/](http://www.internetmatters.org/advice/apps-and-platforms/social-media/whatsapp/)

#### What you can do at home:

##### Set healthy boundaries

- Agree on device-free times (eg. meals).
- Encourage children to mute group chats.
- Remind them its ok to leave a group.

##### Teach them "THINK before you send"

Before posting, ask them to check if the message is: true, helpful, & kind.

##### Encourage children to speak up about anything:

- Unkind, unsafe or aggressive.
- Not to join in or share it further.
- Save a screenshot if worried.
- Talk to a trusted adult .

**Remind children not to share private information in group chats and model healthy digital behaviours yourself.**

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# Online Safety



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We have been asked by the Stay Safe Partnership to share the links to some pupil surveys for pupils in Years 3-6 to gather their thoughts and opinions about keeping safe online and the material that they access. If you wish to support then the children can scan the QR codes to access the surveys and feed into the information that the local authority receives.

## Keeping Safe Survey 2026



TELL US ABOUT YOUR  
ONLINE WORLD

**Year 6 we want to hear from YOU!**  
Do you use apps, games, or the internet?  
We want to know what it's like for you.

You can tell us about:

- Apps and games you use
- Things online that make you feel happy or safe
- Things online that worry you or don't feel right

Your answers will help adults:

- Make lessons about online safety better
- Help parents understand how children feel online
- Support children to stay safe

**Your voice matters.**

**There are no right or wrong answers.**

Take part in the survey- Scan the QR code or follow the link

<https://www.smartsurvey.co.uk/s/year6school/>

## Keeping Safe Survey 2026



TELL US ABOUT YOUR  
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**Year 3-5 we want to hear from YOU!**  
Do you use apps, games, or the internet?  
We want to know what it's like for you.

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