



ST JOHN'S
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Newsletter

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Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Tuesday 24th March

Year 5 Rainforest Workshop

Weds 25th—Thurs 26th March

Parents Evenings

Friday 27th March

Year 2 Class Assembly—9.15am

Monday 30th March

Early Years—Creature Ark

Thursday 2nd April

End of Term

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

Monday 4th May

Bank Holiday—School Closed

Dear St John's Families,

We have had another wonderful couple of weeks at St John's and are looking forward to welcoming families to parents evenings next week. Please remember that at the same time, our scholastic book fair will be on in the school hall with school receiving valuable commission based on the books bought. We have used previous commissions to buy high quality texts for our library and classrooms.

It was a joy last week to attend the Lincoln Music and Drama Festival with Mrs Ballard and the singing group. To hear our children sing a complex version of Mozart's 'The Magic Flute' was so impressive and they then gave a dazzling performance of 'Razzle Dazzle.' They sang beautifully and demonstrated all of the St John's values. They have also attended the Priory Voices event this week where all primary schools within the Priory Trust were able to put on a concert and entertain an audience. Watching the children enjoying their music so much has just been heartening to see.

Last week in school we participated in British Science Week and ran a house competition with children working with peers from different year groups to design an invention to help prevent climate change and improve the environment. Some of their ideas were amazing and more details can be found in the newsletter.

Thank you for your continued support.

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Championing children; making a difference

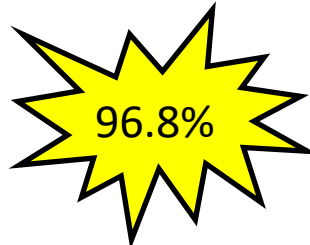
Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



RJR	100%
RAS	99.4%
1T	99.3%
1HC	95.1%
2ST	97.3%
2F	96.4%
30S	96.7%
3B	95.9%
4T	96%
4D	97.1%
5N	95.6%
5M	94.1%
6B	99.1%
6C	95.5%

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 authorize any term-time holidays.

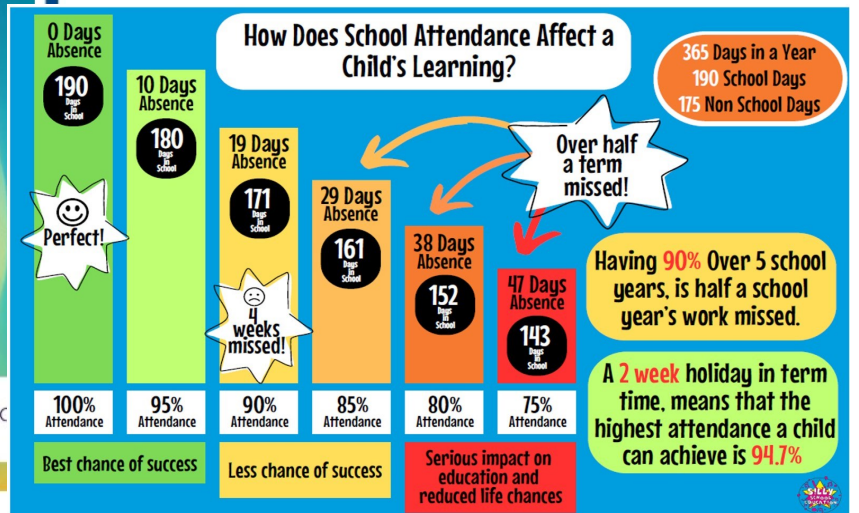
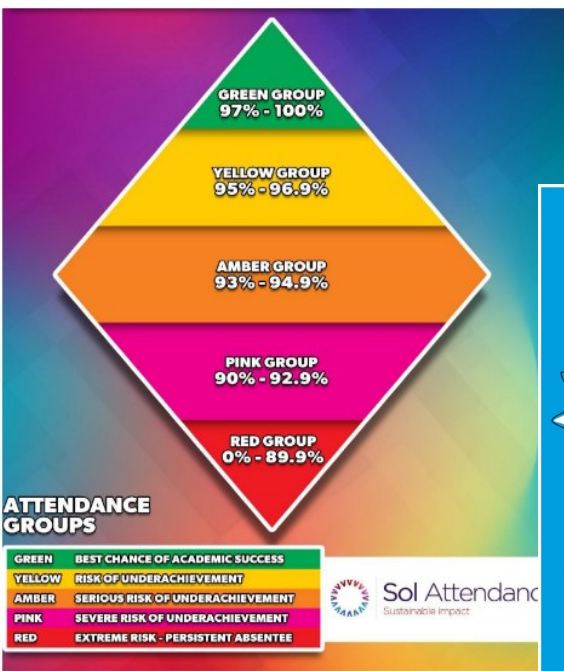
Safeguarding

Now that the weather is hopefully starting to look nicer, we know it is tempting to allow the children to play on the trim trail and KS2 field at the end of the day. Please can we remind families to leave the playground as soon as you have collected your children so that we can lock the gates and ensure the site is secure for the children who are attending our after school clubs and for PANDAs who use our playground as well.

Your support with this means we can ensure our after school clubs can start running on time and that we are not waiting for families to leave the playground. Thank you for your support with this.

**PLEASE LEAVE
OUR PLAYGROUND
QUICKLY
AT THE END OF
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Attendance Ladder



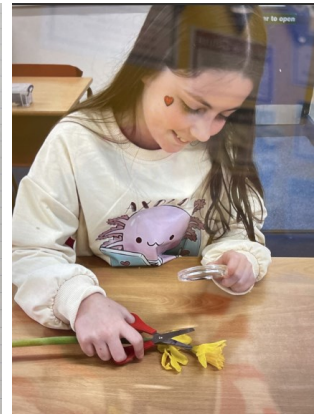
Learning in Class



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Year 5

This term Year 5 are finding out about reproduction in plants. They began by dissecting a flower to find what each reproductive part looked like and then compared the number of reproductive parts in different flowers. Using what we had learned, we then designed a 'super plant' that would be able to reproduce the most plants.



Year 2

Year 2 had a fabulous visit to Lincoln Castle last week. They learnt all about what life in a medieval castle was like. They were able to try on armour as the Knights would have worn, created their own shields and even had the chance to shoot a bow and arrow! There was then much excitement when the fire alarm sounded and the fire brigade visited. The children sat on the hill with the resident dragons and even got a wave from the fire brigade as they left! A very exciting day all round.



Year 4

Class 4T enjoyed their visit to Pizza Express as part of their DT learning from last term. The children had the opportunity to make their own margherita pizza using traditional ingredients. While their pizzas were cooking, the children were able to taste some of the other favourite toppings that are used in the restaurant including olives, mushrooms and pepperoni. The pepperoni was a popular choice. Once the children were back at school, they were able to taste their pizzas and enjoy the rest at home.



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Year 3

Year 3 are enjoying their design and technology topic this term all about food. They have thought about seasonal fruit and vegetables and why food is grown in other countries. Last week, they explored preparing food safely, so they learnt how to cut and peel a variety of fruit and vegetables. They had to think about hygiene and safety very carefully. The best bit was trying the food they had prepared. It was good practise for their final lesson when they will make tarts. Yummy!



Year 6

Year 6 have been learning all about disco music in their lessons. They have tried some dance moves including the shuffle and the funky chicken and learned some classic disco songs including 'Celebrate' and 'You to me are Everything'. They listened to various cover versions and many decided that the original by The Real Thing was the best. Judging by these photos, they certainly do have the moves!!



In Other News



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British Science Week

St Johns had a great week celebrating Science Week last week. This years theme was curiosity, so what better way to celebrate than with a whole school house challenge. The children worked in mixed groups to create a new invention to prevent climate change. There were some very creative inventions and the children worked superbly together showing the St Johns values well. The teachers then had to choose a winner from each classroom to present their inventions to a judging panel 'Dragons Den' style. Our judges had a wonderful afternoon hearing the inventions and found it very difficult to choose a winner.



Primary Maths Challenge

We took a team of Year 5 & 6s to the Primary Maths Challenge at Sir William Robertson Academy this week. There were around 15 schools there in total completing a range of challenging maths problems including reasoning, algebra and speed rounds. It's always a very challenging event yet the St John's team did us so proud and came 2nd overall! An amazing result for our talented Mathematicians—we're so proud of you and we have a fantastic plaque to go in our new trophy cabinet in the school entrance.

Sporting Success

It has been a great few weeks for sporting success at St John's. The children competing in cross country continue to do us proud every week, running in challenging conditions. Our girls team are currently in the lead for their league. We also had a win for the girls football team this week with a 2-0 win over Ling Moor. The boys have done a brilliant job securing a 2-2 draw against Washingborough and a 1-0 win over Branston Juniors. Finally, our netball team started their campaign this year with a 5-1 win against Witham St Hughes. Most importantly, our pupils continue to demonstrate the St John's values through all that they do and for that, I couldn't be prouder! Well done to all of them.



In the Community



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What's on this school holiday? at Lincoln Central Library

EASTER EGG TREASURE HUNT

Find all the eggs for a small prize! 4th-20th April
9:00am-4:00pm

SPRING FLOWERS CRAFT ACTIVITY

Create beautiful spring flowers. 7th April
10:00am-1:00 pm

LEGO PLAY AND BIG GAMES

LEGO play, and a selection of big games and board games. 7th April
10:00am-3:00pm

BIRD HOUSES CRAFT ACTIVITY

Make and decorate your own little bird house and nests. 9th April
10:00am-1:00pm

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10:00am-3:00pm

LAMBS CRAFT ACTIVITY

Create and decorate a cute spring lamb. Lego play until 3pm. 11th April
10:00am-1:00pm

SNAIL CRAFT ACTIVITY

Make cute and colourful snail creations. 14th April
10:00am-1:00pm

LEGO PLAY AND BIG GAMES

LEGO play, and a selection of big games and board games. 14th April
10:00am-1:00pm

SPECIAL EASTER DUNGEONS & DRAGONS TASTER

Barnaby the Bard, exploding eggs & crazy rabbits! Booking essential 15th April
2:00pm-4:00pm

CHICKS IN NESTS CRAFT ACTIVITY

Craft adorable chicks snuggled in their own nests. 16th April
10:00am-1:00pm

LEGO PLAY AND BIG GAMES

LEGO play, and a selection of big games and board games. 16th April
10:00am-3:00pm

SPRING FUN MORNING

Tombola, craft activities, refreshments in aid of Lincs & Notts air Ambulance 18th April
10:00am- 2:00pm



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Community Governance Review Bracebridge Heath Parish and Canwick Parish

Consultation open from Wednesday 28 January to 25 March 2026

The Parish boundaries for Bracebridge Heath and Canwick are being reviewed.

Bracebridge Heath Parish Council has requested their parish boundary is moved to include land with existing and future housing located primarily off Westminster Drive and north of Canwick Avenue.

We'd like to hear your thoughts on the potential boundary changes. Please note we can only accept feedback from residents living in either Bracebridge Heath or Canwick parishes.

You can see a map of the boundary areas being reviewed and access the online feedback form on the NKDC website using the QR code below or visit www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/electoralexamination2026

On the website there is a full list available of the properties and streets that are requested to move from Canwick parish to Bracebridge Heath parish. There is also more information on the Community Governance Review process, timeline, electorate forecast and governance arrangements in the area.

Ways to give feedback

Scan this QR code to give feedback using the online form.

Online form at: www.n-kesteven.gov.uk/electoralexamination2026

Email: electoralexamination@n-kesteven.gov.uk

Post: Community Governance Review, Electoral Services, North Kesteven District Council, Kesteven Street, Sleaford, NG34 7EF



Cricket Club

We have been asked to share information about a cricket club for girls happening in Bracebridge Heath for girls aged 8-11. More information can be found at the link [here](#).

