



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Tuesday 2nd July

ADHD Lincs Parent Session—2.30pm

Wednesday 3rd July

Year 1 trip—Whisby Nature Reserve

Friday 5th July

Year 6 Leavers Event

WB Monday 8th July

Year 6 Production

Wednesday 10th July

Sports Day

Thursday 11th July

Reserve Sports Day

Friday 12th July

Art exhibition 3.45pm

Monday 15th July

Move up morning and School Council Zen Afternoon

Friday 19th July

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 2.30pm

Dear St John's families,

It seems as though Summer has finally arrived. It's been lovely to see the children enjoying the warmth and sunshine and what a fantastic week for Year 6 to go on their residential. They had the most amazing 3 days at PGL Caythorpe taking part in activities such as raft building, rifle shooting and zip wire to name just a few! The staff came back full of praise about how well the children represented our school with their manners, respect and teamwork. I also want to express my sincere thanks to Mr Thornton, Mrs Ballard, Mr Clay, Mrs Swallow and Mrs Bosworth for accompanying the children and providing them with such a memorable experience.

We have a lot to look forward to for the last few weeks of term. Hopefully, this weather will stick around for us to enjoy Sports Day on Wednesday 10th July.

Year 6 continue their extremely busy term and are working hard on their end of year production. From what I have heard of rehearsals in the hall whilst sat in my office, you are in for a real treat!

The children will also visit their new classes for the morning on Monday 15th July.

I look forward to the last few weeks of the term and seeing you at many events!

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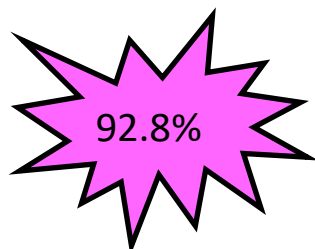
Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

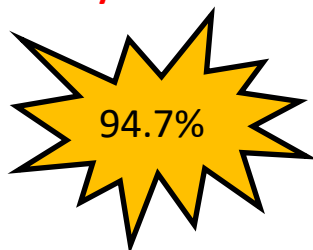


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FS RAS	94.4%
Y1CT	90.3%
Y1RT	93.4%
Y2ST	88.9%
Y2F	89.1%
Y3B	96.5%
Y3HC	92.2%
Y4O	97.8%
Y4BC	89.4%
Y5M	93.2%
Y5N	93%
Y6B	97.3%
Y6D	94.7%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



NB: A school day is split into 2 sessions—AM and PM

Class Challenge Update

We are now only a couple of weeks away from seeing which class has won the class challenge for this term. It's been very close between a few classes all term so I'm excited to announce who the winner will be and to have the visit from the ice cream van!



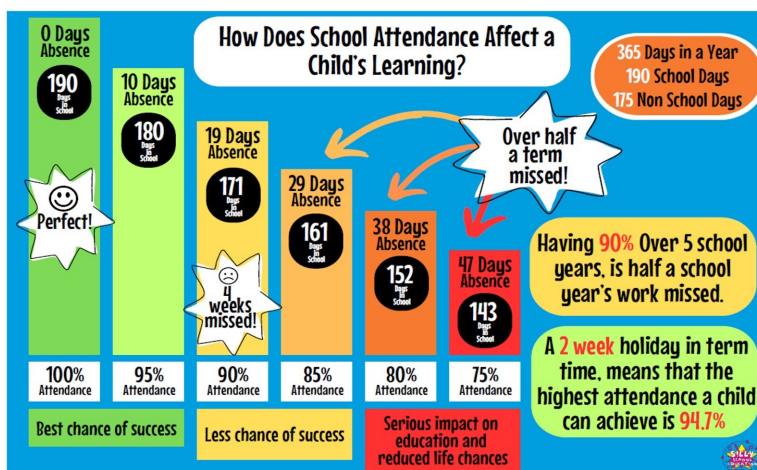
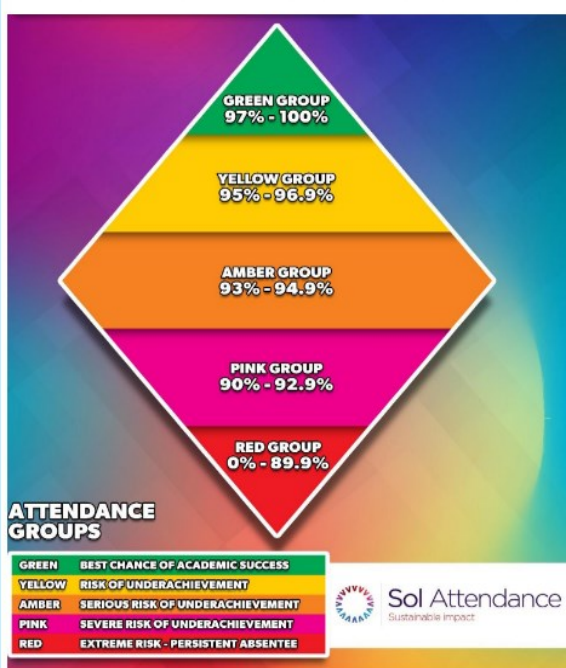
Please also be reminded that unauthorised absence in term time from September may result in a fixed penalty notice (fine) being issued. Our attendance this term has really fallen due to holidays and this has a real impact on the children's progress.

All information about attendance including our policy, leave of absence request forms etc. can be found on our website [here](#).

As a reminder, if we haven't heard about a child's absence from school by 10.30am, we will ring other contacts that we have for the child and may conduct a home visit to check that a child is safe.

Thank you for your ongoing support with ensuring your child's attendance is as high as possible, giving them every chance to achieve and succeed.

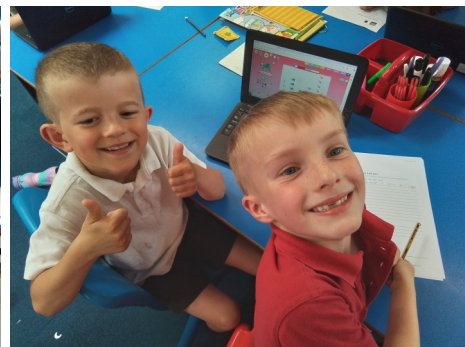
Attendance Ladder



Curriculum and Learning

Year 2

Year 2 have been creating pictograms on the computers. They created tallies, found the totals and created pictograms to match the tallies. Well done Year 2—what a fantastic job!



EYFS Rand Farm Trip

EYFS had a fantastic trip to Rand Farm Park last week. They got to see the working farm as well as meet lots of animals. The children enjoyed a tractor ride. They were able to watch a milking demonstration as well as have the opportunity to bottle feed the lambs. They also held some chicks. What an amazing experience for them and the staff who accompanied them all said how wonderful the children were with their listening skills and manners making it the most enjoyable day! Well done Reception classes!



Year 6 Chocolate Workshop

Some of the pupils in Year 6 had a chocolate workshop this week whilst the rest of the year group are on residential. I walked in to be promptly blindfolded and asked to do a smell test to identify different ingredients! Some were definitely nicer than others. They enjoyed a fantastic workshop and have also been baking cookies this week as well, putting their knowledge and skills to practical use! Great job Year 6



Curriculum and Learning

PSHE Consultation

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to all the families who responded to our PSHE consultation over the last couple of weeks. The response to our new scheme and lessons was overwhelmingly positive and it's clear that this aspect of your child's education is equally as important to you as to us.

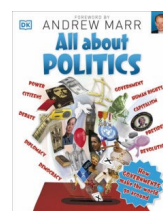
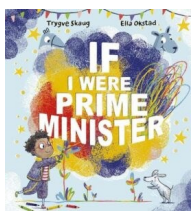
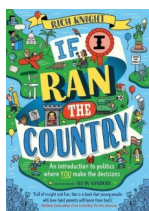
I think this comment accurately sums up exactly what we aspire to achieve with our PSHE lessons: "A curriculum to support children in growing up, navigating relationships and keeping healthy and safe."



There was a comment about puberty not being present in the Year 5 curriculum—please be assured that puberty is covered in Year 5 but this is covered during the Science curriculum for this year group and therefore is the reason why it's not in the PSHE lessons.

General Election

In assemblies this week, we learnt more about the general election and what we mean by 'democracy.' This is one of the fundamental British Values so we learnt about why people vote and what the role of the government is. The children knew lots of information already and asked some great questions including what happens if there's no clear majority win! We discussed what it is that informs a person's decision about who to vote for and that finding out about a party's policies and ideas is important. You may have found that the children came home wanting to discuss this with you! It's really important that children understand democracy from an early age. We start teaching it right from Reception e.g. children may 'vote' on what they have as their end of the day story! There's some great books below to introduce children to the idea of politics and democracy. My personal favourite is "If I ran the country!"

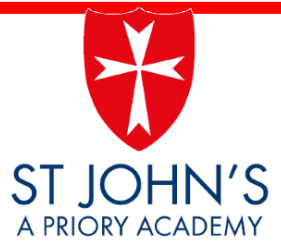


Year 6 Residential

Year 6 had the most amazing time at PGL Caythorpe for their residential. There were some very tired faces coming off the bus on Wednesday (from pupils and staff!) but they sound like they had the best time. They got to take part in activities such as zipwire, raft building, rifle shooting and many more. Experiences like this create memories to last a lifetime and I want to express huge thanks to the staff who give up their time to take the children away for 2 nights and give them this opportunity. More pictures to come in the next newsletter but here's a few taster ones.



In Other News



Priory Sports Event

I had a brilliant day on Tuesday, taking some Year 5 pupils to a joint Priory Schools Sports event. The team from St John's joined teams from the other primary schools in the trust across a range of track and field events. We had two individual winners out of eight events and our team finished 3rd overall which was a



brilliant achievement. We also came away with the 'Priory Primary Sporting Values' trophy awarded to the St John's team for their positivity, sportsmanship and encouragement of the other schools. I was so proud to be their Headteacher and watch how brilliantly they all did. Well done!

We are hiring!

We are looking for someone to join our lunchtime team as a Midday Supervisory Assistant. If you would be interested in the role, please see further details on how to apply [here](#). We have a fantastic lunchtime team and our children have access to a wealth of activities to support their physical and social development over lunchtime.



FoS Discos

The FoS hosted two fantastic discos last week which were really well attended and have helped raise valuable funds for school projects. Earlier in the year, the FoS kindly donated the school some money to create a History timeline running up the staircase to support children's understanding of key historical periods and chronology. It will also include dates from local history. We are delighted that this is being installed before the end of term and we can't wait to share this with the children and you. We will put photos in our newsletter but we're so grateful for the efforts of the FoS as without them, we wouldn't have been able to purchase something which is going to be so engaging for our pupils.



ADHD Lincs

Just a reminder to parents that ADHD Lincs will be delivering a parent workshop for any families of children who may have attention or focus difficulties. They will be there to chat to, ask questions and provide advice and support for practical ways of supporting children. This will be in our school hall on Tuesday 2nd July at 2.30pm



A message from the School Council

The School Council are dedicated in helping the children to have a positive experience at St. Johns. This is true, whether they are in the classroom, or out to play. We have recently been able to provide the KS2 playground with two basketball stands, nets and balls, through our fundraising. KS1 has also been gifted one too and are eagerly awaiting a football goal. We haven't forgotten EYFS as they will be rewarded after our next fundraising event.

During our weekly meetings, we take ideas and concerns about various topics. During our last couple of get-togethers, we have been inundated with worries about unhealthy snacks being brought in at playtimes in KS2, e.g. chocolate, cakes, crisps etc. We have a Healthy Snack Charter on each classroom wall which we try to follow. Therefore it would be much appreciated if we could support children to bring in a healthy option. We have provided the charter and a list of alternative foods for parents consider. Please can you encourage your children to follow these rules, to bring in ONE 'healthy' snack per playtime and put them separately to their lunch boxes.


Up and coming event – as an end of year treat, the School Council are organising a Zen afternoon on the 15th July. Children will be invited to come dressed in comfy clothing, bring in a small teddy or cushion, ready for a relaxing afternoon of mindfulness activities. A donation of £1 will be asked of each child and this will go towards more playground equipment.

We wish you a brilliant Summer Holiday and stay safe!



HEALTHY SNACK CHARTER.

- ONLY ONE SNACK PER PERSON PER DAY.
- NO SWAPPING OR SHARING OF FOOD.
- NO FOOD WITH NUTS!
- KEEP SNACK SEPARATE FROM LUNCH BOX.
- NO FIZZY DRINKS.
- NO SWEETS OR CHEWING GUM.
- NO PROCESSED FOODS.



ALTERNATIVE SNACK IDEAS.

FRESH FRUIT BANANAS, APPLES, GRAPES, TOMATOES ETC.

WHOLEMEAL CRACKERS, BREADSTICKS, RICE CAKES, SCOTCH PANCAKES ETC.

DRIED FRUIT RAISINS, APRICOTS, CRANBERRIES ETC.

CHOPPED VEGETABLES CARROTS, CUCUMBER ETC.

HARD BOILED EGG

LOW-FAT CHEESE, BABY-BEL, CHEDDER CHUNKS ETC.

LOW-SUGAR FLAPJACKS, MALT LOAF, CEREAL BARS ETC.

In the Community



ST JOHN'S
A PRIORY ACADEMY

JUNE AND JULY

SUMMER 2024

UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIBRARY

SAT
22ND
JUNE

Chess Challenge for all! Come and make the moves from 10am to 12 noon.

SAT
29TH
JUNE

Paint a Rock for the Bracebridge Heath Rock Snake from 10am to 12 noon.

WED
3RD
JULY

Storytime - let your child enjoy sporty stories, rhymes and have fun at 11am

SAT 6TH
JULY

The Summer Reading Challenge Launch
- find out more later!

THURS
11TH
JULY

Book Chatter - join other book lovers to chat about books, share your favourites and grab a biscuit! from 6 to 7.30pm.

SAT
13TH
JULY

The Bracebridge Heath Book Bake Off - we need your entries please.

SAT
13TH
JULY

The Community Tea Party - come and join in 11.30 to 1pm - cake, chatting and children singing - all welcome.



Bracebridge Heath Parish Council

You're invited
to our

Community Tea Party
Saturday 13th July 24
11:30am - 1:00pm

The Heath:Village Hall and Library

Come & Celebrate with us!

