ST JOHN'S A PRIORY ACADEMY

Newsletter

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Respect Kindness Confidence <u>Tolerance</u> Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Mon 12th-Fri 16th May

SATs Week—Year 6

Wednesday 14th May—2.15pm

Parent Session—Virtual Autism Hub

Thursday 15th May

EYFS—Prince and Princess Day

Thursday 15th May

Year 3 Careers Afternoon

Thursday 22nd May

New EYFS starters information evening— September 2025

Thursday 22nd May

FoS Fundraiser—Fun Run

Friday 23rd May—9.15am

Year 1 Class Assembly—families welcome

Friday 23rd May

End of Term 5

Monday 2nd June

Start of Term 6

Monday 2nd June-9.15am

Sports Achievement Assessmbly

Mon 2nd Jun-Fri 6th June

Y4 Multiplication Check

Wednesday 4th June

Y4 Trip—Mablethorpe

Thursday 5th June

Priory Sports Competition—Y6

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Dear St John's families,

We've had a great couple of weeks at St John's. We launched our value of the term 'tolerance' in our assemblies. We looked at how tolerance is often described as 'accepting' differences but that we can play a part in really making sure we 'celebrate' people's differences. Early years and KS1 had great fun in my assembly with them trying to find someone in the hall who has family in a different country, someone who goes to a place of worship, someone who has a pet cat amongst others! It really helped them to recognise that we are different and unique!

Summer term is always very busy! Please keep your eye on the key dates to the left on all the newsletters. These are updated regularly with any new events being added as well as school communication being sent out about these.

Next week, we have our Year 6 SATs. The children are well prepared and I know they will do their absolute best. We are already very proud. Year 4 will have some their multiplication check coming up after the May half term and Year 1 also have their phonics screening check. It's really important that the children are in school for these statutory assessments.

Our Friends of the School are also managing a very busy term, squeezing in lots of events to help fundraise for the school. More details can be found in this newsletter but please support where you can because their fundraising makes such a huge difference to us.

I look forward to the last couple of weeks of term with the children and seeing more of their fantastic learning in the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Emma Jefferson

Headteacher



Championing children; making a difference

Attendance and Safeguarding





RJR	94.6%
RAS	98.2%
1T	96.7%
1HC	97.8%
2ST	98.9%
2F	97.5%
30 S	97.3%
3B	96.7%
4T	96.6%
4D	97.8%
5N	97.1%
5BT	97.8%
6B	95.4%
6M	94.8%

Attendance for the week:



Attendance for the year to date:



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

Attendance

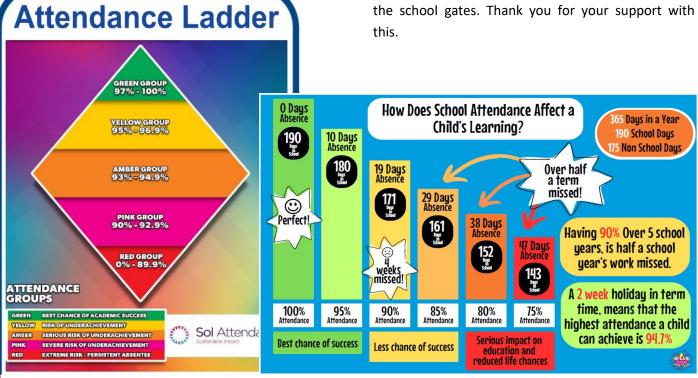
We've had some brilliant attendance figures across the school since coming back after the Easter holidays which has been great to see. It's lovely to see our ladder with so much green on it.

Please can we remind families to complete the form that can be found <u>here</u> 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.

Safeguarding

Please could we remind families and children that riding on scooters and bikes on the playgrounds is not permitted. The playground becomes a busy place at the end of the day and we would hate for there to be any nasty accidents. Please can you ask children not to ride on their bikes or scooters until they are out of the school gates. Thank you for your support with



Learning in class



Year 3

Year 3 are having a very busy term, full of exciting learning opportunities. In maths, the children have been busy adding and subtracting money. In music, they have been learning the ocarina and how they can read the music to play a song. In art, they have been developing their painting skills. This week they were exploring using different equipment for sponging and stippling (as you can see in the photos) in preparation for their final piece which will be inspired by Van Gogh's Sunflower painting. The flower theme continues in their science as they have lots of investigations taking place. The photos show them exploring: what a leaf does? Whether a plant can grow without roots? And, how water travels through a plant. They are loving making daily observations about the plants and can't wait to see the future progress they make.



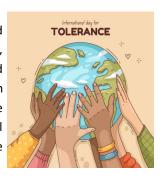






Value of the term

Our value of the term is tolerance and we learnt about how this means that we respect and accept people's differences. We discussed how this may be in the form of opinions, beliefs, backgrounds, cultures and habits. In our assemblies, we focused on different scenarios and how we would respond in these situations to show our tolerance and respect for others. I'm always so impressed by the responses our pupils give. We will continue to focus on tolerance as the theme of our assemblies for the remainder of this term looking at the Buddhist festival of Vesak, the importance of British Values in our society and how the month of Pride recognises and celebrates people's differences.



Cross Country Success

You may remember me writing in our previous newsletter that we were awaiting the results of the cross country competition for this year which many Lincolnshire schools take part in. The competition came to an end last week with the final relay matches and also an opportunity for Year 3 and 4 to experience what it is like in preparation for them perhaps having a go in Year 5 and 6. The final race last week was in very hot conditions and the children did amazingly well. We are so proud to share that our girls team came 3rd overall and our boys team came 1st overall. This means that we also placed 1st as overall winners and have brought back to St John's for the first time a lovely shield for us to keep for the year! Coach Danny has only just let go of it! Special mention also to Charlie in Y6 and Oliver in Y5 who placed 2nd and 3rd individually. The whole team have been phenomenal and we are so proud of them.



The sporting success that St John's has achieved this year has been nothing short of extraordinary. This is down to the talents and hard work of the children who attend our clubs and competitions but also because of our amazing staff team who give up their time to run the clubs, organise the competitions and fill out endless risk assessments to be able to ensure the children get to compete at these events. St John's certainly are the school to beat!!

In other news..



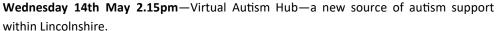


Safeguarding Webinars for Parents

The Lincolnshire Safeguarding Partnership are hosting a series of webinars on a whole host of topics from Monday 23rd to Friday 27th June. Some of these are for professionals but some are for parents. Topics that may interest parents include managing children's anxiety and supporting self esteem, children as victims of domestic abuse and online safety. More information about how to register for these sessions can be found here.

Parent Workshops at St John's

Please also be reminded that we are hosting some sessions at St John's over the next few weeks which anyone is able to attend. Information has been sent out but as a reminder we have:-





Wednesday 4th June 9.15am—Transition worry support delivered by the Mental Health Support Team. This can be any sort of transition worry whether it's transition to secondary school or even transition to a new year group within primary with practical tips and strategies to help support.

Tuesday 8th July 9.15am—Let's talk relationships delivered by Early Help Consultant Kathie Robson.

We would love to see you at any of these workshops!



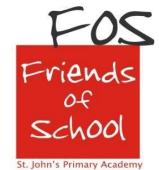
We are hiring!

We are currently hiring for a Mid-day Supervisory Assistant and a Teaching Assistant. Details can be found here for the MSA position and here for the TA position. We are a very friendly team and would love to welcome some new staff to the St John's family. If you'd like to come and have a look around the school or are interested in either of the positions and would like to know more then please don't hesitate to contact the school office. Our children are incredible so you would have the most wonderful time working with them!

Friends of the School

You will hopefully have read information about a 'fun run' taking place at St John's on Thursday 22nd May. FoS are helping the school to fundraise for a new trim trail and will match the donations from families in order to generate as many funds as possible. Children can come to school in their PE kits with a 'fun' accessory. Coach Danny is already planning the route and will be setting up obstacles to make it a memorable event for all! If you wish to donate then you can do so here.

FoS will also be hosting a Summer Fayre on Friday 20th June from 3.30-5.30pm. We are hopeful that we will have some lovely sunny weather so that this can be outside and after the success of the Christmas Fayre, we are really excited for this. Please look out for more information from them and some requests for tombola prizes. We look forward to seeing you all there!





In the community..



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



St John the Evangelist Church

Church Open Every Wednesday & Friday 10am – 4pm

Our church is open every Wednesday for you to come and sit quietly in church or to access the History of Bracebridge Heath documents. St John the Evangelist Church 🥖

Well-being Café

Tuesday 27th May 2pm – 4pm

Crafts, Board Games, painting and a chance to chat over a cuppa in a warm place, including Ann's crafts

St John the Evangelist Church

Night Light Café

Every Sunday 6pm – 9pm

Partnered with the NHS, Night Light Café offers a place to come if life gets hard or we feel isolated. There are people to chat to, offer support and information if needed or just to sit quietly. Lots of refreshments and its warm

For further information ring 0300 011 1200

or on Facebook: nightlightcafelincoln St John the Evangelist Church

Community Coffee Morning

Saturday 7th June

10am - 12 noon

Hot or cold drinks & cake/biscuits and chat Find out about BBH's History. Sale of turned wood. Have a go in the raffle