



**Respect   Kindness   Confidence   Tolerance   Self-Discipline**

### Key Dates

Monday 28th April—9.15am

LumiNova Parent Session

Thursday 1st May

Ice Cream Visit—1T

Monday 5th May

May Bank Holiday—School Closed

Thursday 8th May

Year 6 Identity PSHE Workshop

Mon 12th—Fri 16th May

SATs Week—Year 6

Thursday 15th May

EYFS—Prince and Princess Day

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

Mon 2nd Jun—Fri 6th June

Y4 Multiplication Check

Dear St John's families,

Welcome back to Term 5! This is the shortest term of the year but one of the busiest. Of course, this is the term where our Year 6s take their SATs assessments. They have been preparing for these and working so hard and we are so proud of them. The Year 6 team have done a wonderful job in ensuring that the children feel confident in their abilities and have given them lots of tips to help them be successful.

Please look out for curriculum newsletters which will be sent home to detail the learning happening in each year group. We have some fantastic topics being explored by the pupils including wonderful water in Year 1 through to the Industrial Revolution in Year 5 and Medicine through time in Year 6. It's always a joy to walk around classrooms and see the children's thirst for learning!

I'd like to thank families for their responses to the parent survey we sent out. We will be writing to families in the next couple of weeks to detail the steps we will take to address some of the feedback given and we really appreciate your time in giving your views.

You may have seen a letter come out this week about ensuring PE clothing is in line with our uniform policy. We are noticing more heavily branded hoodies not in school colours being worn and we'd thank you for your support in ensuring our uniform policy is followed.

As we move into hopefully the start of some warmer weather, please can we remind children to come prepared with sun hats and wearing sun cream as well as bringing their water bottles each day.

Thank you for your continued support.

*Mrs Emma Jefferson*

*Headteacher*

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# Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

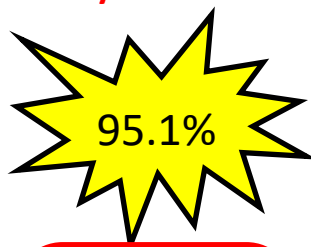


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RAS	93.3%
1T	97.4%
1HC	93.9%
2ST	96.7%
2F	96.8%
30S	96.3%
3B	94%
4T	91.8%
4D	95.9%
5N	92.5%
5BT	90.9%
6B	94.5%
6M	96.3%

**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're delighted to announce that Mrs Tasker's class were the winners of our class challenge last term and will be receiving a visit from the ice-cream van on Thursday. They were very excited when they found out. Our challenge re-starts for the final term of the year and so all is to play for once again!

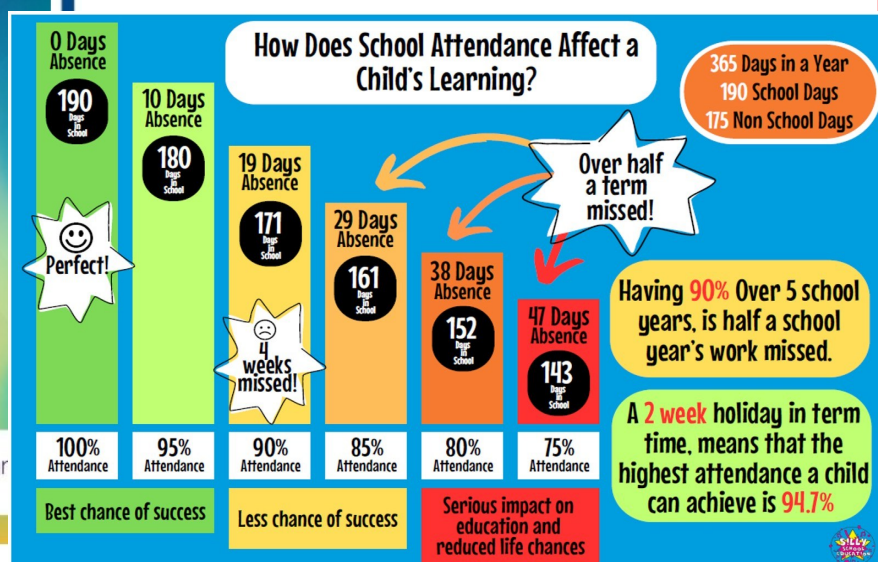
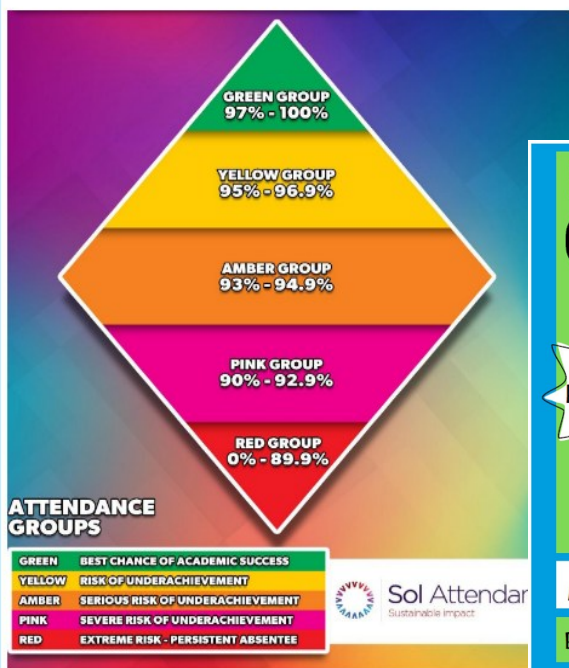
We also have spun the wheel for our '100 club' winners. Every child with 100% attendance from Term 4 gets added to the wheel. The lucky winners for last term are:-

- \*Eric—Reception
- \*Tobey—Year 2
- \*Esme—Year 3
- \*Amber—Year 3

## 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 this.

## Attendance Ladder



# Learning in class

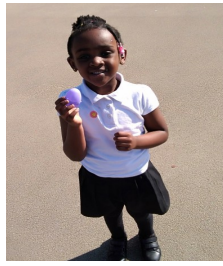


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## Early Years

Our staff have recently undertaken some training with Bikeability and we have received six balance bikes for the children to use. The first few groups of children have tested out the bikes thinking about safety, bike handling and an introduction to balancing. Being able to ride a bike is fantastic for the children's gross motor skills and core stability which helps them with different aspects of their learning. It is also great for physical fitness and emotional wellbeing.

Before the Easter holidays, the children in Reception got the chance to take part in a fantastic Easter Egg Hunt kindly organised by Friends of the School. The children followed the signs and found lots of eggs hidden in the field. A few children were convinced that they had spotted the Easter Bunny!



## Year 1

Last term, Year 1 designed and made fruit smoothies. They learned how to identify fruit and vegetables. They learned how to use a fork to keep the fruit secure whilst practising their chopping and cutting skills. They even designed packaging for their smoothies but the best bit of course, was tasting them!



Year 1 have also been focusing on team building skills in their PE lessons. They are learning that they need to talk and listen to each other whilst working together. Here are some pictures of them co-operating with a partner to achieve some challenges. They found the challenge of standing up from a seated position whilst keeping our backs together and arms hooked pretty tricky! They also had great fun working with a partner to transport a ball using different body parts.





# Learning in class

## Year 5

Before Easter, Year 5 had a fantastic opportunity to take part in a workshop based on rainforest exploration, specifically the Amazon linking with their Geography learning about South America. The visitor shared a wealth of experience about the ecology, geography and environmental importance of the Amazon rainforest. The day was inspirational, being filled with stories of exploration, facts and activities. The children were very much transported to the Amazon as you can see below!



## Schools' Football Week

Just before we broke up, it was National Schools' Football Week and we took part in this at St John's in various ways. We challenged the children to design a new football kit. We had winning designs from Eve in Year 1, Oliwia in Year 3 and Riley in Year 6. PE Lessons for the week were all based around football skills and we even had lunchtime challenges set up with staff vs. pupils competitions. We know how passionate many of our pupils are about football and it was great to focus on this in different lessons throughout the week. Thank you to Mr Morris for organising this for the school and to the rest of the staff for organising activities for the children to take part in. It will definitely be something we take part in again in the future.

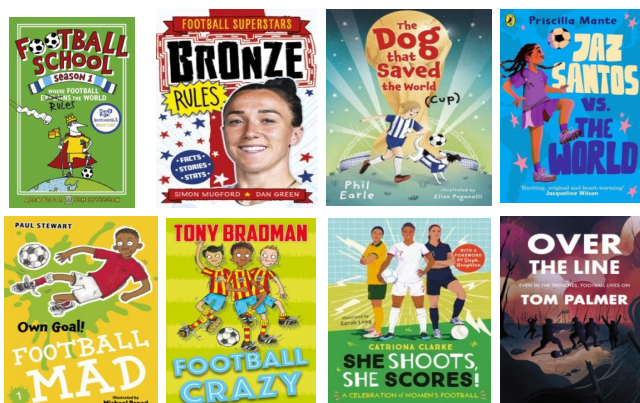


## Recommended Reads for Football Fans!

### EYFS/KS1



### KS2





# In the community..



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BRACEBRIDGE HEATH COMMUNITY HUB & LIBRARY

## CHESS MORNINGS

COME TO PLAY, LEARN,  
CHALLENGE AND ENJOY!

**SATURDAYS**  
**24<sup>TH</sup> MAY, 21<sup>ST</sup> JUNE**  
**AND 26<sup>TH</sup> JULY**

DON'T MISS OUT ON THESE  
EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES  
TO BE PART OF A THRIVING  
CHESS COMMUNITY.

10AM UNTIL  
12 NOON



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or love finding out about stuff?

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