



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Start of Term 1

Wednesday 4th September 2024

Meet the teacher - Year 2

Wednesday 11th September—3.30pm

Meet the teacher - Year 4

Thursday 12th September - 3.30pm

Meet the teacher -Year 6

Wednesday 18th September—3.30pm

Meet the teacher - Year 5

Thursday 19th September - 3.30pm

World Mental Health Day

Thursday 10th October

Parents Evenings

Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October.

Year 5 Class Assembly

Friday 18th October - 9.15am

Dear St John's families,

I can't quite believe I'm writing to you at the end of another school year. Since joining the school in January of this year, I have had the best time getting to know your children and working with the amazing team here at St John's.

There have been many highlights already but I think Sports Day last week was definitely up there amongst the best. There was so much joy amongst pupils, staff and families and it was definitely a day to remember.

As we approach the end of term, I'd just like to say thank you for welcoming me into your school community. We aim to continually provide experiences and opportunities to allow the children here to flourish and next year will be no different.

I'd like to thank the wonderful staff team here. They work tirelessly and care so much about every individual child. They really do go above and beyond to make sure the children here make amazing memories and achieve well.

And finally to our Y6 pupils and families. We will miss you all but know you will be amazing in your future pursuits. Keep in touch with us as we'd love to hear how you get on.

Have a wonderful Summer break and see you in September!

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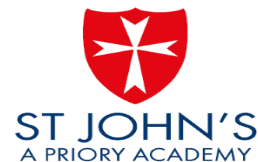
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Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
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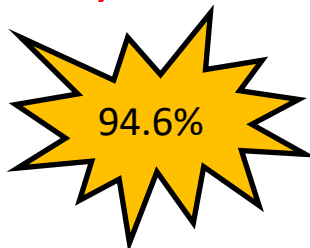


RJR	92%
RAS	87.7%
Y1CT	90.4%
Y1RT	96.4%
Y2ST	95.8%
Y2F	92.7%
Y3B	94.3%
Y3HC	93.2%
Y4O	98.9%
Y4BC	88.5%
Y5M	95.7%
Y5N	93.4%
Y6B	97.2%
Y6D	90.6%

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

After a VERY close fought battle between RAS, 4O and 6B, the eventual winners of the Summer class attendance challenge were RAS. They were rewarded with a visit from the ice cream van this week which went down very well! The class challenge will run again in the Autumn term from September—December.



The 100 club

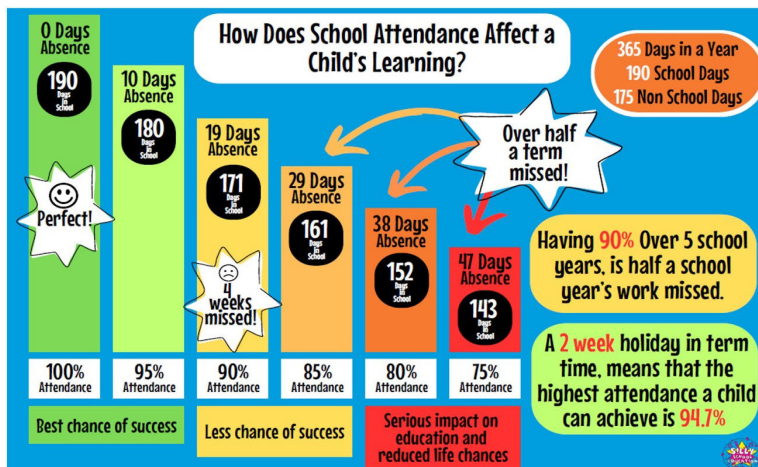
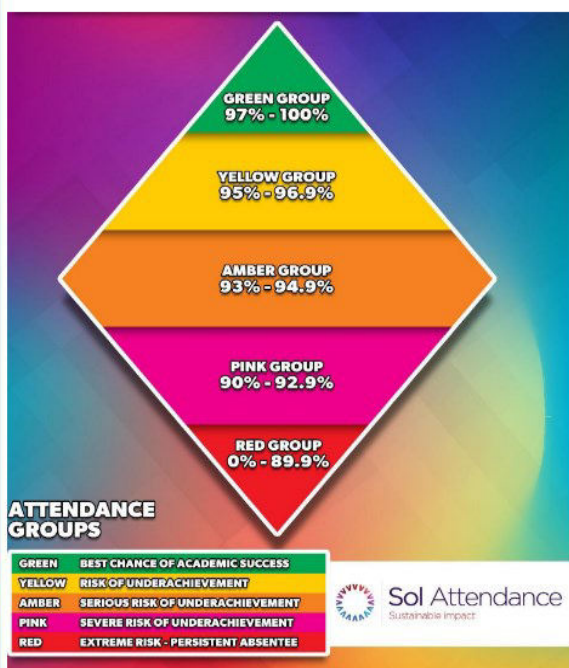
We have 166 children with 100% attendance this term which is fantastic! All of these children were entered into our 100 club draw and the two winners from EY/KS1 and KS2 are:

Finley 2F / Archie 1RT

Dexter 3B / Emma 5M

We also have 26 children who have had 100% attendance for the whole year which is an incredible achievement. These children were rewarded certificates in the end of year assembly.

Attendance Ladder



Curriculum and Learning

Year 1 Whisby Trip

Year 1 had a fabulous time at Whisby Nature Park. They were tree detectives and used their senses to identify trees. They collected leaves and flowers to create their own nature paint. They really enjoyed pond dipping and they got to see lots of different creatures. They also made journey sticks by collecting natural objects and tying them to the stick with wool. All of the children (and staff) gave the day ten out of ten, even though it rained!



Year 2 Healthy Wraps

Year 2 have been having a great time in Design and Technology, planning and making their own healthy wraps. They tasted different ingredients and explored combinations. There were some interesting combinations (!) but they have had a great time making these and an even better time eating them afterwards!



Gardening Club

Keeping with the food theme, Gardening Club had a great time this week pulling the carrots out they planted earlier in the term. They all had a taste and luckily I got a taste too and we all agree—home-grown is definitely the best!



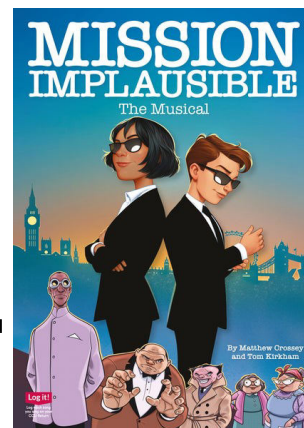
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Year 6 Production

Year 6 put the most amazing production on over 4 performances. Their roles as secret agents in 'Mission Implausible' were exceptional and it filled me with so much pride to watch how confident they were on the stage and how much fun they were clearly having acting out their roles. It was a complex script and they learnt their lines incredibly well as well as having to sing, dance and even rap! They have set the standard for future productions and the audiences were truly blown away by their talent. Well done Year 6—you did an incredible job and a huge well done and thank you to the amazing staff team in Year 6 who worked so hard to prepare this production and allow the children to shine in the way that they did.



Sports Day

We were treated to a brilliant Sports Day where the rain cleared for a day and allowed us to have the best time watching the children participate in some brilliant sporting events. We had an amazing turn out to support the children and the smiles on their faces showed just what a great time they were having. We saw great teamwork, sportsmanship and confidence on display and I was so proud of each and every child for their participation and effort. I'd also like to thank Mr Morris and Coach Danny for all of their hard work planning and organising the events. It ran so smoothly and the staff team all played their part in allowing it to be a success. The teacher's race was a particular highlight—there is ongoing dispute and debate over the winner but I'll leave these photos here for you to decide! I believe they may have already started their training for next year!



Year 1—Joint Sports Event with Bracebridge Infants

We welcomed Year 1 pupils from Bracebridge Infants School to join some of our Year 1 pupils in a joint sporting event. They had a great time doing different events and made new friends in the process. Children from both schools displayed great effort and sporting behaviour. All went home with a medal and certificate to remember their day!

Curriculum and Learning

Year 6 Fieldwork

Year 6 had a field trip this week to the local Recreation ground as part of their Geography learning. They carried out research and observations about litter, graffiti and noise in the environment and then drew some conclusions and suggested improvements.



After school clubs

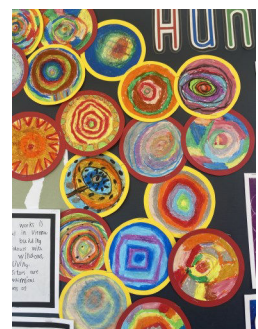
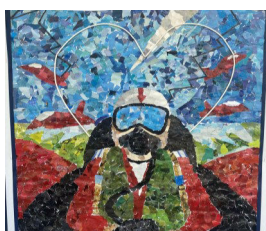
We have had some fantastic opportunities to see the hard work the pupils put into their after school clubs over the last week. The dance group led by Lauren from LN Dance put together an energetic show for parents which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. The children have absolutely loved this class, learning routines and having fun. Well done to all of you!

Then on Monday, the signing choir delivered a mini concert for families showing the results of all their hard work in singing and signing Makaton to some beautiful songs. They did a fantastic job and I'd like to thank Mrs Bosworth for all of her energy and commitment in supporting this group.



Art Exhibition

It was lovely to open St John's doors and invite families to walk through our school and see the amazing Art produced by the children. The talent and skill level of what the children have produced is incredible and some of the work on show looks like it has been completed by accomplished adult artists! A huge thank you to our Art lead, Mrs Todd, for her amazing vision and leading this and to all the staff for working so hard with their classes in order to produce this standard of work.



In Other News



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Mrs Thorley

Mrs Thorley, one of our wonderful MSAs, is leaving us at the end of this term. She has been a fantastic support for the pupils on the KS2 playground at lunchtimes and I know she will be missed by all of the children and staff. We wish her all the best for her future!



Safe travels Mrs Turner-Harrison



Mrs Turner-Harrison has a very exciting Summer coming up. She will be travelling to Uganda and visiting local schools and working with the children there. A while ago, St John's raised money to purchase some playground toys for the children in Uganda and so she will be delivering these whilst there. Some of our pupils have written some letters about life at St John's and in the UK. Mrs Turner-Harrison will be taking these as well and it will be great if we receive some back! We can't wait to hear all about Mrs Turner Harrison's trip and wish her safe travels!

Community Tea Party

Last weekend, our choir represented the school wonderfully at the community tea party at the village hall. It was such a lovely occasion with many members of the local community in attendance enjoying tea, cakes and conversation! Our choir sang beautifully and everyone commented on how incredible they were and what great ambassadors for St John's they are. I'd like to thank Mrs Ballard and Mr Ballard for all their hard work in getting the children to perform so well and for attending with them on Saturday. I sat in the audience feeling very proud. Representing the school and becoming involved with community events is really important and gives the children a wider sense of belonging so I hope we can continue to do this more.



Art Mural - Mobile Arts for Peace Project

This term, we were able to run an after school club working with an artist as part of the Mobile Arts for Peace project. A group of KS2 children worked with Vina Puspita to collaborate on a mural which represented what is meaningful for them about school. It was wonderful to watch this all come together and I hope you agree that the final mural has real impact. I'd like to thank Vina and Ananda for all of their hard work in making this project happen. The children involved all spoke so positively about the sessions and expressed their creativity in a brilliant way. It's made a very bland wall look so much better!



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Miss Dickens

Miss Dickens, one of our fantastic teaching assistants in KS1, has successfully been appointed for a job in student support at Lincoln University's Student Union. This is an area Miss Dickens has wanted to work in for a while and we're so delighted for her, however she will be very missed by both staff and pupils. I know you'll join me in wishing her every success in her future and thank her for everything she has done to support the pupils at St John's.



History Timeline

We had a very exciting installation this week at St John's with our brand new History timeline being added to our staircase. This has been created bespoke for us and includes all of the periods and eras studied by our pupils in their History curriculum. The idea is that this will support the children's understanding of chronology and will be a resource which can be used as part of their History lessons to understand when key events happened in the past. It also has key local history dates including the opening of St John's Primary School in 1880 and the school joining the Priory Federation of Academies Trust in 2024.

A huge thank you to FoS as they have funded this and a huge thank you to families for engaging in the fundraising activities by FoS as this has allowed us to install this fantastic resource for our school.



In the Community

Summer Reading Challenge

We had a fantastic visit from Moira, one of the volunteers at The Heath library to introduce the Summer Reading Challenge to us. The aim of the challenge is to keep children reading for pleasure over the Summer holidays and we are big advocates for this! I popped into the library at the weekend and so many pupils have already signed up. It's completely free and I'd love for as many St John's pupils to sign up as possible. The library are also running lots of free activities over the Summer holidays which can be seen on the timetable below. Happy reading!



Summer Reading Challenge - Marvellous Makers!

At the Bracebridge Heath Library

Sat 6th July 10 - 12noon	Make a Start! The Launch - come along to join up for our Summer Reading Challenge. Every child who joins receives a special pack and welcome gift!	Sat 20th July 10-12 noon	Make with paper! Come along to be creative with paper! Make a fortune teller and lots of other interesting things.
Wed 24th July 10 - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30pm	Make a Rock Snake! Help to make the Bracebridge Heath Rock Snake! Come along to decorate a pebble. Everyone welcome - and you can create several painted rocks!	Sat 27th July 10 - 12 noon	Make a Move! - Chess Challenge. Come and join in our regular chess challenge session. Everyone welcome and all abilities.
Wed 31st July 10 - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30pm	Make a Mark! Come along and try your hand at fancy writing! Make your exclusive signature. Try out writing from the olden days.	Mon 5th August 10 - 12noon and 2 - 4.30pm	Make a friend! Come along and make a gorgeous friendship bracelet. Come with your friends and all join in.
Wed 7th August 11 - 12 noon	Make a Noise! - Storytime Come along to our regular storytime session and this time it's all about animals. Join in with a bark, meow, roar or tweet!	Sat 17th August	Make a Move! - Chess Challenge. Come and join in our regular chess challenge session. Everyone welcome and all abilities.
Wed 21st August 10 - 12 noon and 2 - 4.30pm	Make a Rock Snake! Help to make the Bracebridge Heath Rock Snake! Come along to decorate a pebble. Everyone welcome - and you can create several painted rocks!	Mon 26th July till Saturday 31st August.	Make a Puzzle! Help us to complete a wonderful jigsaw puzzle. Do a few pieces or do a lot it will all help.

Running throughout the summer will be
Make a Difference!

We would like to make a difference by collecting for Lincoln Food Bank. Any spare items of non-perishable food will be gratefully received so please give them in at the library or place them in the box under the square table in the foyer of The Heath.



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FAMILY FUN DAY
at Bracebridge Heath Cricket Club
Sunday 25th August
12pm - 4pm

PLUS RAFFLE

Bouncy Castle
Climbing Wall
Activities
Entertainment
Plus lots more!

FREE ENTRY

RAFFLE PRIZES INCLUDE:
Restaurant Vouchers, Activity Vouchers,
Wine, Chocolates and much more.

Design by: Robine Creative



Coffee Morning
Friday 9th August
The Heath: Village Hall
10am-12pm



Raising Money for EDAN Lincs

Open to all for refreshments - eat in or take away,
children's activities and a place to chat



Summer Holiday Crafts

Make a recycled bug hotel, or a cut and stick creepy crawly
in our Learning Centre. See what bugs you can spot in our
cottage garden.

Washday Weekends

July 19th - 22nd & August 23rd - 26th

Try washing laundry the old-fashioned way! Using dolly tubs,
washboards, and a mangle just like Mrs Smith.

Apple Day September 28th

Celebrate harvest season with apple themed crafts, having
a go at pressing your own apples, and taking home Mrs
Smith's apple chutney recipe.

Looking for a picnic spot? Our gardens are free to enter with
picnic blankets and lawn games to share - just ask!



Wednesday 24th July
and
Wednesday 21st August
from
10am to 12noon
and
2 to 4.30pm.
All welcome.

Paint a Rock

Bracebridge Heath Parish Council are making a community rock snake.

Come to the library and paint your rock to leave your legacy.

