



# St John's C of E Academy Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Staffing Update**

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We are also saying goodbye to Mr Chiswell and Mrs Parsons who have both left the school due to ill-health. Mr Chiswell has worked as Caretaker at the school for many years and will be sadly missed by the team. Mrs Parsons has only been with us a short time as a 1:1 teaching assistant but has had a huge impact on the quality of education at the school. She will be sorely missed by all at St John's. We wish both Mr Chiswell and Mrs Parsons the very best of luck and good-health in their future endeavours.

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## **Attendance**

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	Week beginning 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Week beginning 25 <sup>th</sup> March	Week beginning 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Week beginning 22 <sup>nd</sup> April
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Ash	96.1%	93.1%	93.1%	100%
Beech	97.8%	98.9%	100%	93.1%
Chestnut	92.4%	98.5%	96.2%	95.2%
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Furthermore, we're also now collecting dead batteries of all shapes and sizes and collection boxes were sent home. Please again drop these off at the school office and help reduce the number of batteries going to landfill.

## Notices

**RAFFLE & QUIZ**  
Prizes to be won  
£2 per adult  
£1 per child

**family QUIZ Night**

6 People per team **Max**  
(including School aged children)

**BAR**  
and snacks available  
welcome to bring own food

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Arrive from 5.30pm to start at 6pm - till 9pm  
Get your entry slip at school reception and return ASAP!  
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