



St. John's CE Primary Newsletter

17th April 2026



Weekly Update



It was lovely to welcome the children back this week. They have been very keen to tell me all about their Easter holidays and seem to have had a lovely break.

This term is always a busy one, with Class 3 already completing Level 1 Bikeability. Learning how to ride a bike safely and confidently is an important life skill and this will be developed further by completing Level 2 when they are in Class 4. The instructors were extremely impressed with the children's attitude and behaviour. Well done Class 3 and thanks to Mr Green and Mrs Supple for their patience in booking this course. as it was cancelled a number of times due to a lack of instructors.



Prefects

Oscar and Maddie are this term's School Prefects. I know that they will represent the school brilliantly and will be helping out with events and giving ideas as to how school can develop and improve.



Star of the Week

Reception	Aurora
Year 1	Lucy
Year 2	Abigail
Year 3	Peggy
Year 4	Niamh
Year 5	Vinnie
Year 6	Isla

It's been a super week for children achieving their reading badges.

Pixie and Peyton-Red
Thomas, Hope & Elsie-Yellow
Freya & Pearl-Green
Lancie-Purple
Connor-Bronze



Reading Minutes

Year 2	15
Year 3	13
Year 4	17
Year 5	30
Year 6	25

Well done everyone!!!

Swindon Community Centre Introduction to British Sign Language- BSL



Details: There are over 10 million people in the UK living with a hearing loss. This **4-week** course will develop vocabulary and signing skills and will build your confidence in the use of BSL communication techniques. It will introduce relevant and useful topics, and you will also develop an understanding of deaf/hearing impaired culture.

Date: 02nd June 2026 – 30th June 2026 4.00pm – 6.00pm

Cost: Free

Venue: Swindon Community Centre, High St, Swindon, Wiltshire, WY3 4NR

Contact: 01384 818 143 or email: acl@dudley.gov.uk for details.

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Diary Dates

April

21st Class 2 Art Afternoon

22nd Disco

23rd Class 1 to wear red and white

23rd Class 3 Art Afternoon

24th Class 4 Art Afternoon

May

4th Bank Holiday–School Closed

7th Residential Meeting 3:15pm

11th – 14th Year 6 SATs Week

12th Key Stage 1 Beauty Club

13th Key Stage 2 Beauty Club

15th Summer Fayre 2:30pm

20th Class 2 Assembly 2:45pm

21st Messy Church Club

22nd Year 6 Bikeability

25th – 29th Half Term

June

1st School And Nursery Closed–
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2nd – 5th Year 4 Mukltiplication
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4th Sports Day 9am

8th – 12th Year 1 Phonics Check

8th Reserve Sports Day

9th Reading Cafe 2:30pm

10th Reading Cafe 2:30pm

11th reading Cafe 2:30pm

11th Nursery Transition Morning

15th – 17th Residential

18th Year 5 Fire Station Visit
9:30am

19th Fathers' Day Service 2:30pm

Beauty Club

We have had a great response to this club. Unfortunately, the club for Classes 3 and 4 is now full but we do have a few spaces available for Reception and Class 2. If your child would like to come along, please let Mrs Supple know.

Get Caught Reading

Many thanks to those children who have sent photos in of them reading in unusual places. We have had some great pictures, including reading at the top of Blackpool Tower, on horse back, on a roller coaster and even in suitcases. Vinnie and Fefe's llamas even got in on the act and joined them! It's not too late to send your pictures in. Please email them to the school office by Friday 24th April and we will display them in the hall.

Class 1 St George's Day

This is just a polite reminder to that Nursery and Reception can come to school wearing read and white next Thursday as they will be learning all about St. George's Day.

Disco

Please send Disco money in by Monday 20th April. Children should come to school wearing their school uniform and bring 'disco' clothes to change in to. Sweets and pop will be on sale so please send a little change for them to spend, if you wish to do so.

Art Afternoons

I have been busy planning the art activities for next week and I'm looking forward to creating some wonderful work with you. Please don't panic if you don't have the artistic flair of Monet or Picasso as we will be creating some abstract pieces so there's no pressure on you.

If you haven't signed up and would like to come along to help your child, please let Mrs Supple know so that I can set up beforehand.

Site Improvements

We have received notification that we have been successful in our bid to further improve school security by increasing the fence height of Class 1's outdoor area. This work will also include the installation of a fence along the hedge and re-routing the pedestrian pathway to allow for a small extension to the school car park. It is anticipated that this work will be carried out during the summer holiday.

Reading Ambassadors

Class 4 children are keen to become Reading Ambassadors and spend some time with younger pupils at break time to share and enjoy books. We are in the process of organising a 'Reading Den' on the playground so that children can get cosy in a quieter, designated space. More details will follow.



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