



St. John's CE Primary Newsletter

20th March 2026



Weekly Update



One of our highlights of the school year is our annual Talent Show. This year, we had a fabulous range of acts including dancing, singing and karate. I'd like to congratulate all children who took part as standing up on stage in front of an audience is an extremely brave thing to do. Special congratulations to our winners Annabelle (3rd), Halle (2nd) and Rosalee and Izzy (1st) who performed brilliantly.

I'd like to thank our judges who had the difficult task of selecting the winners and the staff who kindly gave up their time to come back and help me. I really do appreciate your support.

Our new gate system is now in place and seems to be working well. We've had a few teething problems and will be making some adjustments to the times that the automation is turned off to ensure that Nursery parents have a slightly easier time at drop off and pick up times.

Family Games Night

Family Games Night last Friday was a great success and it was lovely that several different families joined us. We played a range of different games including music, wordsearch and wacky word puzzles. Congratulations to our winning team (Hope's family) and to Peggy's Dad and Connie who won cash prizes.

It would be great to get some feedback from families to find out if you enjoyed the games and would like more events like this or whether you prefer Bingo.



Star of the Week

Reception	Freya
Year 1	Lily
Year 2	Walter
Year 3	Evelyn
Year 4	Arnie
Year 5	Etta
Year 6	Jess



Reading Minutes

Year 2	17
Year 3	12
Year 4	14
Year 5	31
Year 6	29

Has your child read three times this week?

GET **CAUGHT** **READING!**

Easter Holidays Challenge.

Read in the most
Unusual Places!

Take a Photo of Yourself:

- In a tree!
- In the bath!
- Under a table or in a cupboard!
- In the garden, on a swing, or anywhere **FUN!**

Send in your Photos!

Submit photos to:

office@st-johns-swindon.staffs.sch.uk

Deadline:

Monday 13th April

Your photo could be displayed in school!

Diary Dates

March

23rd Easter Craft Club
24th Grandparents Hot Cross Buns
Afternoon
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25th Y5/6 Football Match
26th Easter Service 2:30pm
27th Celebration Assembly
2:30pm
27th Break Up

April

13th Back to School
15th School Photos
21st Class 2 Art Afternoon
22nd Disco
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
15th Summer Fayre 2:30pm
20th Class 2 Assembly 2:45pm
21st Messy Church Club
22nd Year 6 Bikeability

Football

The football team faced strong opposition in their match against Westfield and despite their best efforts, were defeated 13–0. The team worked hard throughout and showed great determination against a very good side. They will take the experience from this game into their final fixture of the season against St Benedict's next week. ⚽

Hot Cross Bun Afternoons

Thank you for the fabulous response to these events. It's lovely that so many grandparents are able to join us. We have limited spaces available on the Wednesday if you haven't booked a place as yet.

Class 2 Clay Work

We've had great fun in Class 2 in creating wonderful clay animals. The children thoroughly enjoyed making hedgehogs, frogs and sheep and also selected natural objects such as leaves and flowers to press in to little clay discs. We then left them to dry before using acrylic paint to add colour. Well done Class 2, I'm really proud of your work—I think the frogs are my favourite!!!



Walk and Wheel Week

This national initiative has been a big success this week and it's been lovely to see so many children scooting and biking their way to the school gates. Thankfully, the weather has been on our side which has helped to reduce the number of children travelling by car—our daily average has been 40%. Class 3 have been the leading team with 70 journeys during the week. Well done Class 3!!!

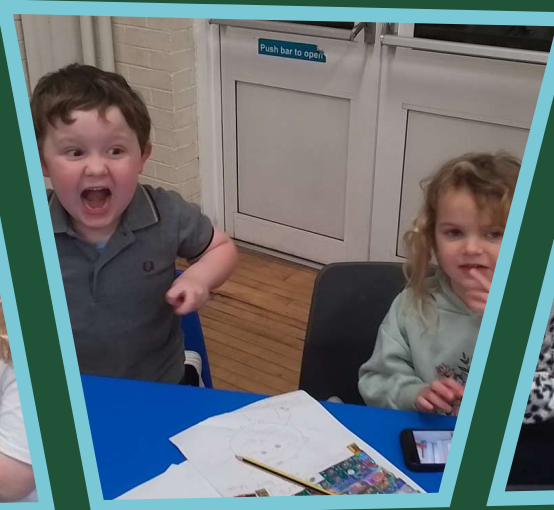
Thank you to Mr Green who co-ordinates this event as part of his Games Mark Award.

After School Clubs

We are just in the process of confirming the After School Clubs for next half term. Drama will take place once again as this is so popular. We are also hoping that this will include tennis and a range of one-off activities. Class 4 have asked for Beauty Club, Shrinky Dinky, Stay and Play and a Roller Skating / Skateboarding Club. Please keep an eye out for more information next week.



Family Games Night



St. John's Has Talent



Class 2 Clay Work



Easter

CLASS 4

Cake Decorating COMPETITION!

Thursday 26th March!

Please bring £1 for cost of cake batter!

