



# St. John's CE Primary Newsletter

## 27th March 2026



### Weekly Update



Sadly, we say farewell to Mrs Crowther this week who has made the difficult decision to retire and finally put her feet up. Mrs Crowther has been cleaning and tidying classrooms at the end of each school day and during the holidays for a number of years. We will miss her greatly but know that she will enjoy this new chapter of her life as she is expecting her first great grand child very soon. Good luck from us all at St John's and thanks for everything Mrs Crowther.

It's been an extremely busy week in school with numerous events, all of which have been very well attended. As a result, we have lots of photographs to share with you—perhaps you can spot your child on the next few pages.

Happy Easter everyone. I hope you all have a brilliant break.

### Well Done Rosalee

Congratulations to Rosalee who took part in her first mud run last weekend. Accompanied by her Dad, Rosalee ran 5K through water and crawled through mud to finish the course. By the look of her big smile in the photo, she thoroughly enjoyed herself. Fabulous!!!



### School Dinners

This is just a polite reminder that the cost of school lunches is increasing to £3.25 after Easter. Unfortunately, this increase is unavoidable due to the Catering Company increasing their charges to the school.

### Star of the Week

|           |           |
|-----------|-----------|
| Reception | Elsie     |
| Year 1    | Lancie    |
| Year 2    | Paul      |
| Year 3    | Oscar     |
| Year 4    | Charlotte |
| Year 5    | Carter    |
| Year 6    | Oscar     |

**BOOKS**  
aren't just made of  
**WORDS**...  
they're also filled with  
**PLACES**  
to visit and  
**PEOPLE**  
to meet.

### Reading Minutes

|        |    |
|--------|----|
| Year 2 | 16 |
| Year 3 | 14 |
| Year 4 | 18 |
| Year 5 | 32 |
| Year 6 | 28 |

Well done Aurora for achieving your Blue Reading Badge

# 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](mailto:office@st-johns-swindon.staffs.sch.uk)**

**Deadline:**

**Monday 13th April**

**Your photo could be displayed in school!**

# Diary Dates

## April

13<sup>th</sup> Back to School  
15<sup>th</sup> School Photos  
21<sup>st</sup> Class 2 Art Afternoon  
22<sup>nd</sup> Disco  
23<sup>rd</sup> Class 3 Art Afternoon  
24<sup>th</sup> Class 4 Art Afternoon

## May

4<sup>th</sup> Bank Holiday–School Closed  
7<sup>th</sup> Residential Meeting 3:15pm  
11<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> Year 6 SATs Week  
12<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 1 Beauty Club  
13<sup>th</sup> Key Stage 2 Beauty Club  
15<sup>th</sup> Summer Fayre 2:30pm  
20<sup>th</sup> Class 2 Assembly 2:45pm  
21<sup>st</sup> Messy Church Club  
22<sup>nd</sup> Year 6 Bikeability  
25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> Half Term

## June

1<sup>st</sup> School And Nursery Closed–  
INSET  
2<sup>nd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Year 4 Mukltiplication  
Check  
4<sup>th</sup> Sports Day 9am  
8<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> Year 1 Phonics Check  
8<sup>th</sup> Reserve Sports Day  
9<sup>th</sup> Reading Cafe 2:30pm  
10<sup>th</sup> Reading Cafe 2:30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> reading Cafe 2:30pm  
11<sup>th</sup> Nursery Transition Morning  
15<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Residential  
18<sup>th</sup> Year 5 Fire Station Visit  
9:30am  
19<sup>th</sup> Fathers' Day Service 2:30pm

## Easter Craft Club

I'd like to thank the staff and mums of Penny and Liam for helping out with this event. The children were able to make a range of Easter themed crafts, including, bunnies, Easter eggs, lambs, chicks, cards and book marks. It was a very calm session as the children moved sensibly from one activity to another. Well done everyone!

## Hot Cross Bun Afternoons

It's always lovely to see the interaction between children and their Grandparents and it was great to see Nannies and Grandads chatting away as they helped children to colour and complete wordsearches. Thank you so much to everyone who came along to join us. Thanks also to the staff and Year 6 children who helped to serve drinks and cakes.

## Summer Uniform

This is just a reminder that children can wear their summer purple polo shirts and dresses after the Easter break–if you feel that the weather is warm enough. Girls are welcome to wear grey shorts or culottes if they wish as these are often more suitable for the girls that like to cartwheel down the field. Alternatively, please provide a discreet pair of cycling shorts for them to wear under their dresses. Many thanks

## Netball Tournament

Our Year 5/6 team showed great effort and resilience in their recent netball tournament.

They faced a strong St Bernadette's side in their first match, who went on to win the tournament, and despite their hard work were beaten 13–0.

In their second game against All Saints, the team showed fantastic improvement, playing with more confidence and teamwork. It was a close match, finishing 2–2, with Rudi scoring the final point to secure the draw.

A great effort from all the players–well done!

Thanks to Mr Green and Mrs Jesson for organising and supporting the team.

## Class 4 Easter Baking

This has become a firm favourite event for our Year 5 and 6 children. They spent Thursday morning making their own cupcakes by following a recipe before decorating them with an Easter theme. Mrs Dallow and Mrs Baugh had the difficult task of judging the winners. Congratulations to Martha (1<sup>st</sup>), Etta (2<sup>nd</sup>) and Carter (3<sup>rd</sup>).

## Walk and Wheel

Well done to all who took part in the Big Walk and Wheel! Hopefully you will continue to make active travel choices in the future.

Total journeys: 281 (2025 – 414)

School daily average: 42.35%

The most active journeys were: Class 3 with 140 journeys



# Easter Activities



# Grandparent's Hot Cross Bun Afternoon



# Easter Craft Club

