

## Our School Christian Vision - 'Working together to build a firm foundation for learning and caring.'

Rooted in Matthew 7 24 – 25 'Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.'



### CHRISTIAN VALUE OF THE TERM: WISDOM

*"The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge, but fools despise wisdom and instruction."  
Proverbs 1:7*

## Message from the Headteacher

As we gear up for another fun and productive term we are quickly finding ourselves fully back in the swing of things after the festive break. Whilst there is still a lot happening, term 3 is a quieter term which means we can focus on some great learning and keeping our expectations high.

### Every moment in school counts

In Collective Worship we have talked about setting high expectations for ourselves and of others and how we can take responsibility for being 'ready' for learning. The children suggested that they could help do this by being at school on time in the mornings, and returning to lessons quickly and efficiently after break times. This led us to discussing why attendance in school is so important.

### Did you know?

There is a clear link between attendance and attainment; the more time a pupil spends in school the more likely they are to improve their opportunity to fulfil their full potential.

### Being on time is a good thing!

It gets the day off to a good start with everyone in a positive frame of mind.  
It helps your child make the most of their learning and sets positive patterns for the future.  
It helps children develop a sense of responsibility both for themselves and for others  
It helps your child make and keep friends.  
It improves self confidence.

### The impact of being late!

It gets the day off to a bad start and can put you in a mood.  
It can be embarrassing.  
It may damage your child's confidence.  
Children miss vital information at the start of the day.  
It disrupts the learning of others.

### Being frequently late for school adds up to lost learning

- Arriving 5 minutes late every day adds up to over 3 days lost each year.
- Arriving 15 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 2 weeks a year.
- Arriving 30 minutes late every day is the same as being absent for 19 days a year.

### Some things that may help

Help your child get everything ready the night before (e.g. PE kit, school uniform).  
Establish a good bedtime routine and set a reasonable bedtime to ensure everyone gets enough sleep.  
Allow plenty of time to get to school.  
Make sure your child has breakfast or arrives at school in time for breakfast club.  
Help your child organise homework so it is done plenty of time before it is due in school.

If you or your child is finding it challenging getting in to school and on time, please speak to us and we may be able to suggest some practical ways to support you.

Have a lovely weekend!  
Mrs Monks





Happy New Year to all our friends at St John's School!

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

A big thank you goes to all who joined us for our Christingle service in December.

It was wonderful to see you all. What's more, you raised £176.82 for the Children Society!

Well done everyone!

Best wishes from Guy, Philip and all at St John's.

## Dates for Your Diary

2nd February	Young Voices Concert
8th February	PTA Disco
9th February	PTA Non-Uniform Day and cake sale (break-time)

## Primary School Applications

A reminder that the deadline for applications for September 2024 primary school places is January 15th 2024.

## PTA NEWS

Happy New Year from all on the PTA!

We have a few things coming up this term, we have the end of term disco on 8<sup>th</sup> February (slight change to this term, Year 3 will be attending the earlier one) and then the non-school uniform day on the last day of term along with a cake sale, can we please ask that Y1 & Y6 parents/carers hand their cake donations to the class teachers on the morning of 9<sup>th</sup> February, ensuring any tupperware is labelled.



The PTA work hard to raise money for the school and for transparency I wanted to share the figures of the profit per event and what the PTA have funded for the school so far, this academic year.

Profit Sept - Dec	Expenditure Sept - Dec
Autumn Disco - £763.53 Christmas Fete - £2350.11 Elfridges - £752.82	School Bibles - £610.53 Scrapstore Supplies - £800.00 Outdoor Games - £429.12 Football Goals - £1349.99 Christmas Panto - £770.00

If you would like to join the PTA or find out any more information please do email [StJohnsPTA@outlook.com](mailto:StJohnsPTA@outlook.com)



## Awards of the Week

Well done to all of our pupils who have achieved an award this week!

	Star of the Week	Star Readers
<b>Acorns</b>	Halle Lyra	Milo Jacob
<b>Ash</b>	Casey	Fletcher
<b>Birch</b>	Poppy-Rose	Harry
<b>Chestnut</b>	Evelyn	Sam
<b>Elm</b>	Lola	Matilda
<b>Hazel</b>	Fleur	Louie
<b>Holly</b>	Finley	Jayden
<b>Maple</b>	Amber	Reggie
<b>Oak</b>	Ellis	Teddy
<b>Pine</b>	Albie	Ruben
<b>Rowan</b>	Murray	Amelia
<b>Sycamore</b>	Josh A	Josh G
<b>Willow</b>	Will	Ethan

### Top Doodling Class

**2A**

Well done!



### Forever Sport Stars of the Day:

Year 6 Sycamore - Miley  
 Year 6 Willow - Amelie  
 Year 5 Pine - Chloe  
 Year 5 Rowan - Rocco, Ashley  
 and Jacob  
 Year 4 Maple - Amber  
 Year 4 Oak - Lottie  
 Year 3 Hazel - Jack B and Fleur  
 Year 3 Hollie - Amelia L and Rhodri  
 Year 2 Elm - Whole class star of the  
 day.  
 Year 2 Chestnut - Loula  
 Year 1 Ash - Remi  
 Year 1 Birch - Toby and Daisy

*Great work!*

## Hot Chocolate Friday



## Learning in Next Steps Nursery



At Next Steps we have been making the most of the cold weather. With the recent drop in temperature we have noticed lots of changes in the environment - from crunchy leaves, and a 'sparkly' playground to sheets of ice formed in our water tray. The children have been busy exploring the ice outside, and we have even brought some indoors!



We have had fun rescuing arctic animals that have been frozen in blocks of glittery ice, learning about how and why ice melts and breaks. The children have experimented with their warm hands watching as the ice turns into water, and enjoyed investigating how we can make ice in the freezer.



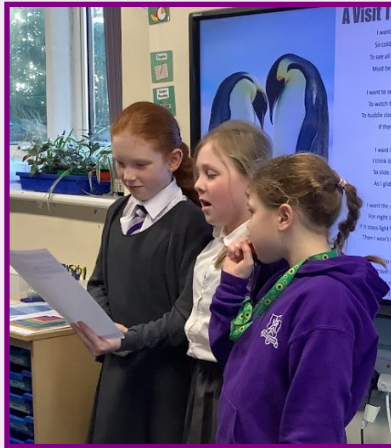
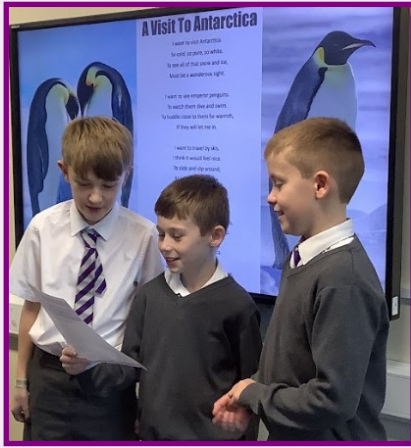
## Learning in Acorns

This term our topic is 'Open the Book' and this week we have enjoyed learning the story of 'The Gingerbread Man'. As well as retelling the story we have been making playdough gingerbread man, ordering by size, funky finger activities to decorate them and cutting out and dressing them. We made our own story maps to sequence it and used puppets and small world to retell the story.



## Reading in Year 5

As we waddle into the new year, Year Five have become experts on Emperor penguins. We have encountered the feathered creatures in non-fiction, narrative and poetry! In our English lessons, we are producing a non-chronological report full of interesting facts.



## Learning & Reading in Year 6



This week, our Year 6 students have immersed themselves in World War II. During Guided Reading lessons, we have discussed evacuation, rationing and propaganda to discover what life would have been like for a child during the war. In our recent Art classes, the pupils have begun crafting personalised World War 2 scrapbooks. The intricate process involves collaging both front and back pages over the upcoming weeks, blending their creative expression with historical knowledge. Having recently completed their first History lesson within the pages of these scrapbooks, the Year 6 pupils are very excited to continue their learning of World War II.

