

## Message from the Headteacher

We have had another busy week in school with parents evening calls taking place. It is lovely to be able to share the academic and personal successes of our pupils with parents.

On Thursday we said farewell to Carolyn Wroe who has worked in the school office for 29 years. Carolyn will be greatly missed but we wish her all the best for a very happy retirement.

Last Friday our Year 6 school council members judged the 'Our Beautiful World' photograph competition to celebrate Earth Day. We received a very high volume of entries and are pleased to announce that this beautiful sunset photo taken by Evie K in Acorns class was the winner.

We hope that you all enjoy the bank holiday weekend and we look forward to seeing you all on Tuesday 4th May 2021.

Mrs West Gaul  
Head Teacher



## Star of the week

Well done to all our pupils who achieved star of the week this week.

<b>Acorn class</b>	Rhodri Todd
<b>Ash class</b>	Owen
<b>Birch class</b>	April
<b>Chestnut class</b>	Dougie
<b>Elm class</b>	Lucy
<b>Holly class</b>	Amelia
<b>Hazel class</b>	Eden
<b>Maple class</b>	Spencer
<b>Oak class</b>	Ella
<b>Pine class</b>	Daisy
<b>Rowan class</b>	Joseph
<b>Sycamore class</b>	Tilly
<b>Willow class</b>	Dawson

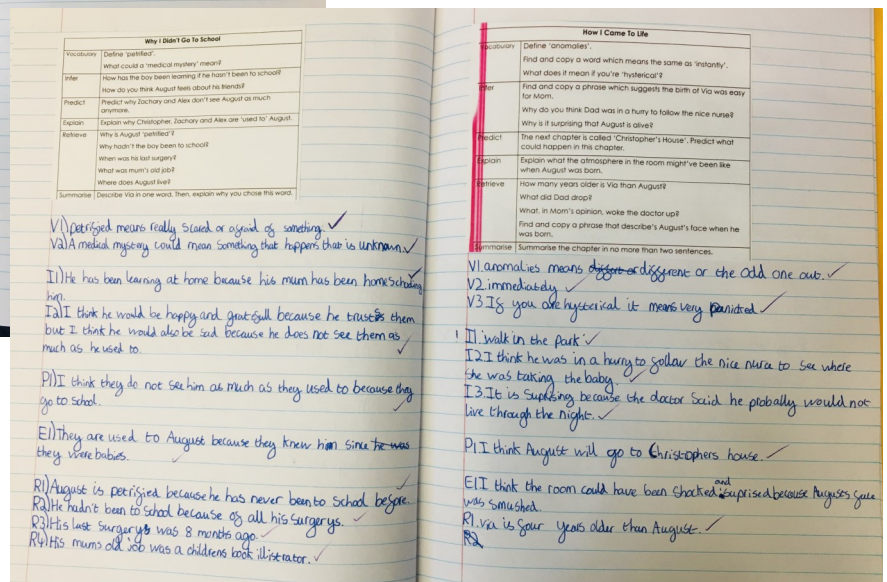
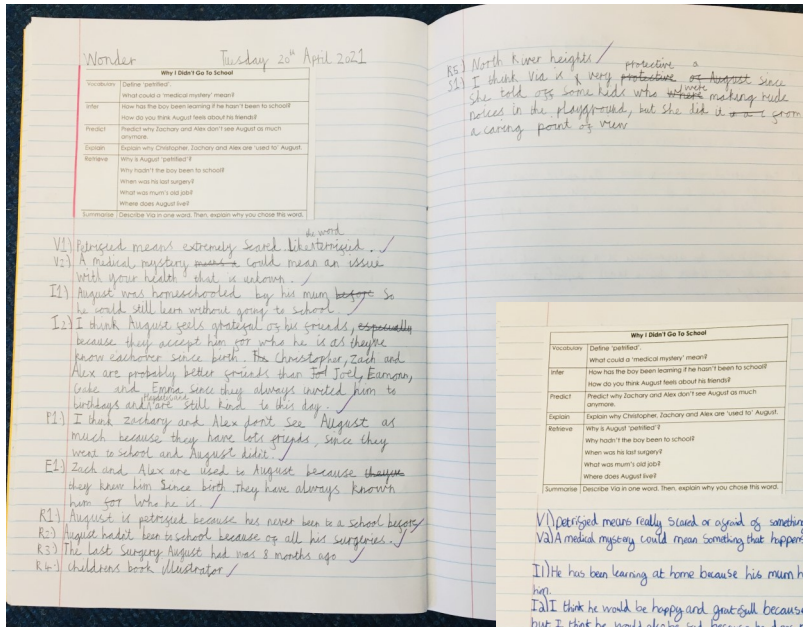
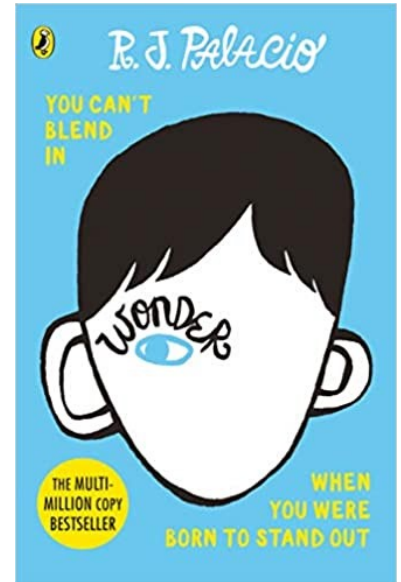
## Pick up & Drop off reminders

Please can we remind parents to drop off and pick up children as quickly as possible and to move off the school grounds swiftly. Please do not allow children to play on the equipment or zone 5 after they have been collected. This is so that we comply with the Governments Covid-19 regulations.

Also please can we politely remind you that dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances. This includes being held. This is for the safety of all of our pupils and parents.

## Year 6 reading

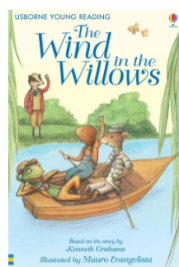
Year 6 Sycamore class have been reading 'Wonder' by R.J Palacio this term. They've enjoyed relating to how the character must be feeling preparing himself to go to a new school. The children's reading comprehension skills have been excellent when writing about the chapters they have read.



Year 6 Willow class book reviews of some of their favourite stories.

### Ruby Ha's Book Review

**Title:** The Wind in the Willows  
**Author:** Kenneth Grahame  
**Illustrator:** Ernest Howard Shepard  
**Reviewer:** Ruby Ha



#### My opinion:

I love this book because it is so funny! It's about a mole who pokes his nose out of his tunnel and discovers that the world is an exciting place. He meets brave Ratty, kind old Badger and the rascally Mr Toad, and together they go adventuring...

This book is a must read! ★★★★★

### Joseph's Book Review

**Title:** Gangsta Granny  
**Author:** David Walliams  
**Illustrator:** Tony Ross  
**Reviewer:** Joseph L



#### Storyline:

Gangsta Granny is about a boy called Ben. Every Friday night he goes to his granny's house while his parents go ballroom dancing. But one day, he calls up his parents saying he wants to go home. His granny overhears him and decides to make a lie that she was an international jewel thief to make herself sound exciting. After Granny told Ben all of her made up stories, he wanted her to do one last heist of robbing the crown jewels. Once they had done the prep, they got on Granny's mobility scooter and left for London...



## Sunflowers

During the spring term all of our pupils planted sunflower seeds to take home with them. Thank you to Arthur in Elm class and Esm e in Maple class for sharing these photos with us of their sunflowers.



It is lovely to see how well they have been looking after their sunflowers and how tall they have grown. We would love to see how all of the other sunflowers are getting on and whose sunflower grows the tallest!

Please send your photos to [office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk](mailto:office@stjohnsmsn.co.uk) so that we can share them with our school community.



## **Junior Cricket**

All Stars Cricket provides a fantastic first experience for children aged 5-8 years old. The programme is designed to introduce children to the sport, teaching them new skills, helping them make new friends and have a great time doing so. Every child that registers will receive a backpack full of goodies including bat and ball. All children returning to All Stars will receive a kit bag, a set of stumps, a new ball and a personalised t-shirt.

Dynamos Cricket provides a fantastic next step for all those graduating from All Stars Cricket and the perfect introduction for all 8-11 year-olds new to the sport!

Complementing junior cricket, Dynamos provides children with a more social offer focused on developing fundamental movement skills and applying them in an exciting game of countdown cricket.

There are 40 centres taking part across the UK, Midsomer Norton Cricket club being the nearest. Further information can be found at <https://www.ecb.co.uk/play/junior>

**Big Moments of summer fun!**

**ALL STARS** cricket

For all 5 – 8 year-old boys and girls  
Give your little star a summer of big moments, making new friends, learning new skills and creating new memories.  
Every participant receives their very own personalised kit bag including bat, ball, cap and t-shirt!

Sign up today at [allstarscricket.co.uk](http://allstarscricket.co.uk) or at the centre

**DYNAMOS** CRICKET

**This is our game.**

Calling all 8-11 year-olds!  
Sign up today, at [dynamoscricet.co.uk](http://dynamoscricet.co.uk)



## Learning at Nursery

The children at nursery are learning about friendship and what qualities make a good friend. We have been reading stories about characters who have been unkind and encouraging the children to recognise appropriate ways to react when someone is unkind. We have been doing practical activities to talk about our emotions and what to do when we are feeling sad.



In the woods we have been creating natural pictures on the woodland floor from foraged items. Children have been using mathematical language to support their ideas, for example 'I need a two long sticks for legs'. We have created shelters from the rain and the children have used this as a theatre for their performances! Hide and seek games have been lots of fun too.

Children have joined in with learning letter formation and phonic sounds, and also with problem solving and numeracy tasks such as finding the missing number and counting 'bugs in a jar' Children have been showing great concentration.



## Our Beautiful World

Thank you to all who entered the 'Our Beautiful World' photograph competition. We received some amazing entries and we clearly have some very talented pupils at St John's!

