

Friday 1st May 2026

Kingsley St John's Primary

Friday Flyer



*Believe in the
light, whilst you
have the light, so
that you may
become children
of light.'*
John 12:36

It has been lovely to have a week full of sunshine at the start of summer term. We had a wonderful school trip to Chester Cathedral where all our KSJers took part in a tour ,a workshop and then toured Chester on the hop off bus. Our children, as always were fantastic ambassadors for our school. We have also now officially joined CDAT and the Trust CEO, Neil Dixon, came to personally welcome us to the trust. Exciting times ahead! Hopefully, the lovely weather will continue over the weekend and we will have a sunny Bank Holiday Monday. God's blessings,

Mrs Jones

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Christian values for summer 1: Creation and Endurance

This term, our school is focusing on two important Christian values: Creation and Endurance. These values help our children understand both the beauty of the world around them and the importance of perseverance in their own lives. Creation encourages us to appreciate the world as a gift — full of wonder, beauty, and responsibility. Endurance teaches us to keep going, even when things feel challenging. Together, Creation and Endurance help our pupils grow into thoughtful, determined, and compassionate young people. We hope you'll join us in talking about these values at home — noticing moments of creativity, celebrating perseverance, and enjoying the world around us as a family

Joining CDAT

We are pleased to announce that we are officially joining the CDAT (Cheshire Diocesan Trust) family of schools on 1st May. This will not change your child's daily experience — the same staff, routines, and ethos remain. Joining the trust gives the school access to stronger support, shared expertise, and long-term stability whilst still remaining very much KSJ. Over time, this helps us improve opportunities for all pupils. Staff have had the opportunity over the last year to attend training and cluster groups from CDAT, meeting staff and pupils from other CDAT schools and are very excited to embrace all the Trust has to offer for our KSJers.



As the warm weather returns could we please remind parents that the playground equipment is not to be used before or after school so we can ensure the safety of our children. Many thanks for your continued support with this.

Facebook

If you have not yet, please follow us on Facebook: Kingsley St John's CE Aided Primary School.

We now have 117 followers and it is the easiest way to stay up to date with announcements, events, reminders, and a peek at all the great things happening in our school community. We are aiming to double our number of followers - you can help! Get your family involved too.

Thank you all those parents who regularly like, share and comment on our posts.

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Christian Distinctiveness

As a Church of England school we have an act of worship each day. On a Wednesday our worship is led by members of our Kingsley Churches this is a very important relationship in the life of Kingsley St John's.

St John's Church welcomes a new Vicar, Revd Margaret Byrne on Tuesday 12th May. We are looking forward to meeting her and welcoming her to KSJ.

St John's hold mid-week worship every Thursday at 10am for 45 minutes. Services are followed by refreshments and the opportunity to meet and make friends.

The service moves round 3 of the 4 churches. See the What's On notice or Weekly Pew Sheet for more information.

Wrens

We are very fortunate to have Miss Riley joining us in Wrens, Miss Riley is a student from the University of Chester studying early childhood and education and will be with us for summer 1.



Chester Trip

This week the whole school visited Chester Cathedral as part of our RE curriculum. Each class had a tour and took part in a workshop with Falcons becoming monks and looking at medieval medicine, Barn Owls creating their own stained glass windows and Wrens making mosaics. We then spent the afternoon having a tour of Chester on the Sightseeing bus, Our children were fantastic ambassadors for our school. Thank you to our staff team



Governors

We are pleased to announce that Bruce Waddell has been appointed as our new Chair of Governors. Bruce brings a wealth of experience, a strong commitment to our school community, and a genuine passion for supporting children's education. You may contact Bruce via email:

waddell@kingsleystjohns.co.uk

Attendance

Since September our whole school attendance is 94.3% - we aim for 95%. We have 26 pupils who have an attendance at this level. A further 13 pupils have attendance above 90%.

Y6 96.3%

Y2 83.1%

Y5 92.5%

Y1 93.2%

Y4 95.7%

YR 96%

Y3 98.1%



Forest School

We are extremely lucky to have our own trained Forest School Lead at KSJ in Mrs Raynor. Recently, Mrs Raynor has enhanced her qualification by being awarded the certificate in Therapeutic Skills for Outdoor Learners.

A reminder that our Wrens Friday afternoon session is open to pre-school children in our community, so please do spread the word



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Curriculum Focus: statutory assessments

KS2 SATs

At the end of Year 6, children in all primary schools take part in the Key Stage 2 SATs (Standard Assessment Tests). These assessments help teachers, secondary schools, and the government understand how well pupils have learned the national curriculum.

They are not something our children need to worry about — they are simply a way of showing what they know and can do.

Our Y6 have been attending after school SATs club and are all working hard to be the best they can be,

SATs are just one snapshot of your child's learning. They help teachers understand next steps, but they do not define your child. We want every pupil to feel proud of their progress and confident as they move on to secondary school.

Date	Test	Paper(s)
Monday 11 May 2026	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (SPaG)	Paper 1: Questions Paper 2: Spelling
Tuesday 12 May 2026	Reading	Reading Paper (60 minutes)
Wednesday 13 May 2026	Maths	Paper 1: Arithmetic Paper 2: Reasoning
Thursday 14 May 2026	Maths	Paper 3: Reasoning
Friday 15 May 2026	—	No tests

Year 1 Phonics Check

In June, all Year 1 children take part in the Phonics Screening Check. This is a short, one-to-one activity where children read 40 words to their teacher. Some are real words and some are fun 'alien words', which help us see how well children can use their phonics skills to read unfamiliar words.

The check feels very similar to the phonics activities children already do in class, so it is nothing to worry about. It simply helps us understand how confidently each child can blend sounds and where we might offer extra support.



Important Dates and Events

Monday 4 th May	School closed -Bank Holiday
Thursday 7 th May	PTA Bags to School
Monday 11 th May	SATs week for Y6
Thursday 7 th May	Y6 SATs reward trip
Monday 8 th June	Sports Day

*"May the grace of our
Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy
Spirit
be with us all, now and
evermore.
Amen.*