Friday 13th November 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

As we move further into November and begin the countdown to Christmas, there is much happening across our school community.

Firstly, thank you to all our pupils, parents and staff who have taken the time to complete our recent questionnaires. Your views are incredibly important to us and will help shape our school improvement priorities as we continue to reflect on what we do well and where we can make things even better.

As many of you will know, our caretaker, Richard Cockins, will be leaving us on 30th November. We are very grateful for all he has contributed to our school and wish him every happiness for the future. We are now advertising for a School Maintenance Officer. Please do share the opportunity with anyone who may be interested.

We also want to extend our heartfelt love and sympathies to the Lee family following the tragic loss of Justin, much-loved husband to Michaela and dad to Scarlett, Charlie and Alfie. They are, and always will be, part of our school family, and our thoughts remain very much with them at this incredibly difficult time.

As we look towards Christmas, we are also remembering those who are no longer with us. Our school has sponsored a Christmas tree at Chester Cathedral in loving memory of Mrs Cowell. It is a special way to remember her and the lasting place she holds in our school community.

The coming weeks will bring all the excitement, joy and busyness of the festive season, and I know there will be many lovely moments to share together. As always, it is the kindness, care and sense of community that make our school such a special place.

Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Jones

Chester Diocesan Academies Trust

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180 years as the school in the heart of the village

Christmas

Christmas Market

A reminder that our Christmas market will be available again this year. It is planned for Thursday 17th December, but this year, it will be at Kingsley Community Centre. We would love you or your child(ren) to create some unique ideas to sell to the community.

Further Christmas dates include: **our pantomime visit in school 2nd December, our Christmas performances on the evening of the 9th December and the afternoon of the 10th December and our Christingle Service at St John's on the 16th December**



Facebook and Instgram

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

We now have 159 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. We are also on instagram at_kingsleystjohns_

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

Your comments help others learn about our wonderful school community and celebrate the achievements, opportunities and care that make Kingsley St John's such a special place to learn and grow.

Attendance

We're beginning to see the usual increase in winter bugs. If your child is well enough, please do send them into school, as every day in class helps support their learning and progress.

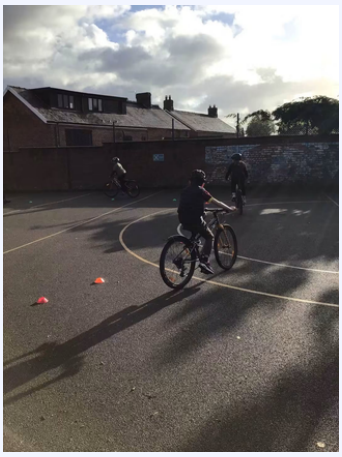
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Enrichment

Bikeability for Barn Owls

It was Barn Owls' turn to take part in their Bikeability sessions, with Y3 and Y4 learning practical bicycle handling skills, traffic awareness, and road safety so they can cycle independently and with confidence. They learned basic control skills like starting, stopping, turning, using gears, and signalling. Our Barn Owls displayed our school values of ready, respectful and resilient throughout their sessions.





Computing and IT

We are delighted to share that, as part of CDAT's commitment to enhancing technology across our schools, Kingsley St John's has now fully transitioned to Google Workspace. Following a few understandable wobbles during the changeover, staff and pupils are settling well into the new platform. Staff are continuing to access professional development opportunities to maximise the use of Google Classroom and other Google applications. In addition, our internet provision has recently been upgraded and we have invested in new Chromebooks, enabling us to further enrich our computing curriculum and provide children with high-quality digital learning experiences both now and in the future.

Chester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival

As is now a much-loved tradition, Kingsley St John's will once again be taking part in the Chester Cathedral Christmas Tree Festival. From the end of November, the Cathedral will be transformed by more than 80 beautifully decorated Christmas trees, creating a spectacular festive display enjoyed by both local and international visitors.

This year's festival theme is "The Spirit of Christmas", which links perfectly with our school vision:

"Believe in the Light while you have the Light, so that you may become children of Light." John 12:36

Each class will contribute decorations inspired by our vision, reflecting how we can share God's light. We are excited to see our tree come together and take its place among the many wonderful displays throughout the Cathedral.

As always, our Christmas tree will be dedicated to the memory of our much missed Jean Cowell.

We look forward to sharing photographs of our finished tree and encourage families to visit the festival and enjoy this special Christmas tradition.

SEND Parents' Evening Tuesday 17th November

Mrs Gibson will be available to meet with parents to discuss your child's current provision, progress towards their targets and the support in place to help them succeed. This will also be an opportunity to review progress, consider plans for the next academic year and discuss any questions or concerns you may have. We value working in partnership with families and encourage parents to use this time to share their views and aspirations for their child. Booking will be via school spider. We realise there have been problems so if you have any difficulty please contact Mrs Gibson directly.

PTA: Friends of Kingsley St John's

Our Friends of KSJ will be holding their popular Christmas Wreath Making Evening on Friday 4th December.

To help make the event a success, we are looking for donations of evergreen foliage that can be used in the wreaths. If you are able to help, please speak to Fliss, Sharon or Sarah.

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a wonderful festive evening creating beautiful Christmas wreaths together.

Support KSJ Through Your Christmas Shopping!

As we all begin our Christmas shopping, please consider signing up to Easyfundraising before you shop online.

Easyfundraising is a simple way to raise money for our school at no extra cost to you. When you shop with participating retailers, a small donation is made to the school every time you make a purchase. Many well-known retailers take part, including supermarkets, high street stores and online shops.

It's an easy way to support Friends of KSJ while completing your Christmas shopping!

For more information on how to sign up, please visit the Friends of KSJ Facebook page or the Friends section of the school website.

Thank you for helping us raise valuable funds for our children and school community.

Developing Our Young Writers

Writing is a key school development priority this year and was the focus of our recent staff INSET day. We explored how executive function skills, such as attention, memory and organisation, impact on children's ability to write successfully, and discussed ways to reduce cognitive load so that pupils can focus on the most important aspects of the writing process.

As part of this work, pupils completed a writing survey, sharing their views on writing, the challenges they face and the support they feel would help them most. Their feedback will help us further develop our teaching and ensure we continue to support every child to grow in confidence as a writer.

NCK Youth Club

NCK run a Youth Club for pupils in Year 6 and above!
There is plenty to enjoy, including indoor games, table tennis, table football, crafts and a tuck shop. Most importantly, it is a welcoming and friendly place where everyone can feel at home, make new friends and have fun in a safe environment.
The club is run by DBS-checked leaders from local Anglican churches.
NCK Centre, Norley Rd, Norley, Frodsham, WA6 8NE (adjacent to St John the Evangelist Church car park)

Messy Church

Why not come along to Messy Church, held on the first Thursday of every month?
Messy Church is a fun and informal way for families to explore faith together through creative activities, crafts, games, stories and worship. Everyone is welcome!

✨ Creative crafts and activities
✨ Family-friendly worship
✨ Time together and new friendships
✨ A warm welcome for all ages

Come and join us for an enjoyable evening of fun, creativity and community.
Messy Church takes place on the first Thursday of every month. We would love to see you there!







Important Dates and Events

Tuesday 17th November	SEND parents evening
23rd November	Individual School Photos
2nd December	Pantomime Visit in school
4th December	Wreath Making with Friends
4th December	Elf Run for Halton Haven Hospice
7th December	Dress rehearsal
9th December	Evening performance
9th December	Christmas Lunch,Christmas Jumper
10th December	Afternoon Performance
16th December	Christingle Service
17th December	Christmas Market
18th December	School closes 1:30pm-No Buddies

Forest School for this half term

Date	**Wednesday pm**	**Friday pm**
25th November	Falcons forest school	Wrens
2nd December	PANTO	Wrens
9th December	Christmas performances	Wrens
16th December	Christingle	Wrens

26-27 dates are now on the website and a one page calendar has been shared via Compass messaging