

WEEKLY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th October 2026

Newsletter Number: 5
Headteacher Mrs Pearson

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have had another busy and enjoyable week in school!

Year 6 had a fantastic time, planting bulbs on Northland Road. They planted nearly 900 crocus and daffodil bulbs which will look stunning when they come up in the spring.

We raised a brilliant £276 for Macmillan Cancer research! Thank you to everyone who donated cakes and came to our coffee morning. It was a lovely event!

The football team played excellently in a tournament against three other schools at Irk Valley and finished in 2nd place- we were very proud of them.

The Year 5 and 6 children really enjoyed meeting Chris Coghill (Kev from Emmerdale) and asking him lots of questions about his job. We found out lots of interesting things about life as an actor and writer.

Thanks to the children who came to school on their bikes or scooters to join in with Cycle to school week. What a healthy way for them to start the day and a way to look after our planet.

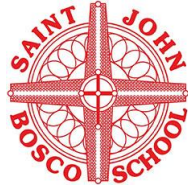
Have a lovely weekend,

Best wishes,
Mrs Pearson



THIS WEEK AT A GLANCE

Tuesday 13th October- Please bring in **Harvest festival donations**- we are donating food to the Chatterbox Project, a food bank in Blackley. Please bring in dried foods (eg- pasta, rice, cous cous) , tinned foods such as soup, vegetables, fruit, beans, spaghetti) and packets of food etc



Wednesday 14th October- 2.30pm- Harvest Festival assembly- Parents of Reception, Year 2 and Year 3 invited.

Thursday 15th October - Mad Scientist assembly for Year 1- Year 6

Prayer trail for St Francis Assisi- all classes to do the trail through the day

3.20pm – Parents and children are invited to come and look at the prayer trail in the hall. This will be a lovely opportunity to see what your children have experienced throughout the day, as well as take some time for prayer and reflections yourselves.

ATTENDANCE

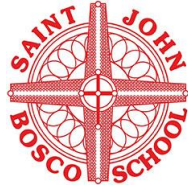
As you are aware excellent attendance is crucial to a child's success in school. Each week we will be reporting the attendance of each class and celebrating the class with the highest percentage.

NURSERY	94.1%	RECEPTION	95.9%
YEAR 1	95.8%	YEAR 2	96.4%
YEAR 3	93.5%	YEAR 4	96.4%
YEAR 5	96.4%	YEAR 6	94.3%

Congratulations to the Year 2, Year 4 and Year 5 children who all achieved the same highest attendance percentage this week. Well done!

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

- **Parents meeting appointment** calendars are now open on the website for you to book an appointment to speak to the class teacher about your child's progress.
- **Mobile phones-** As from Monday 21st September, **parents and visitors are not to use their mobile phones while in the school office area.** Many parents are having conversations on their phone or using it for other purposes. This is a safeguarding concern so please support school with this. Thank you.
- **Punctuality-****The school doors open at 8.40am and school starts at 8.45am with the register and learning begins straight after that.** Please ensure your child is brought to the school / classroom door so they are in on time to start the day in a positive manner. **The school gates close at 8.45am.** Children who are late miss the communal



start to the day and often feel embarrassed joining the class after lessons have started.

- **Regular school attendance** is vital because it directly drives academic achievement, supports mental health and social development, establishes positive lifelong routines, and safeguards our children by keeping them engaged in safe, structured environments. Please ensure your child is in every day. More information about attendance will be coming out to you soon.



UPCOMING DATES

- 13/10/26- Harvest Food donations for the Chatterbox Project food bank to be brought in
- 14/10/26- 2.30pm- Harvest Festival Assembly – Reception, Year 2 and 3 parents are invited
- 15/10/26- St Francis of Assisi Prayer trail day – parents invited at 3.20pm
- 20/10/26- Photograph day
- 22/10/26- Parents Evening
- 23/10/26- 9am- Year 2 class assembly- Year 2 parents invited
- 23/10/26- Break up for half term



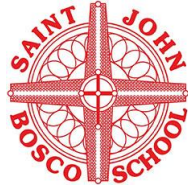
WELLBEING & SAFEGUARDING

Advice for parents about sleep

Like everyone, children need sleep and it's really important they get it (both for them & you). Sometimes getting them to sleep is tricky, but a predictable routine can help. It's pretty obvious that a child who is getting enough sleep is more likely to be happy and alert than a child who isn't. Getting your child into a good sleeping pattern isn't just about avoiding tantrums though, lack of sleep has been linked to future problems, such as anxiety, depression, obesity and high blood pressures.

Top tip: Turn off screens an hour before bedtime. Audiobooks or good old-fashioned paper books are a good alternative to eBooks. Light from screens stops the production of the sleep hormone melatonin.

So how much sleep do children need?



As a rough guide, children need:

Aged 3yrs – 5yrs: 11 – 14 hours sleep

Aged 6 – 12yrs: 10 – 13 hours sleep



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Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

With love and prayers, Mrs Pearson