

St John's Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 13th March

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Spring term key dates

Thursday 19th March – PTA disco
Friday 20th March – KS1 book and a biscuit 2.45pm
Tuesday 24th March – music concert with Mr Watson 2.30-3.00pm
Friday 27th March – break up for Easter
Monday 13th April – return to school
Friday 17th April – Times Tables Rock Star day (children to dress up)

Pupil News

Hey everyone, it's great to be back with some more news. There has been so much going on this week, from Mother's Day cards to two school trips for Y5 & 6 and the Reception Class interviewed Sam the school cook on Monday!

Gardening Club has started again and now has another space in the old Pre-school outside area. They have started building a hedgehog house and have begun adding compost and top soil to enrich the ground ready to start planting.

We have all been really excited to see the builders in creating our brand new climbing frame in the back playground, we can't wait to see it finished!

Year 4 went swimming in their PJs this week.....not because they forgot to get dressed that morning, but to learn how to save themselves if they fell into water in their clothes! Happy to report that everyone survived! Phew!

The whole school has been busy getting ready for Mother's Day. Some children have made cards inspired by our Book Week book, The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse. Reception used their creativity to go wild with their Art and created some masterpieces all by themselves that Van Gogh would be jealous of.

On Monday the Year 5s went to All Hallows to watch their production of The Wizard of Oz which we LOVED!! There was a REAL DOG on stage!!!! Finally, well done to the netball team who narrowly lost out on a place in the semi-finals at King's on Saturday. This week's News was brought to you by Isla, Dotty and Harlee - thankyou



Gardening

Miss Patterson does an incredible job keeping all of our gardens going. A big thank you goes to her and her team of helpers from across the school.

If anyone is able to kindly donate any top soil, then we would be very grateful!

Open afternoon

The open afternoon is coming up later in the year on Friday 1st May.

The doors will open at 1.00pm for a short talk from the police on internet and social media safety. This will be extremely helpful and illuminating for all parents and we look forward to welcoming you to this event.

Then at 1.30 you will be able to visit your child's class as usual and spend some time doing activities with them and seeing their learning.

New menus

After the Easter break there will be some new school menus in operation. You can find them on our school website now and we will share again with all before we break up.

Survey

There is a link below and also in the email which takes you to an annual family survey. We would appreciate everyone taking a few minutes to complete.

Your feedback is very valuable to us to help us improve as a school. We will collate all of the results, analyse them as a team and share feedback at the end of spring.

<https://forms.gle/yVqn4c5C7TbTr6UMA>

Pre-school event

During the month of March, Pre-School and the Infant School will be supporting **Ovarian Cancer Awareness Month** and raising funds for this important cause. This is something that is very close to the heart of one of our pre-school families, and we would love to come together as a community to show our support.

To help raise money, we will be holding a **bake sale on the last Friday of the half term – Friday 27th March**.

We would love for families to get involved by baking some goodies for this very worthy cause. If you would like to contribute, baked items can be brought into school on **Thursday 26th March or the morning of Friday 27th March**.

All of the treats will then be sold to Infant families **after school on Friday 27th March**.

We will send a few reminders closer to the time, but for now we just wanted to give you plenty of notice so you can pop the date in your diaries!

Forest Explorers



For children in school years
4, 5 and 6

**Starts
Tues 10th
March**

4pm - 5pm
St John the Evangelist
Wilwick Lane, SK11 8RS
Tuesdays in term-time
£1 per session

**Come and join us as we explore God
and the great outdoors**

For more information contact Andrea on 07366 561955 or ecofamiliesworker@gmail.com

We take our duty to safeguard all people extremely seriously and have adopted the Church of England's safeguarding policy

Attendance

We must make sure the children are *on time* to school which means being here for 8.45am. Remember that if you are late (past 9am) this counts as a U code. Ten of these will lead to a fine from the local authority.

Every day counts! The learning is all sequenced so if you miss a day it can impact on how well the child does at the end of the unit.

The good news is that having excellent attendance has massive benefits for your child. Children who have attendance which is 95% or more do much better than their peers with lower attendance.

We are always here to help so please do let us know if we can do anything to support you with attendance.

Every Day At School Counts

More days in school = more friends, more learning

90% attendance = 19 days missed

80% attendance = 38 days missed

27% of primary pupils miss 10+ days of school

6 days absence = drop in reading and maths

PE timetable

These are the regular slots. Keep an eye on any emails from your teachers in the event of a change for a particular week.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE/Forest School:	Miss Williams	Mrs Walsh	Mrs Cole	Miss Williams	Mrs Walsh
Children to dress in PE kit on these days.	Mrs Johnson/Mrs Reed	Mrs Cole	Mrs Wilby	Mrs Johnson/Mrs Reed	Mrs Wilby
	Mrs Arnold/Mrs Clark	Mrs Westerby	Mrs Arnold/Mrs Clark	Mrs Westerby	Miss Foster
			Miss Bartley/Mrs Peacock		Miss Bartley/Mrs Peacock
			Y4s swimming		

Extra-curricular clubs Spring TERM

	Club	Leader	Year groups	Timing	How to sign up
Monday	Football (girls)	Mr Sivewright	Y4/5/6	3.15-4.15	Complete a new letter and hand back to Mr Sivewright if you are not already doing it.
Tuesday	Netball	Miss Foster	Y5/6	3.15-4.15	Complete a letter and hand back to Miss Foster
	Gardening	Mrs Patterson	KS2	lunchtime	Expression of interest to staff
Wednesday	Football (boys)	Mr Harrison	Y5/6	3.15-4.15	Restarts on 21 st January.
	Gymnastics Y3	Mr Sivewright	Y3	3.15-4.15	Complete a new letter and hand back to Mr Sivewright
Thursday	Football	PFC	Y3-6	3.15-4.15	https://premier-football-coaching.classforkids.io/
Friday	Explore	Mrs Clark and Mrs Hawkyard	Y3-6	lunchtime	Expression of interest to staff
	Street dance	Sylk Dance Academy	Y2-4	3.15-4.15	Sign up online: https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/classes.php?account_id=11199
	Multi-sports	PFC	YR-6	3.15-4.15	https://premier-football-coaching.classforkids.io/
Various	Mr Sivewright will also run Forest School clubs at lunch time depending on the weather and other events in school. This will be an offer open to those interested on the day.				



EASTER CAMP

26th March - 10th April 2026

8:30am-5:30pm
9am-3pm

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accepted.**



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