

St John's Primary School Weekly Newsletter

Friday 20th 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
Wednesday 15th April – Y1 phonics meeting for parents 3.30pm
Friday 17th April – Times Tables Rock Star day (children to dress up)

Pupil News

Hi everyone, what a busy, busy week it's been. It started off with a trip to Chester Zoo for Y5/6, we saw some amazing animals and everyone had a great day.

In Reception we are learning about **People who help us** and this week we learned all about things Fire Fighters do with a visit from the local Fire Station. We even got to sit on their huge Fire Engine!!

On Wednesday the Y1s, Y2s and Y5s had a visit with some staff from AstraZeneca. They did lots of fun Science experiments with us and we learned so much from doing some hands-on experiments.

The weather has been so nice this week so lots of us have been eating our packed lunches outside in the lovely sunshine.

Last night was the disco and we danced and ate Candy Floss till we dropped! It was so much fun.

And to finish off the week, the infants have the 'Book and Biscuit' event this afternoon which is always so lovely. We will be sharing a book with our grownups and we get a biscuit too!

Thanks to our Reporting Team for this week's news.



fun in the woods



fire engine visit



science workshops

Netballers

We mentioned our wonderful netball team in the last newsletter but we would like to proudly share that they finished second in their league and third overall in the district. Fantastic!

Well done to all of our players and a big thank you to Miss Foster and Mrs Howell for their coaching and support this season.

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.

Start of the day

A couple of reminders about the start of the day:

1. Children should come off their bikes and scooters as they enter the school grounds. If you have older children who come by themselves, please remind them.
2. Please ask children to line up quickly following the whistle so we can get the day started. Thanks for your cooperation.

Phonics and reading

There will be a phonics and reading session for parents straight after school on Wednesday 15th April.

This will be really helpful in supporting your child with their reading and give you all the information needed ahead of the Y1 phonics check in June.

Children are welcome to stay with you if required.

PTA

Thank you to everyone who has supported PTA events over the last few years. Your involvement has helped us fund several important projects across the school.

Recent contributions include:

- **Over £2,000** towards new equipment for the **Infants' playground**, with a few remaining items still to be installed.
- **£13,000** towards the new **Junior climbing cube**, which is already getting plenty of use and seems to be a huge hit with the children.
- **£150** of matched funding for the amazing **Reading Ambassadors**.
- **£600** towards the **Christmas panto trip**.

We appreciate all the help—whether volunteering, attending events, or supporting in other ways. It makes a real difference to what we're able to provide.

If you'd like to be more involved email pta@sjsmacc.cheshire.sch.uk

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.				