

17th April 2026

ST JOHN'S NEWS

'The only thing that matters is faith expressing itself through love.' Galatians 5:6

Dates for the term ahead

Summer term key dates – **April and May**

Wednesday 15th April – Y1 phonics meeting for parents 3.30pm

Friday 17th April – Times Tables Rock Star day (children to dress up)

Friday 1st May 1.00pm – online safety talk followed by open afternoon.

Wednesday 6th May – trip to Quarry Bank Mill for Miss Bartley and Mrs Clark's classes.

Friday 8th May – trip to Quarry Bank Mill for Miss Foster's class.



Pupil News

Hey everyone. The first week back has been a fun one and ended with our Times Tables Rock Star Day. Everyone looked great in their outfits and there will be prizes for best dressed as well as times table prizes presented next Friday when we have finished our 'battle of the bands.'

The Y5/6 football team played against Whirley in two games on Wednesday. Our first match ended in a resounding 4-1 win. The second ended in a 3-1 loss in the driving wind and rain.

One of our pupils, Ariana, has won a place at a Royal Ballet School programme. Well done to Ariana!

In collective worship we have thought about who should represent Britain on the new bank notes and also what makes a strong school community.

Thanks to our pupil news team.

Updates and information

Sponsored run

We are excited to share details of an upcoming fundraising event taking place at school on Friday 22nd May at 2:00pm.

This year, we have established global links with the Christian charity Destiny Children in Mombasa, Kenya. Destiny Children supports a rural primary school.

To support this cause, we will be holding a Sponsored Run involving the whole school. This year, we are aiming to run a mini marathon inspired by the London Marathon, with each child taking part and contributing to our shared effort.

Our aim is for each child to run 3K during our event.

More information and forms will follow on Monday.

Toys

Please do not send any toys into school with children. They can easily be lost or broken and leads to a lot of upset. This includes things like trading cards.

There is plenty for the children to do at break and lunchtime.

Allotment

You can see pictures of our allotment in this newsletter. A huge thank you must go to Miss Patterson who, along with her band of helpers, has transformed our allotments around the school. She has worked incredibly hard and done a brilliant job.



brilliant ballet



allotments

PE timetable

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

Extra-curricular clubs

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	Club	Leader	Year groups	Timing	How to sign up
Tuesday	rounders Gardening	Miss Foster Mrs Patterson	Y5/6 KS2	3.15-4.15 lunchtime	Complete a letter and hand back to Miss Foster Expression of interest to staff
Wednesday	Football (all)	Mr Harrison	Y3/4	3.15-4.15	Email office to enquire about places left.
Thursday	Football	PFC	Y3-6	3.15-4.15	https://premier-football-coaching.classforkids.io/
Friday	Explore Street dance	Mrs Clark and Mrs Hawkyard Sylk Dance Academy	Y3-6 Y2-4	lunchtime 3.15-4.15	Expression of interest to staff