



# St John's Church of England Academy

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We have had a special focus this week on supporting our children to understand what it means to be safe. On Monday, we delivered the NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' assemblies which had very important messages for the children, at an appropriate level for their age. They learned what safeguarding means, what to do if they are worried and how important it is to speak out if they are worried about something. There were activities in the classroom afterwards for children to think about who their safe adults are in school and out of school. On Friday, the community police officers were in school to talk to Year 5 and 6 about staying safe online, and they talked to Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 about the people who can help us if we need help. Year 3 and 4 will have their talk next week about Actions and Consequences. The talks were very helpful and interesting and we will continue to share safeguarding updates through the newsletter and on our website.

Congratulations to our Golden Star, Values and Friendship award winners!



Congratulations to  
Kabel, Elijah, Ethan,  
Arthur, Jessica,  
Harry, Oliver,  
Hannah, Holly,  
Bodhi, Kacey, Seren,  
James, Jessica, Alfie,  
Lucy, Livia,  
Thandiwe and Nieve.  
We are very proud  
of you all.



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### Safeguarding

If you are concerned about a child or a family, Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Henderson and Mrs Randhawa are the trained safeguarding leads at St John's. Please contact us if you need support yourself or if you are worried about somebody else. We are here to help keep everyone safe.

### Nut allergies

We have children at St John's with severe nut allergies. It is essential that all of us are careful and vigilant with the food items sent to school for packed lunches, snacks or birthday treats. Please do not send in any products containing nuts of any kind. Check labels carefully to keep our children safe. Thank you.

### Birthdays

We love to celebrate birthdays at St John's and children are welcome to wear their own clothes on their special day, or on a day close to their birthday if it falls on a weekend or holiday. We know some families choose to send in a gift for their child's classmates and we ask for these to be limited to a small token, such as sweets. Please consider allergies if you do choose to send something in for your child to celebrate with their class.

### Prayer this week

Compassionate God,  
who sent Jesus Christ to deliver us from all manner of injustices and inequalities,  
create in us new hearts and enlarged visions,  
to see the image of God in every person  
irrespective of background, race and ethnicity.

May we be generous in our love of others  
as we work towards ending racism and injustice;  
creating communities of human flourishing,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever

Amen.

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If you do not feel safe or if you are worried about someone, you can speak to all the adults at St John's. We are here to listen.

Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Henderson have had extra training to help you.

**Mrs Stevenson**  
**Headteacher**

Designated Safeguarding Lead



**Mrs Henderson**  
**Deputy Headteacher**

Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead



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### Dates for your diaries

Please also see the website [Calendar](#) and find all term dates here: [Term Dates](#)

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.30 – 11.30: Year 3 &amp; 4 police workshop 'Actions and Consequences'</li> <li>3.30: Boys' football match at home against St John Vianney</li> </ul>
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.30: Year 4 Severn Trent water workshop</li> </ul>
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Individual and sibling school photographs – everyone in school uniform today</li> <li>Teaching &amp; Learning consultations after school</li> <li>3.30: Girls' football match at home against St John Vianney</li> </ul>
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teaching &amp; Learning consultations after school</li> </ul>
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>9.00: Celebration worship – please join us to celebrate together</li> <li>2.00: PTA Annual General Meeting at school – new parents and carers are very welcome. Come along to find out more.</li> </ul>
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> October	
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Year 2 visit to the Transport Museum</li> <li>Year 6 health questionnaire</li> <li>NSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshops for Years 2, 5 and 6</li> <li>2.00pm: September 2026 Reception places open morning – book a place <a href="#">here</a>.</li> </ul>
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> October	
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October	
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INSET day</li> </ul>
October Half Term	
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2.30 – 3.30: Phonics workshop for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families</li> <li>3.30 – 5.15: Wellbeing/SEND drop in with Mrs Henderson</li> </ul>
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>8.30 – 8.45: Family prayer time in the hall</li> <li>9.00: Celebration worship – please join us to celebrate together</li> <li>Non-uniform day – please bring a bottle for our Christmas Fair</li> </ul>
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anti-bullying week starts today – Power For Good theme</li> <li>Odd socks day - wear odd socks with your uniform if you wish</li> </ul>
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Remembrance Day</li> </ul>

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Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• World Kindness Day</li></ul>
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.00: Celebration worship – please join us to celebrate together</li><li>• Children in Need Day</li></ul>

### Good news!

The Diocese of Coventry Board of Education send a weekly newsletter to all schools and we were thrilled to be featured this week after Joanne Evans' visit to our family prayer time and worship.



The DBE's weekly bulletin for Headteachers – week ending 10 October 2025

### School News

Joanne Evans visited **St John's CofE Academy** in Coventry last Friday to chat to the families attending their early morning Family Prayer Space. She then stayed for a truly uplifting and joyful celebratory collective worship.

The focus for the prayer space was 'ows, wows and nows'. Families were invited to share their 'nows' and 'wows' and children could write their own separate prayer card or encouragement to anyone experiencing an 'ow' moment. This was also mirrored as a permanent feature in the staff room for the team to record their own spiritual reflections. There were other quiet activities including Lego, colouring, activity books, prayer station activities and sharing Bible stories using the books from the prayer space. It is open and welcome to all ages, from pre-school children to grandparents and a valuable space for some calm, reflective time together before the busy school day begins.

Such a privilege to be able to visit and see the school's Christian vision lived out with families and the wider community.

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