



St John's Church of England Academy

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It was a delight to see so many families joining us at family prayer time on Friday morning. We also welcomed Mrs Evans from the Diocesan Board of Education and she loved seeing the prayer time activities, chatting to parents and children about St John's and sharing worship with us afterwards. Thank you for joining us! I have been very impressed with the learning I have seen this week in school. Reception had lots of fun at the 'dough disco' where they followed instructions in the song and created shapes with playdough. This supports dexterity and fine motor skills to help them with pencil grip and writing. Year 1 were weather investigators in outdoor learning and I was so impressed with their scientific predictions when making rain gauges: 'I think the one hanging in the forest will be less full because the leaves and trees will block the rain.' I can't wait to find out the results! Year 2 used actions to help them remember their story map for their text *The Elves and the Shoemaker*. They invited me in to listen to their story and they were amazing. Year 3 have been fantastic mathematicians this week. They have been using number facts they know to solve much harder questions. Year 4 were excellent coders in Computing, typing in commands to create different shapes. It was excellent to see all the ideas Year 5 had for the jobs they'd like to do in their RHE lesson on *Our Futures*. Year 6 began learning long division in Maths and it was great to see their perseverance with this.

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



Congratulations to Lucy, Ben, Jaxon, Harry, Daniel, Liam, Emily, George, Allen, Katie, Caiden, Isabelle, Amen, Hermela, Amelia, Minnie-Lou and Jemimah. 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

As we shine our light before others, may they see our good works and glorify You, our Father in heaven.
Let our actions demonstrate the heart of Christ—serving with humility, giving generously, and loving unconditionally.
Help us to create environments where Your love and light are welcome.
Our lives can be like a city set on a hill, bright and visible to all.
Lord, help us to shine brightly amidst the darkness.
We pray that every interaction we have with others would reflect Your love.
May our good works be a beacon of light pointing to Your faithfulness, goodness, and mercy.
Amen




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.

<p>Mrs Stevenson Headteacher Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	
<p>Mrs Henderson Deputy Headteacher Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</p>	

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Dates for your diaries

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

Monday 6 th October	
Tuesday 7 th October	
Wednesday 8 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">5.00 – 6.00: Viney Hill meeting for Year 4 and Year 6 in the hall
Thursday 9 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Flu vaccination day3.30: Girls' football match against St Christopher's at home
Friday 10 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">World Mental Health Day9.00: Celebration worship – please join us to celebrate together9.30 – 11.30: Year 5 & 6 police workshop 'Online Safety'1.00 – 3.00: Year 1 & 2 police workshop 'People Who Help Us'
Monday 13 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.30 – 11.30: Year 3 & 4 police workshop 'Actions and Consequences'
Tuesday 14 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.30: Year 4 Severn Trent water workshop
Wednesday 15 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Individual and sibling school photographs – everyone in school uniform todayTeaching & Learning consultations after school
Thursday 16 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Teaching & Learning consultations after school
Friday 17 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">9.00: Celebration worship – please join us to celebrate together2.00: PTA Annual General Meeting at school – new parents and carers are very welcome. Come along to find out more.
Monday 20 th October	
Tuesday 21 st October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Year 2 visit to the Transport MuseumYear 6 health questionnaireNSPCC 'Speak Out, Stay Safe' workshops for Years 2, 5 and 62.00pm: September 2026 Reception places open morning – book a place here.
Wednesday 22 nd October	
Thursday 23 rd October	
Friday 24 th October	<ul style="list-style-type: none">INSET day
October Half Term	
Monday 3 rd November	
Tuesday 4 th November	
Wednesday 5 th November	

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Thursday 6 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 2.30 – 3.30: Phonics workshop for Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 families• 3.30 – 5.15: Wellbeing/SEND drop in with Mrs Henderson
Friday 7 th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8.30 – 8.45: Family prayer time in the hall• 9.00: Celebration worship – please join us to celebrate together• Non-uniform day – please bring a bottle for our Christmas Fair



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September 2025

Dear Headteacher

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to remind your schoolchildren about this year's Remembrance Day Service and Parade **on Sunday, 9th November 2025 at 10.30 am in the War Memorial Park.**

I know that schools already support the work of the Royal British Legion through the wearing of poppies, the symbol of Remembrance at this time, which is very appropriate to ensure our next generation understand the importance of the occasion.

Each year the service ensures that memories of ex-service men and women from WW1, WW2 and more recent wars are not forgotten. We would like the children of our city, and their families, to share in this year's event.

It would be appreciated if you could please inform your pupils at the appropriate time of the occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Rachel Lancaster
Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry

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