



# St John's Church of England Academy

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It was a privilege to be the Star School of the Week on BBC CWR this week and to listen to the Year 6 children speak so highly of their experiences at St John's. The highlight for me came from day 1 when the children were asked what makes their school special. They talked about the prayer areas we have in classrooms and in the hall, the opportunities we have for child leadership and the fact that it doesn't matter who you are, where you come from or what you believe, because everyone is welcomed at St John's. The quote which summed up precisely what we strive for at school was: "It's a small school so everyone knows each other and we're all friends." Our aim is for everyone to feel part of a welcoming community of faith where everyone can shine. We celebrated Mrs Clarke as the Star Staff Member, which is incredibly well-deserved with her dedicated 22 years of service to the children and families. Thank you, Mrs Clarke!

## **Congratulations to our Star of the Week, Presentation and Writing award winners!**



Congratulations to Annie, Aron, Jacob, Aaryan, Ava, Ruth, Guinevere, Joash, Esther, Jessica, Jemimah, Jude, Martha, Evelyn, Lilybeth, Alivia, Erin, Reggie, Finley, Connor and Mielahier. We are so proud of you!

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## **Growth Mindset**

This week's growth mindset video was the second in the series about perseverance, called 'Climbing out of the dip'. Please take a few minutes to watch this with your child or ask them about it and have a look at the discussion questions.

<https://ideas.classdojo.com/i/perseverance-the-dip-2>



## **Series 2, Ep 2: Take-home questions**

We're watching a video series about how students can develop a growth mindset! Watch it at: [www.classdojo.com/BigIdeas](http://www.classdojo.com/BigIdeas), and ask your child these questions tonight.

1. How do we escape the dip? (Discuss the process.)
2. Talk about a time that reflecting on a mistake improved your product/work/brain!
3. Let's help one another! What can we say/do when we make a mistake to encourage each other to reflect?

## **Safeguarding**

Remember that our school car park is for staff and visitor parking only, unless you have a disabled badge or there is a safeguarding need which you have discussed with school leaders. If you are using the school car park, please be mindful of visitors and staff entering and exiting and avoid blocking spaces. Pedestrians must not be walking through the car park; please continue to walk down Winsford Avenue and enter through the pedestrian gate. The safety of all children is the priority. Please also avoid unsafe parking when bringing children to and from school and remember that Operation Snap is available if you need to report any unsafe road users. The link for reporting to West Midlands police is here: [Operation Snap](#).

## **Smartphone Free Childhood**

We are currently 14<sup>th</sup> in the West Midlands of schools with families who have signed the Parental Pact for a Smartphone Free Childhood. They advocate for the use of smartphones to be delayed until children reach 14 years old. The dangers of social media, smartphone addiction and access to unsafe content on the internet are well-researched and publicised and we encourage you to have a look at the resources and ideas on their website. <https://smartphonefreechildhood.co.uk/>



**Dates for your diaries**

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3.30: Football match at home vs Hollyfast</li></ul>
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• pm: KS1 choir performance at Albany Theatre</li></ul>
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 4 Viney Hill trip</li><li>• 3.30: Girls' football match away vs Allesley Hall</li></ul>
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 4 Viney Hill trip</li><li>• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together</li></ul>
Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> March	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Learning logs handed in</li></ul>
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Year 6 trip to Holdenby House</li></ul>
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3.50 – 6.30: Teaching and Learning Conferences</li></ul>
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 3.50 – 6.30: Teaching and Learning Conferences</li></ul>
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together</li></ul>
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> April	
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Girls' football match at home vs Holbrook</li></ul>
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.30: Easter Service at St Christopher's Church – all welcome</li></ul>
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together</li></ul>
<b>Easter Holidays – Happy Easter everyone! See you in the Summer Term!</b>	
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Welcome to Mrs Parry who will be teaching Year 1 to cover Mrs Wright's maternity leave</li></ul>
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> April	
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Book Fair arrives for one week</li><li>• 3.45 – 5.30: SEND and wellbeing drop-in discussions with Mrs Henderson</li></ul>
Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together</li></ul>



# Hearing Screening Clinics for Reception Children



Did you know your child is entitled to a free hearing test whilst they are in reception class? Here are signs that may indicate hearing difficulties:

- Not responding when called
- Speaking very loudly
- Frequently asking for repetitions or responding inappropriately
- Increasing volume on devices
- Appearing to daydream
- Slow to learn or unclear speech
- Frequent frustration or aggression

## March

**Thursday  
6th March 2025**  
10:00am - 4:30pm  
Moat Family Hub,  
Deedmore Road  
CV2 1EQ

**Tuesday 18th March  
2025**  
9:15am - 4:30pm  
Mosaic Family Hub,  
Jardine Crescent,  
Tile Hill  
CV4 9PL

## April

**Monday 14th April  
2025**  
9:30am - 5:00pm  
Central Library Room,  
2 West Orchard Way  
CV1 1FY

**Tuesday 22nd April  
2025**  
9:15am - 4:30pm  
Park Edge Family  
Hub, Roseberry  
Avenue, Bell Green  
CV2 1NE

## May

**Thursday 15th May  
2025**  
9:15am - 4:30pm  
Aspire Family Hub,  
Humber Avenue  
CV1 2SF

**Tuesday 27th May  
2025**  
10:00am - 4:30pm  
Moat Family Hub,  
Deedmore Road CV2  
1EQ

To book an appointment, contact the School Nursing team using the details below.  
Please include the following details: child's full name, child's date of birth, school attended by the child, contact email address, telephone number and preferred clinic location and date.



Main contact tel: 01926 495321 Ext 7494



Email: [Swg-tr.contactschoolnursescoventry@nhs.net](mailto:Swg-tr.contactschoolnursescoventry@nhs.net)

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# Free activities and food this Easter



**12 April - 27 April 2025**



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## What is HAF?

HAF is a national Department for Education funded programme that enables eligible children and young people to attend free activities and experiences with free nutritional food provided. HAF activities and experiences take place in the Easter, Summer and Christmas school holidays.

## HAF Objectives

There are many benefits for children who attend the HAF programme. We encourage all HAF providers to ensure a high-quality experience that will result in children:

- Receiving healthy and nutritious meals
- Maintaining a healthy level of physical activity
- Being happy, having fun and meeting new friends
- Developing a greater understanding of food, nutrition and other health related issues
- Taking part in fun and engaging activities that support their development and well-being
- Feeling safe and secure
- Getting access to the right support services
- Returning to school feeling engaged and ready to learn.

## Who is eligible?

Children and young people need to be school-aged children (reception to year 11 inclusive) and meet one or more of the following criteria:

- In receipt of benefits-related free school meals. The Council's website has more information on this: [Coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals](https://coventry.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals)
- Assessed (through a Children and Families assessment, undertaken by Children's Services) as a "child in need"
- On a child protection plan
- A child in care
- A young carer
- Assessed (through an early help assessment) to be in financial hardship
- Part of the Ukrainian Family Scheme or the Home for Ukraine programme
- Receiving Free School Meals through having No Recourse to Public Funds.

Children and young people in years 12-13 are eligible if they are in receipt of benefits-related free school meals and either have an EHCP or are receiving SEN support at their place of education.

Scan the QR code to go to the HAF homepage. Please speak to us if you need advice about applying for free school meals.

