



As we end the second week of Lent, the children have been working hard in classes to tick off each of the 40 Acts of Kindness on our Lent challenge. Many of us are fasting from things during Lent and we prayed for strength in worship today: 'Dear God, help me to use your love to persevere in my Lenten intentions. When I am weak, I know with your help, I can use these small sacrifices in my life to draw closer to you. Amen.'

We loved taking part in British Science Week this week. From experimenting to discover what plants need to grow, to practising astronaut training activities with a live lesson hosted by Tim Peake, we've all loved immersing ourselves in the scientific world. Classes have also been researching different scientists and finding out all about their amazing discoveries and how they have changed the world. We strive for awe and wonder in our learning at St John's and we've certainly achieved that this week!

Congratulations to our Star of the Week, Reading and Maths award winners!



Congratulations to Abigail, Giorgio, David, Grace, Lexi, Heidi, Jessica, Ewan, Sammy, Karina, Akua, Joshua, Aidan, Holt, Arthur, Lydia, Duke, Elijah, Louisa, Arun, Elijah, Halima, Maisie and Alba. We are so proud of you!

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Star School of the Week at BBC CWR!

We had a very exciting visit today from Dan at BBC Coventry and Warwickshire radio because next week, St John's will be the BBC CWR Star School of the Week! A group of Year 6 children shared their favourite things about our school, shared their views on some current events and chatted to Dan about what they like to do to relax. Dan also spent time chatting with Mrs Clarke, one of our amazing Reception teaching assistants, because she will be featuring as our Star Staff member. Mrs Clarke has

been working at St John's for more than 30 years so this is a well-deserved celebration of her decades of service to the children and families here. Thank you, Mrs Clarke, for everything you do. You have brightened up countless children's lives and you certainly are a star! Star School of the Week airs on BBC CWR daily at 8.25am so please listen daily from Monday 17th March to find out what is so special about St John's through the eyes of our children. You can get involved by using their Whatsapp number to contact them on 08000 321333 (you must start the message with CWR so it reaches the correct station). They encourage families and friends to contact them to share your own favourite things about St John's or to send a shout out. They would love to hear from you. Keep an eye on our school Facebook page as we will share posts from the radio stations and show you where to listen if you miss the daily broadcast.



Growth Mindset

This week's growth mindset video was the first in the series about perseverance, called 'Katie Discovers 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-1>



Series 2, Ep 1: Take-home questions

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

1. What is "the dip"?
2. Discuss an example of a time you've felt the dip (student share, parent share.) How did it feel?
3. How does what we've learned about growth mindset help us get out of the dip?

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Friday 14th
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Dates for your diaries

Monday 17 th March	
Tuesday 18 th March	
Wednesday 19 th March	
Thursday 20 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.30: Girls' football match at home vs St John Vianney
Friday 21 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together• Comic Relief 2025
Monday 24 th March	
Tuesday 25 th March	
Wednesday 26 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• pm: KS1 choir performance at Albany Theatre
Thursday 27 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4 Viney Hill trip• 3.30: Girls' football match away vs Allesley Hall
Friday 28 th March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 4 Viney Hill trip• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 31 st March	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning logs handed in
Tuesday 1 st April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 6 trip to Holdenby House
Wednesday 2 nd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.50 – 6.30: Teaching and Learning Conferences
Thursday 3 rd April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.50 – 6.30: Teaching and Learning Conferences
Friday 4 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 7 th April	
Tuesday 8 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Girls' football match at home vs Holbrook
Wednesday 9 th April	
Thursday 10 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.30: Easter Service at St Christopher's Church – all welcome
Friday 11 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Easter Holidays – Happy Easter everyone! See you in the Summer Term!	

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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

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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.

