



Reception have been learning about special books in their RE topic this half term and it was a privilege to share one of my very important books with the class, 'You are special' by Max Lucado. The children particularly enjoyed the pop-up version of the text and the class shared excellent ideas about what makes them precious in God's eyes.

Outdoor learning is something we are very proud of at St John's and our teachers always think of brilliantly creative ways to link their curriculum to the children working together in our purpose-built outdoor learning area. From exploring a variety of leaves and foliage to create a rainforest setting, to creating the 2D shapes learnt in Maths lessons, making bird feeders to care for the environment and even taking part in a times tables scavenger hunt, outdoor learning Fridays are always a highlight of the school week.

Children have also been super scientists, with Year 6 learning about light and making their own periscopes, and Year 5 testing materials to find the best thermal insulator. Every day, children are working hard at St John's and it is a pleasure to see how proud they are of their learning. Our growth mindset focus is really paying off.

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



Congratulations to Miriam, David, Elijah, Poppy, Maisie, Fintan, George, Caleb, Jessica, Liam, Olive, Henry, Isabelle, Oliver, Niyat, Zebe, Emily, Neamnab, Elsie-Rose, Elijah, Brooke, Dominic and Martha. We are very proud of you all!

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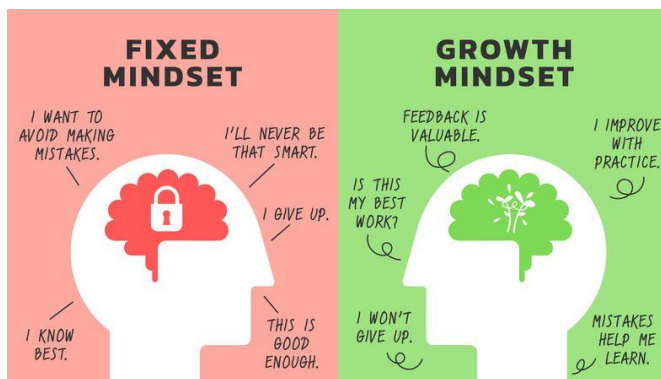
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We are a nut free school. We have several children in school, with severe life-threatening nut allergies. Please do not send any food to school that contains nuts - this includes cereal bars, chocolate, cakes etc. Nut butters, such as peanut butter, almond butter and chocolate-nut spreads are also not allowed. Products containing nuts will be confiscated.

There are still some cars at the start and end of the school day which are being parked dangerously. We have experienced some near misses when cars have obstructed the pavement or have obscured other drivers' vision. Think before you park so we can all stay safe.



Our second growth mindset video can be found at the link below and the discussion questions are here. We would love to hear about the discussions you have with your children at home.

<https://ideas.classdojo.com/i/growth-mindset-2>

Episode 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, and ask your child these questions tonight.

1. When I make a mistake I feel _____ because _____. How does it feel when you make a mistake?
2. What do you do about those feelings so that you don't get discouraged?
3. How can we support one another when facing challenges that result in many trials?



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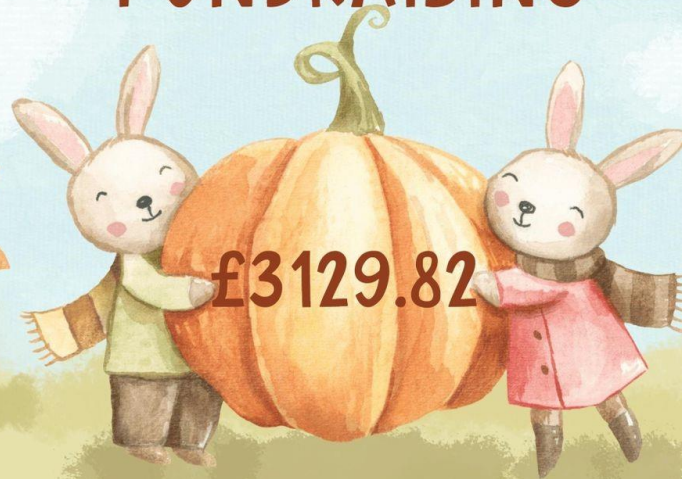
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This will go towards improving the outdoor
learning provision of the pupils

Thank you for your support

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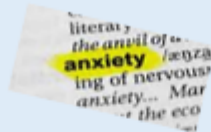
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Dates for your diaries

Monday 27 th January	
Tuesday 28 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reception vision screening check with the school nurses
Wednesday 29 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chinese New Year
Thursday 30 th January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Choir performance at Young Voices in Birmingham
Friday 31 st January	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 3 rd February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Children's Mental Health Week begins• Spelling test and new spellings for KS2 groups
Tuesday 4 th February	
Wednesday 5 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 8.00 – 8.45: Reading breakfast• 5.00: Young Voices showcase in school – all welcome
Thursday 6 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Year 2 trip to Twycross Zoo• 1.30 – 3.00: Year 4 Come and Share
Friday 7 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together• 7.30am – 7.30pm: Times Table Rock Stars nationwide competition – see the final page for details
Monday 10 th February	
Tuesday 11 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Safer Internet Day
Wednesday 12 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 5.00 – 5.30: Viney Hill meeting for Year 4 & 6
Thursday 13 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.30: Football match v Pearl Hyde (home game)
Friday 14 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Half term holiday	
Monday 24 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• INSET day for staff
Tuesday 25 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Welcome back to school for all children
Wednesday 26 th February	
Thursday 27 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3.45 – 5.30: SEND drop-in discussions with Mrs Henderson• 3.30: Football match v Stivichall (home game)
Friday 28 th February	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together



Have you any concerns around your child's wellbeing, specific needs, or SEND concerns?



Mrs Henderson (SENDCo) will be available to chat and enable you to raise any concerns you have on:

Thursday 27th February 3.45-5.30pm



at the front of school



If you cannot make these times and want to talk, please email me and we can arrange a time to meet.

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The UK's leading child protection charity and Times Tables Rock Stars are teaming up for the 9th year in a row to celebrate the NSPCC's Number Day. Have your school reach new heights with NSPCC Rocks. The online times tables competition that will boost maths confidence alongside accuracy and recall speed.

How does it work?

Learners will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

Rules:

1. Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am GMT to 7:30pm GMT each day will contribute to their class and school score.
2. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day.
3. Each class has a minimum player count of 10. If fewer than 10 in the class play in the competition, their total will be divided by 10 regardless.



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