



We launched Anti-Bullying Week 2023 with excitement this week and lots of discussion about what it means to 'make a noise about bullying'. We recognised that we are all unique and that we should celebrate our differences, and that everybody should be treated equally and fairly. It was fun to see the amazing odd socks that so many children and staff were wearing and we loved hearing this year's anti-bullying week song by Andy and the Odd Socks called 'Make A Noise'. The main message is that we should all be brave enough to speak out when we see or hear things that we know are wrong. Children were reminded that they can speak to all the adults in school if something is happening which is upsetting them or someone else, and that everyone has the right to come to school feeling happy, safe and ready to learn. We have had so much fantastic learning happening in school this week and we were very pleased to welcome our school governors into school for the day on Friday. They spent time in lessons looking at learning, they spoke to children from all year groups and looked at books. A big focus of the day was our outside provision at playtimes and lots of ideas were gathered from the children and through our parent forum. We will be planning and sharing our ideas for improvement over the next few weeks.

Congratulations to our Presentation, Writing and Star of the Week award winners this week!



Congratulations to Emily, Nathaniel, Jack, Grace, Annie, Samuel, Emilia, Ewan, Samuel, Hermela, Archie, Aidan, Miriam, Sunni, Henry, Louisa, Amelia-Rose, Evanee, Karmen, Caiden, Florence, Evie, Jessica, Livia, Sebastian, Sophie and Giorgio. You are superstars and we are so proud of you.

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Playtimes and outdoor provision

This is on our forum agenda as it is an area we want to improve. Our aim is to work with the PA to put some of the funds raised into enhancing play provision for all year groups. You will see from the videos that this is a huge goal and will be a long-term project! As well as funds, we will be reaching out to our community to see if there are people who could source materials or use their skills to create amazing things. After discussion at parent forum, we will share more so watch this space!

Here are some videos which inspired us to work on improving our outdoor play experiences:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lt-27pl-SNRGQ>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWz3-wjmbY>

Parking and road safety

The vast majority of parents and carers at St John's do park and drive considerately for our children's safety and with respect to our neighbours. Unfortunately, we do have a number of cars who park on double yellow lines or on the edges of junctions which cause pedestrians to have to walk on the road. This is unnecessary and careless and could cause a fatal accident. We have also had complaints from our neighbours who have had their cars blocked in by people at St John's so please take care not to block any residential driveways.

Remember that the school car park is only for staff and visitors unless you have made arrangements with school to use our accessible parking. It should also not be used for Ewe Club as this causes congestion for staff or visitors arriving and leaving.

Pedestrian access for our school site is through the smaller gate by the office and there is a safe walkway all the way around the car park up to the far set of gates. Please use this entrance rather than walking straight through the car park. For children who walk to or from school without an adult, please remind them of the pedestrian walkway and to look both ways and check for traffic at the zebra crossing. A few cars have recently failed to slow down for the crossing so please be careful when using this. Thank you for your support. We want to keep our children and families safe.

Safeguarding

Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Henderson are the safeguarding leads in school.

If you have a concern about a child, please speak to us. We have a safeguarding poster for children so that they know they can speak to any of the adults in school if they have any worries.

We are here to support families so if you need support or advice, please reach out.


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 <small>Designated Safeguarding Lead</small>	
Mrs Henderson Deputy Headteacher <small>Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead</small>	

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*Issue 9:
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St John's Academy Christmas Fair

Thursday 7th December

3.30 – 6.00

Winsford Avenue, CV5 9HZ

SANTA'S GROTTO,

RAFFLE, CHRISTMAS GAMES, FESTIVE STALLS,

BOTTLE & CHOCOLATE TOMBOLA,

CHRISTMAS CRAFTS, FOOD & REFRESHMENTS,

GOLDEN TICKET, SCHOOL CHOIR

& LOTS MORE FESTIVE FUN!



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Dates for your diaries

Monday 20 th November	12.30 – 2.30: Year 6 Sports Hall Athletics at Excel Centre
Tuesday 21 st November	
Wednesday 22 nd November	
Thursday 23 rd November	
Friday 24 th November	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together 2.00 – 3.00: PA Christmas Fair planning meeting – all welcome
Saturday 25 th November	St Christopher's Church Christmas Fair (11.00am – 2.00pm)
Monday 27 th November	
Tuesday 28 th November	9.00 – 12.00: Year 2 Young Driver Experience
Wednesday 29 th November	
Thursday 30 th November	
Friday 1 st December	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Sunday 3 rd December	First Sunday of Advent
Monday 4 th December	
Tuesday 5 th December	10.00: Year 1 handwashing lesson from school nursing team Non-uniform day for Christmas Fair bottle donations – please check best before dates 😊
Wednesday 6 th December	9.00 – 10.00: Year 1 'Stay and Play' for parents and carers *Final World Changers session for this term – we will start again in January*
Thursday 7 th December	3.30 – 6.00: St John's Christmas Fair! Bring all your friends and family to celebrate with us!
Friday 8 th December	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Sunday 10 th December	Second Sunday of Advent
Monday 11 th December	Learning Logs to be brought into school (Years 1 – 6) 5.30 – 7.00: Christmas Music Concert
Tuesday 12 th December	
Wednesday 13 th December	Nativity Prayer Spaces Day – families welcome to use the spaces together after school (details to follow)
Thursday 14 th December	9.00 – 11.30: Reception trip to Little Lane Play Village
Friday 15 th December	
Sunday 17 th December	Third Sunday of Advent

*All Christmas play dates and times for the last week of term can be found on our school website calendar.

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