



THEY SHALL GROW NOT OLD, AS WE THAT ARE LEFT GROW OLD;
AGE SHALL NOT WEARY THEM, NOR THE YEARS CONDEMN.
AT THE GOING DOWN OF THE SUN AND IN THE MORNING
WE WILL REMEMBER THEM.

*'The Ode' comes from 'For the Fallen',
a poem by the English poet and writer Laurence Binyon*



We have spent time together in reflection and prayer this week as we approached Remembrance Sunday. Classes have produced beautiful artwork, poetry and prayers to commemorate those who have lost their lives through war and conflict. Each child has designed a poppy and we have displayed these on our school gates for our whole community to see. We have a remembrance prayer tree in our main entrance; if there is someone or something you would like us to pray for, please come into the office and write your prayer on one of the remembrance cards.

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

Congratulations to Aaryan, Ben, Joey, Iona, Jemimah, Jesse, Finley, Rory, Elijah, Harry, Olivia, Esther, Olivia, Keziah, Arthur, Bethany, Elan and Elijah.

We are so proud of you all!



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Anti-bullying week

On Monday 13th November, we will be learning more about bullying and empowering children to understand what to do if they are experiencing anything which makes them feel uncomfortable, or if they are worried about a friend. We will talk about active bullying and passive bullying. Active bullying can be physical, social (isolating people or starting rumours), verbal or online (cyber bullying). Children learn that passive bullying happens when we don't speak out about things which we know are wrong, and the bullying continues. Anti-bullying is not confined to a single week; it is ongoing work to help all children to understand that we should always treat each other with respect, kindness and tolerance, and to speak out when something isn't right. To support at home, the anti-bullying alliance website has lots of advice and resources at this [link](#). If you have a concern, please talk to your child's teacher, or to Mrs Stevenson or Mrs Henderson. We want all children to feel happy, safe and secure at school so they can thrive and achieve our vision 'I Will Shine'. Odd socks day on Monday 13th November is designed to celebrate and recognise that we are all unique and shine in infinitely different ways.

Parent Forum

Prior to the Covid pandemic, St John's regularly held parent forums to give opportunities to parents and carers to share views and help shape the work we do. Mrs Henderson and I are very happy to be able to host our first parent forum together on Friday 17th November at 9.45am after worship, and we would love to have lots of parents and carers to join us. The format of the session will be tables of people discussing their thoughts and ideas about some key topics. Please join us if you can. If you can't attend, we will share a Padlet link afterwards with the ideas shared in the meeting, and you can add to that online.

- St John's vision and values
- Aspirations for the children
- Playtimes and outdoor provision

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=I427pLSNRGQ>

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

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St John's Academy Christmas Fair

Thursday 7th December

3.30 – 6.00

Winsford Avenue, CV5 9HZ

SANTA'S GROTTTO,

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 13 th November	Anti-bullying week
Tuesday 14 th November	9.00: Year 5 leading worship – 'Drive' value. All welcome to join us in the hall.
Wednesday 15 th November	1.30 – 2.30: Year 1 Come and Share
Thursday 16 th November	
Friday 17 th November	Children in Need Governor Visit Day 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together 9.45: Parent Forum meeting – details to follow
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
Wednesday 6 th December	9.00 – 10.00: Year 1 'Stay and Play' for parents and carers
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

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