



St John's Church of England Academy

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We have enjoyed another super week at St John's and learned a lot about Harvest thanks to Year 6 and their wonderful service on Thursday. We heard from Global Care, who are a Coventry-based charity raising money to support vulnerable children all over the world, and we are thinking carefully about their mission: 'Can't do everything. Mustn't do nothing. Can do something.' Every class has been working hard this week and it has been a pleasure to share some children's writing and hear about what they are proud of. We were proud to officially introduce our Junior Leadership Team, Spotlight Worship Team and School Council to the whole school on Monday, and Mrs Henderson and I are looking forward to working together with the children to make our school even better.

The Big Ambition

The Children's Commissioner for England, Dame Rachel de Souza, has launched **The Big Ambition**, a national survey of children and young people across England. **The Big Ambition** aims to hear from children across England on what they think is important! In the lead up to the next General Election, the Children's Commissioner wants to take children's thoughts, opinions and ideas to decision-makers, to make sure that the Government hears young people's voices on what they think needs to be done to make children's lives better in England. **The Big Ambition** survey will be open until Friday 15th December. You can find out more, watch a short video and find the link to the survey on the website: <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/the-big-ambition/> I will be introducing this to the children on Monday 9th October but the surveys should be completed at home, not at school.

Congratulations to our Presentation, Writing, Sports Award and Star of the Week certificate winners this week!



Congratulations to Norah, Ethan, Martha, Liam, Eliana, Alba, Lillie, Niyat, Ella, Ben, Nathan, Zebe, Aron, Esther, Rory, Lilybeth, Betsy, Ida, Joshua, Christopher and Felicity. We are very proud of you!

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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.

Volunteer Appreciation

I would like to say a very big thank you to all the amazing people who give their time voluntarily to support the work we do for the children. Thank you to our outdoor learning volunteers who enable us to plan exciting things for children to explore, work together and learn new skills, which we wouldn't be able to do without extra adult supervision and guidance. Thank you to the volunteers who come in to maintain our outdoor spaces so they are accessible and purposeful. Thank you to those who come in and spend time listening to children read, helping in classrooms and helping with countless things which are always appreciated. Thank you to those who are giving their time whilst working hard on qualifications to become teaching assistants. Thank you to everyone who supports as part of the Parent Association, by volunteering for events and as part of the PA group, and the Parent Council team who are always on hand to support each year group. Thank you to our Academy Governance Committee who dedicate their time and expertise to ensuring we always provide the education and experiences that the children deserve. We appreciate all that you do and we love working with you all on our vision to help each child shine.



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Dates for your diaries

Monday 9 th October	Year 6 Bike-ability session 5
Tuesday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day – see letter sent last week for non-uniform details The theme for 2023, set by the World Foundation of Mental Health, is 'Mental health is a universal human right'.
Wednesday 11 th October	Year 2 visit to Coventry Transport Museum
Thursday 12 th October	PA meeting: Christmas event planning committee – all welcome.
Friday 13 th October	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 16 th October	Year 6 Bike-ability session 6
Tuesday 17 th October	9.00: Year 4 leading worship – Identity. All welcome to join us in the hall.
Wednesday 18 th October	Year 3 visit to Compton Verney
Thursday 19 th October	
Friday 20 th October	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 22 nd October	
Tuesday 23 rd October	Flu immunisation day for Reception – Year 6. Details to follow.
Wednesday 24 th October	3.45 – 6.30: Teaching and Learning Conferences – appointment details coming soon
Thursday 25 th October	3.45 – 6.30: Teaching and Learning Conferences – appointment details coming soon
Friday 26 th October	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together PA non-uniform day for donations of chocolate for Christmas Fayre Whole school RE focus day 'Growing Peace for our Planet'
HALF TERM HOLIDAY	
Monday 6 th November	
Tuesday 7 th November	Year 6 Lego STEM day
Wednesday 8 th November	
Thursday 9 th November	
Friday 10 th November	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together 9.30: SEND and Wellbeing coffee morning Remembrance Day activities

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