



# St John's Church of England Academy

## I Will Shine

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Dear Families and Children,

The children in Key Stage 2 experienced the first Alive Praise Party hosted by the Diocese of Coventry on Friday and the event was spectacular! There was singing, dancing, laughter, quiet reflection and silent prayer as more than 3,000 children came together to learn how to be World Changers. We all thought about the question: How do you eat an elephant? The answer is to do it one little bit at a time, which is how we can start to make a difference to the world around us. Small changes add up to create lasting change and we heard a quote from St Francis of Assisi: "Start by doing what is necessary; then do what is possible; and suddenly you are doing the impossible." The quote resonated with me and other staff and we hope to continue to inspire the children at St John's to understand that they can make a positive difference by doing small things every day. The children in Key Stage 1 and Reception also learnt the song World Changers and if you'd like to listen at home and learn some brilliant actions, you can find the video [here](#).

Year 5 had a wonderful day on Tuesday exploring Dovedale in the Peak District, putting their Geography skills and knowledge into practice. They also spent some time as artists, sketching the stunning scenery in the style of their studied artist, David Hockney. They worked together brilliantly to navigate our route using maps and used the Drive value to persevere on the uphill parts of the walk.

I had the privilege of seeing the progress of the Reception children's writing this week. When I sat with some children and looked back to their writing in September, they couldn't believe how much they had learned and they were very proud of themselves! They are very excited to be going into Year 1 soon!

Year 1 have been busy themselves this week, learning all about the continents, the equator and the North and South poles. They all love the continents song and Mrs Randhawa and I enjoy hearing them singing it together when we are in the office!

Year 2 had a fantastic week planting seeds which they will be observing as part of a Science experiment and they loved Pyjamarama Day on Thursday with some time reading for pleasure in the library and wearing their comfiest clothes.

Year 3 were very excited to use clay to create pyramids as inspired by Hemiuni and his pyramid designs for Ancient Egypt topic. They used the value of Excellence to perfect their designs and the value of Teamwork to help each other if things didn't go to plan.

Year 4 have been superstars this week, sitting their Multiplication Tables Check on the online system. They only had 6 seconds to answer each question and Miss Hanson was very proud of their resilience and confidence as they tried their best. Times tables can be tricky to learn fluently but once children have this skill, it helps in so many other areas of Maths. We still have Times Tables Rockstars and will be relaunching this with competitions next year so spend some time practising now so you are ready.

And finally, Year 6 came to school on Monday tired after a brilliant time at Viney Hill but full of stories. They are now focusing on preparing for their end of Year 6 show which they can't wait to share with you in July. The singing sounds phenomenal!

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### Dates for your diaries

Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Class photos – please dress smartly in uniform and remember to smile 😊 Year 5 & 6 Red Cross First Aid training
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	
Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> June	
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> June	St Christopher's Church Y6 Transition session Years 5 & 6 RSE session 1
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June	Non-uniform day for Summer Bash bottle donations 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together Years 5 & 6 RSE session 2
Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 drama workshop
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	9.30 – 10.30: Welcome for new Reception children and parents (optional) KS2 choir performance at Coventry Cathedral – details to follow
Wednesday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	
Thursday 29 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Weston Super-Mare trip St Christopher's Church Y6 Transition session Years 5 & 6 RSE session 3
Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> June	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together Years 5 & 6 RSE session 4
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> July	
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> July	Transition Day 3.30 – Drop in to meet new teacher
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> July	5.30 – 6.30: New Reception welcome evening for parents and carers
Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> July	5.00 – 7.00: Summer Bash! Bring your dancing shoes and join us for an evening of fun with St John's families.

### Parking

Thank you for respecting the request from last week about avoiding the use of the staff car park unless with prior arrangement with school. We have had several visits from the parking wardens recently to make sure parking on and around Winsford Avenue is safe for everyone. I do understand that traffic is busy near to schools and it can be a rush in the mornings and at the end of the day but parking illegally risks injuring a child or worse. Please be responsible and keep everyone safe.

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