



# St John's Church of England Academy

## I Will Shine

Issue 20:  
Friday 10<sup>th</sup>  
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Dear Families and Children,

Messy hair day has been a highlight this week! All the staff were so impressed with the commitment shown to this and I know that the Wellbeing Ambassadors had a very tricky job choosing the winners (to be announced on Monday morning). The purpose of the day was to remember that we mustn't judge on outward appearances because the important thing is the character of people on the inside.

We had a special visit to St John's this week from the CEO of our Trust, Michael Cowland. He brought some people with him to see St John's from the Education and Skills Funding Agency and from the Trust's Board of Directors. They met with a group of children who shared some of their learning and answered questions about what it's like to be a pupil at St John's, then they had a tour led by Caleb and Lucy in Year 6. Our visitors were very impressed with how much of a credit all the children were to the ethos of the Trust and it was a pleasure to be able to talk about St John's and show our guests how our children live out our vision and values.

Staff have been impressed by children's hard work on Safer Internet Day. Classes have learnt lots about keeping their information private and being careful about how they use the internet. Our main message to all year groups is to speak out and tell a trusted adult if they feel unsure about something or there is something which worries them.

### Congratulations to our Maths, Reading, Friendship and Star of the Week certificate winners this week!



Congratulations to Rory, Connor, Violet, Kacey, Oliver, Diana, Dylan, Milo, Tobias, Woody, Christopher, Amelia, Evanee, Markus, Coby, Ben, Joash, Elizabeth, Alfie, Hermela, Arthur, Hannah, Bethany, Grace, Ben and Jacob. We are so proud of you all!

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### Prayer and Reflection

God of mercy,  
We pray for the people of Turkey and Syria following the recent earthquakes.  
We mourn the death and destruction and pray for those who have died and those who grieve.  
*Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.*

We hold in our hearts those who are injured, and those who have lost loved ones, livelihoods, and homes.  
*Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.*

Sustain and guide all responding to this disaster.  
Grant those affected courage and resilience, as they rebuild their lives and communities.  
*Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.*

Inspire us to unite in solidarity, acting swiftly and generously, so that help may reach all who need it.  
*Lord, bring them comfort, strength and renewed hope.*

Amen.

### Aspirations Day

On Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May, we are hoping to organise a whole school aspirations day. If you have a job or a vocation which could inspire some of our children, please email me. I would like to find lots of people who would be willing to lead short presentations about their vocation for small groups of children with a member of staff. If you know anybody else who might be willing to give their time on this day to talk about what they do, please let me know or pass on my email address.

### Internet Safety

I will be leading a session for parents to discuss and support with children's internet safety. This will be on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February at 5.00pm in the hall. Thank you to those who have raised questions and concerns on the survey. This is still open so please do share your thoughts to help me make the session as useful as I can for you. [Survey link](#)

An excellent source of information is available at the National Online Safety website. They publish one-page guides for parents about specific apps or games, as well as general advice. All guides can be found here: [National Online Safety](#)

West Midlands Police also host regular online sessions for families about internet safety. Booking links and dates can be found here: [West Midlands Police workshops](#)

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Dates for your diaries	
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00 – 6.30: Parent/Carer TLC meetings
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	4.00 – 6.30: Parent/Carer TLC meetings
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	5.15 – 7.15: PA Film Night
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	2.00: Year 2 Come and Share
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Half term – have a happy and safe holiday.	
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	INSET Day
Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> February	5.00 – 6.00: Internet safety meeting for parents/carers only. I have set up a Teams link if anyone wants to join virtually due to childcare. Please email me if you would like the link.
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Potential 2 <sup>nd</sup> teacher strike day
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> March	World Book Day – dress up as book characters 😊
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Lord's Prayer Week	
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	10.00: Cross of Nails ceremony at Coventry Cathedral – all welcome
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> March	
Thursday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	7.30pm: PA meeting – all welcome
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> March	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together

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