



St John's Church of England Academy

I Will Shine

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Dear Families and Children,

There have been so many shining moments at St John's this week! One of the great privileges of being a headteacher is the enthusiasm that I hear from children when I see them in school and they tell me excitedly what they have been doing in classrooms. Reception children couldn't believe their eyes when the Evil Pea from the Supertato story ended up being trapped in a jelly (!) and I had lots of visits from Year 4 children showing me the various stages of their story writing this week. Year 6 children have also been working hard on their writing and they are becoming very skilled in using descriptive and figurative language to bring their work to life. They really are writing for their readers and their work is a pleasure to read. Year 2 have added another character to a story I'm sure most families have read (The Twits by Roald Dahl) – Mr Twit's brother! Year 1 have also been amazing authors this week, putting themselves into the character of the cat who lives in the bakery where the Great Fire of London started. Their use of phonics is excellent and we are very proud that they have been thinking carefully about how to punctuate their sentences properly. Year 3 have been teachers this week, using their knowledge of how sound works to record themselves teaching so others can learn, and Year 5 have been working hard to learn about keeping their bodies healthy and staying active with our visitors from Sky Blues in the Community.

We welcomed two visitors for worship this week. On Monday, Emma from the Cathedral shared the news with the children that we will soon be presented as an ICONS school (International Cross of Nails) because of the hard work St John's has put into peace and reconciliation. She told us a story of two brothers and how a bridge builder brought peace back into their lives after a disagreement. On Wednesday, Andy March taught us more about peace and reconciliation with the story of The Prodigal Son. Tuesday's worship was led brilliantly by Year 6, who taught all the children about the value of Character and why compassion is such an important part of helping others.

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



Congratulations to Effie, Keziah, Heidi, Jessica, Noah, Diana, Evie, Darcy, Joel, Miriam, Imogen, Elijah, Joel, Nieve and Isaac. We are so proud of you all!

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Prayer and Reflection



God Our Father,
Thank you for walking beside
us today and always.
Please fill our hearts with joy.
Fill our minds with learning.
Fill our classrooms with peace.
Fill our lessons with fun.
Fill our friendships with
kindness.
Fill our school with love.
Amen

Join our amazing team!

We have job adverts for a member of our lunchtime team and a playworker to support our Ewe Club. Please share these far and wide for us so we can enhance our provision for the children.

Lunchtime role: <https://www.covmat.org/midday-supervisor-at-st-johns-cofe-academy-winsford/>

Ewe Club role: <https://www.covmat.org/playworker-at-st-johns-cofe-academy-winsford-ave-1/>



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Dates for your diaries

Monday 23 rd January	
Tuesday 24 th January	
Wednesday 25 th January	2.00: Year 3 Come and Share
Thursday 26 th January	
Friday 27 th January	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 30 th January	Golden Ticket winners (Headteacher for the Day) – letter will be home to winners but save the date! 9.10: Year 5 Come and Share
Tuesday 31 st January	Pm: Reception vision screening 5.30 – 6.00: Viney Hill meeting for Years 4 and 6
Wednesday 1 st February	Governor Visit Day
Thursday 2 nd February	9.10: Reception Come and Share
Friday 3 rd February	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together 11.00: Year 4 Come and Share
Monday 6 th February	Children's Mental Health Week begins
Tuesday 7 th February	<i>Safer Internet Day – see below for more information for families</i> 2.00: Year 1 Come and Share
Wednesday 8 th February	
Thursday 9 th February	10.00 – 12.00: Years 5 & 6 at Life Expo at APEC
Friday 10 th February	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together

Internet Safety

We are planning to provide information and discussion sessions to support families to keep children safe on the internet. To help shape our sessions, we have a short survey which you can find here: [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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Coventry Education Psychology Team will be running a FREE session for parents/carers on

Emotion Coaching

Emotion Coaching is an approach that parents/carers can use with children and young people to support their emotional development.

Research suggests that Emotion Coached children and young people:

- Are more emotionally stable
- Are more resilient
- Achieve more academically in school
- Have fewer behavioural problems

This session will introduce the steps of Emotion Coaching and its scientific basis, and will involve practical activities and resource-sharing so that parents can begin to use this increasingly popular approach straight after the session.

Video Link Session

EITHER Monday 6th February 2023 — 12.30 - 2.30pm

OR Monday 6th March 2023 — 12.30 - 2.30pm

*The same session will be delivered twice, so please state which date you can attend or if you are available for either date

To request an invite and for further information contact:

SEND Information Advice and Support Service

Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: iass@coventry.gov.uk

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Do you have a query about Special Educational Needs?



**Come and talk informally to the SENDIASS team
FREE Tea and Coffee available! No appointment required!**

My child keeps getting sent home early: is that right?

I'm 18 now, what are my rights in education and support?

What's an EHC Plan and should my daughter get one?

My child is struggling at school, what can I do?

SENDIASS Drop-in Session

Pathways Family Hub

Lawrence Saunders Rd, Coventry CV6 1HD

Wednesday 25th January 2023

Drop in between 1pm – 3pm

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