



St John's Church of England Academy

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Dear Families and Children,

It has been another week of positivity and hard work at St John's this week. I was very proud to attend my first school trip with the Young Voices choir on Tuesday and the behaviour and attitude of every child was outstanding. They all performed spectacularly well and represented our school perfectly. Well done to you all. There was a buzz in Reception this week with a visit from The Evil Pea, who came into our school library and made a real mess! Mrs Henderson couldn't believe her eyes when Miss Levey showed her what had happened. The children were all so excited to learn more about the story Supertato after they'd all kindly helped to make our books tidy again! Year 1 have been using their historical skills of chronology by ordering the events of the Great Fire of London. Children loved spending time exploring books together in our school library in Year 2 and Year 3 used their imaginations to create their own mythological creatures. Year 4 have been working hard on their English writing skills this week, using pictures as a stimulus to write sentences with a range of structures. I love how hard they have been working to make their writing engaging for their readers.

Years 5 and 6 loved their author visit from Louie Stowell this week and were inspired to be illustrators and writers. Lots of their work can be seen on our Twitter and Facebook pages if you'd like to see more. In Worship this week, we learned more about Epiphany and how the star led the Wise Men to find the baby Jesus. Wellbeing Wednesday was all about kindness and the story we shared was Kindness is my Superpower. The story taught us the meaning of kindness, compassion and empathy.



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/>

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



Congratulations to Jack, Elan, Mielahier, Emilia, Holt, Faith, Livia, Tyler, Evan, Jack, Finley, Oliver, Livia, Lucy, Kara, Lucy, Evelyn and Henok. We are so proud of you all!

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Prayer and Reflection

New Year Prayer

Thank you Lord for giving me
The brand new year ahead
Help me live the way I should
As each new day I tread
Give me gentle wisdom
That I might help a friend
Give me strength and courage
So a shoulder I might lend
The year ahead is empty
Help me fill it with good things
Each new day to fill with joy
So happiness it brings
Amen



Would your child like to write a rhyming prayer? I would love to read their work if they give it a try.

Behaviour updates

We are working hard to update our school behaviour policy and you may have heard that we have been trialling a few different things. Firstly, all the behaviour levels below green have been removed from the classroom walls and all children begin every day with their name on green. If children do make mistakes with their behaviour, they will spend time with their teacher or TA to work through a reflection sheet and all instances of behaviour will be recorded privately. They will talk about what happened, how they were feeling at the time, who the behaviour choices affected and what they can do to make things right. A copy of the reflection sheet will be sent home so that parents and carers are fully informed. More serious behaviour will come straight to me or Mrs Henderson. We are also working hard to develop our reward systems to recognise and celebrate the excellent behaviour which we see day in and day out at St John's. All policy change must be agreed by governors and we will share the new policy when it comes into effect but I thought it would be helpful for everyone to know some of the things we are trialling. I would like to thank everyone who shared their ideas to help us develop our policy; your views were very helpful. The children also had the opportunity to talk about what they thought about behaviour and we are having ongoing discussions as a staff team to make sure we have a policy suitable for all age groups and for all individual levels of need.

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Dates for your diaries

Monday 16 th January	9.00: Cross of Nails assembly – St John's achieved this before lockdown and a team member from the Coventry Cathedral is leading assembly to remind children what they have achieved. Families are welcome to join us for the assembly and please save the date for our ceremony at the Cathedral on the morning of 1st March .
Tuesday 17 th January	Year 6 leading worship on our value of Character. Families welcome.
Wednesday 18 th January	Sports Hall Athletics trip for Year 6 – separate details to be sent
Thursday 19 th January	7.45pm: Parent Association meeting at The Minstrel Boy. New people are always very welcome – come along to hear more and find out how you could get involved without any pressure to become a full member.
Friday 20 th January	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
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! Year 5 Come and Share (TBC – I will email this week)
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	Reception Come and Share (TBC – I will email this week)
Wednesday 3 rd February	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together Year 4 Come and Share (TBC – I will email this week)

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PARENTS & CARERS IT'S TIME TO SHINE!



ST JOHN'S PARENTS' ASSOCIATION

NEXT Meeting: 19th January 2023
at The Minstrel's Boy – 7.45pm start

We very much need your involvement to keep on holding events & raising much needed funds to help St John's as they help all our children to shine. Please do get in touch even if you can only offer a small amount of time over the year:

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