



St John's Church of England Academy

I Will Shine

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Dear Families and Children,

We have had a fantastic first week back for the second half of the Autumn term here at St John's. Classrooms have been a hive of activity as usual and I have had the privilege this week of teaching several year groups. Children, your manners, your hard work and your care for each other has shone through for me and I have had a lovely week getting to know you more as learners.

Our worship together on Monday was all about courage and stepping out of our comfort zone. We heard the story of Moses and the burning bush and learned an acrostic poem about courage:

Carrying on when things are difficult

Overcoming fear

Understanding and facing a challenge

Risking being out of your comfort zone

Always believing in God's promises

Going for a goal

Empowered by encouragement

On Tuesday, Year 4 led us wonderfully in worship to reflect on the value of Identity from our first half term together. You led the school beautifully and taught us the many ways that you show identity and know that all our lives matter. Mrs Henderson led our celebration of All Saints Day during the afternoon where we thought about the importance of light being good news and how Jesus said, "I am the light of the world." Everyone was very excited to take home their very own light bracelets to remind them how Jesus guides us. We also learned about faith celebrations which happened over half term and we are thankful to the families who shared photos and information about the festivals of Diwali and Bandi Chhor Diwas. Thank you to everyone who has shared their thoughts on our school behaviour systems. Your comments are very valuable to us and we appreciate you taking the time to fill out our questionnaire. I will keep the form open until Wednesday next week and will then invite those who volunteered to be part of a working party to a meeting to discuss things in more detail.

Thank you also to those of you who have been taking part in our Padlets; it has been lovely to see what has made you smile over half term. This week I've set up a page for reading recommendations. If there's a book which your child loves, please share a photo or create a post to share it. You can explain why if you have time and I've enabled it this week to add comments and like other posts. [Padlet link](#)

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



The teachers have recognised and celebrated the hard work of: Florence, Danielle, Amayah, Dory, Grace, Grace, Ella, Aron, Lucy, Seren, Nathan, Elan and Liam. We are very proud of you all.

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Safeguarding

Mrs Stevenson and Mrs Henderson are the safeguarding leads in school. If you have a concern about a child in our school, please speak to us, phone us at school or email:

laura.stevenson@stjohns.covmat.org

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Wellbeing tip from Mrs Henderson

Weekly wellbeing tip

The hardest times often lead to some of the greatest times in life. Keep the faith. Keep going. It will be worth it in the end.

Time to Shine – save the dates

Years 5 and 6 Monday 14th November 2.45 – 3.15

Years 3 and 4 Tuesday 15th November 2.45 – 3.15

Years 1 and 2 Monday 21st November 2.45 – 3.15



We are slightly changing the format to allow you to see more of your child's learning. The full 30-minute session will be dedicated to giving you and your child time and space in the hall to share their books across a range of subjects. If you can't attend the session as detailed here, we are also opening the school on the evening of Tuesday 22nd November from 5.00 – 6.00. We will be asking for RSVPs for each year group so that we can make sure books are ready and waiting, so look out for an attendance link coming out to you next week. Any children who don't have a family member coming to look at books will have some nice activities to do in class with their teachers.

Prayer and Reflection

When we play: Thank you, God.
When we laugh: Thank you, God.
When we think: Thank you, God.
When we learn: Thank you, God.
When we help others: Thank you, God.
When we solve problems: Thank you, God.
When we forgive: Thank you, God.
When we are forgiven: Thank you, God.

On Friday, we shared our prayer to say thank you to God for the things that are important to us. As a community, we shared this prayer and then took some time reflecting on our personal intentions and to share our thanks with God.

We thank you, God for all the great things in our lives, for knowing those times when we need you the most and for bringing comfort to us through difficult times. Amen.

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Thank you for your continued support for the Poppy Appeal this year. We will have poppies on sale every day next week. Children can bring money and buy them during the school day or you can come into the school office at the start or end of the day to collect a poppy and add your donation to the collection tin. We have sold out of merchandise now but have plenty of poppies still available.

On Armistice Day, we will hold our two-minute silence at the 11th hour to honour the service and sacrifice of our Armed Forces, veterans and their families. Remembrance honours those who serve, and have served, to defend our democratic freedoms and way of life. We will remember them.

The tradition at St John's for all children who are part of Scouting or Guiding groups to attend school in their uniform on Armistice Day will continue this year.

We have also been invited to attend the Remembrance Sunday service at the War Memorial Park on 13th November at 10.30am. Please see the letter from the Lord Mayor of Coventry for more details.

Dear Headteacher

I would like to take this opportunity to ask you to remind your schoolchildren about this year's Remembrance Day Service and Parade **on Sunday, 13th November 2022 at 10.30 a.m. in the War Memorial Park.**

I know that schools already support the work of the Royal British Legion through the wearing of poppies, the symbol of Remembrance at this time, which is very appropriate to ensure our next generation understand the importance of the occasion.

Each year the service ensures that memories of ex-service men and women from WW1, WW2 and more recent wars are not forgotten. We would like the children of our city, and their families, to share in this year's event.

It would be appreciated if you could please inform your pupils at the appropriate time of the occasion.

Yours faithfully,

Councillor Kevin Maton
Lord Mayor of the City of Coventry





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Dates for your diaries	
Monday 7 th November	
Tuesday 8 th November	
Wednesday 9 th November	9.10 – 9.40: Year 4 Come and Share
Thursday 10 th November	
Friday 11 th November	Remembrance Day 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together 11.00: Whole school silence outside on KS2 playground
Monday 14 th November	Inclusion week – (Anti-bullying, inclusion for all and celebrating our diversity) 2.45 – 3.15: Year 5 & 6 Time to Shine
Tuesday 15 th November	9.00: Year 5 leading worship (families welcome) 2.45 – 3.15: Year 3 & 4 Time to Shine
Wednesday 16 th November	
Thursday 17 th November	
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need – details to follow... 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together
Monday 21 st November	2.45 – 3.15: Year 1 & 2 Time to Shine
Tuesday 22 nd November	9.10 – 9.40: Year 5 Come and Share 10.00: SPARKS (fire service) visit to school for Year 4 5.00 – 6.00: Time to Shine evening session for Years 1 - 6
Wednesday 23 rd November	
Thursday 24 th November	
Friday 25 th November	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together

Action for Happiness produce a new calendar each month to support wellbeing. If you would like to download them to use at home, you can find them [here](#). This month is 'New Ways November'.

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New Ways November 2022

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
1 Be creative. Cook, draw, write, paint, make or inspire	2 Make a list of new things you want to do this month	3 Respond to a difficult situation in a different way	4 Get outside and observe the changes in nature around you	5 Sign up to join a new course, activity or online community	6 Change your normal routine today and notice how you feel	7 Try out a new way of being physically active
8 Plan a new activity or idea you want to try out this week	9 When you feel you can't do something, add the word 'yet'	10 Be curious. Learn about a new topic or an inspiring idea	11 Choose a different route and see what you notice on the way	12 Find out something new about someone you care about	13 Do something playful outdoors – walk, run, explore, relax	14 Make a meal using a recipe or ingredient you've not tried before
15 Find a new way to help or support a cause you care about	16 Build on new ideas by thinking "Yes, and what if..."	17 Look at life through someone else's eyes and see their perspective	18 Try a new way to practice self-care and be kind to yourself	19 Connect with someone from a different generation	20 Broaden your perspective: read a different paper, magazine or site	21 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
22 Learn a new skill from a friend or share one of yours with them	23 Find a new way to tell someone you appreciate them	24 Set aside a regular time to pursue an activity you love	25 Share with a friend something helpful you learned recently	26 Use one of your strengths in a new or creative way	27 Try out a different radio station or new TV show	28 Join a friend doing their hobby and find out why they love it
29 Discover your artistic side. Design a friendly greeting card	30 Enjoy new music today. Play, sing, dance or listen	31 Look for new reasons to be hopeful, even in tough times				

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Please take care when walking children to and from school. Unfortunately, there are still some drivers who do park on double yellow lines and this reduces visibility for other drivers. There have been reports this week of some near misses so we all must take responsibility to keep everyone safe. With the darker mornings and evenings, together with the often wet and windy conditions, everyone must park safely so that all drivers can see the roads clearly.

Please talk to your children about using the zebra crossing correctly and checking that oncoming cars have seen them and are slowing down for them to cross before they step into the road. We will reinforce this message at school.



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The same child is in exactly the same place in both photographs below. What children wear when they are outside is very important. Please keep them safe with bright, reflective colours. Be seen, be safe.



KEEP YOUR CHILD VISIBLE



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Save the date for the St John's Christmas Fayre!

St John's PA presents

ST JOHN'S CHRISTMAS FAYRE

FRIDAY 9TH DECEMBER
3.30PM-6PM
PLEASE SAVE THE DATE
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW

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