



Message from Miss Smalldon

Dear Parents/ Carers,

What a brilliant week it's been, topped off by some lovely, sunny weather! It has been great to have the children out playing on the school field at lunchtime. Long may it continue! There have been so many fun lessons for the children to enjoy this week. There is a florist in Reception where the children have been making bouquets, writing tags and selling them to each other. A great opportunity to apply their maths and writing skills alongside their creative flair. Year 2 used their new-found knowledge of Andy Warhol in Art to create a painting by printing. Well done Year 2!

Molly and Toby (our Head Boy and Head Girl) recorded a speech for new parents to access on the website— please have a look. They wrote the speech themselves and it very much came from the heart! We've been updating our website recently and are very proud of how it's looking.

Year 4 have had a great time at Viney Hill the last 2 days. It was lovely to see their smiley faces as they set off. They enjoyed lots of fun activities like crate stacking; they even took part in a night walk! Mrs Henderson and Miss Hanson tell me the children did St. John's proud— demonstrating our school values at all times and continuing to shine! A highlight of the residential was a very special visit from a St. John's VIP... Mr Watson! He made a promise a long time ago which of course he stuck to! What a kind and thoughtful act of stewardship.

The Scholastic book fair was a success. Thanks to those of you who purchased a book. As a result, we have raised lots of money for books for school. Next week is another busy week of learning—Year 2 and Year 6 parents— you will have seen an email about a virtual SATs meeting. We hope you can attend. Please contact the school office if you have any questions.

Thanks for your continued support and have a lovely weekend,  
Miss Smalldon  
Acting Head Teacher



Come and Share and Time to Shine  
Spring Term Dates

- Reception
- Come and Share – 14/2/22
- Time to Shine – 15/3/22
- Year 1
- Come and Share – 14/2/22
- Time to Shine – 21/3/22
- Year 2
- Come and Share – 2/2/22
- Time to Shine – 25/3/22
- Year 3
- Come and Share – 3/3/22
- Time to Shine – 29/3/22
- Year 4
- Come and Share – 4/2/22
- Time to Shine – 4/3/22
- Year 5
- Come and Share – 10/2/22
- Time to Shine – 31/3/22
- Year 6
- Come and Share – 16/2/22
- Time to Shine – 4/4/22

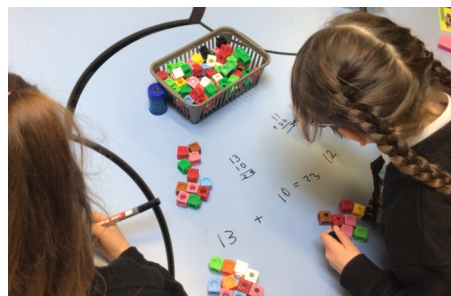
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Our Amazing Learning with Miss Smalldon

It's been a fun week at St. John's— look at the range of fabulous learning!



learning!



### Safeguarding Reminder

At St John's C of E Academy, we have a Safeguarding Team who work to keep children safe both in and out of school. Mrs Baddeley, Miss Smalldon and Mrs Henderson are the school's safeguarding team so please contact them if you are worried about the safety of a child who attends our school.



### Wellbeing with Mrs Henderson

Year 4 have experienced some amazing outdoor learning this week on their residential visit to Viney Hill! Lots of incredible memories made. Outdoor learning is continuing for Years 1 and 2. We are looking to extend this to Year 3 in the near future too. Thank you to our amazing volunteers for your support and patience! A coffee morning for parents and carers will be advertised soon. Meeting at the Mocha Lounge went really well last time, so we will do this again. Look out for a date for your diary soon!

Please remember we are here, if you need to chat, drop me an email or phone me - more now than ever, we need to support each other.

Mrs Henderson

Weekly wellbeing tip  
Life is better when you cry a little, laugh a lot, and are thankful for everything you've got.

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### Additional Notes For Parents :

Following Local Authority guidance, the one-way flow (from the KS1 gate to the KS2 gate) around the school will remain at the start and end of the day, we will be adjusting the start and end times for all children. The gate will be open from 8:45-8:55am. We are asking for all children to arrive between these times. This 10 minute slot will help alleviate congestion and will ensure adequate flow around the site.

At the end of the day, we are reducing pick-up times to 2 slots. See below for when your child must be collected. Siblings may be collected at the earliest slot for your family in line with current guidelines.

Pick-up times	
3:20pm	3:30pm
Year 2	Reception
Year 3	Year 1
Year 5	Year 4
	Year 6

School uniform is required. Where possible, ensure the uniform is washed regularly throughout the week. All children need to come to school in their P.E. kit on their P.E. day.

Reception	Friday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday (starting 14 <sup>th</sup> September)
Year 4	Friday (starting 4th March)
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Friday

Each day, children will need to bring their:

1. Coat
2. Reading Book
3. Filled water bottle (which will be **taken home each day** to be washed!)

## Stars of the Week!

Well done to everyone for a great week; all children at St. John's shine.  
Here are our 'super' stars of the week!



## Star of the Week Awards!

Reception: Caleb for being an amazing and happy member of the class.

Year 1: Guinevere for being a helpful member of the class.

Year 2: Rory for being a polite young man and a pleasure to have in the classroom.

Year 3: Eadie for being such a fantastic role model in Year 3.

Year 5: Seth for his incredible attitude to learning.

Year 6: for his attitude to learning and always being there to support his classmates.





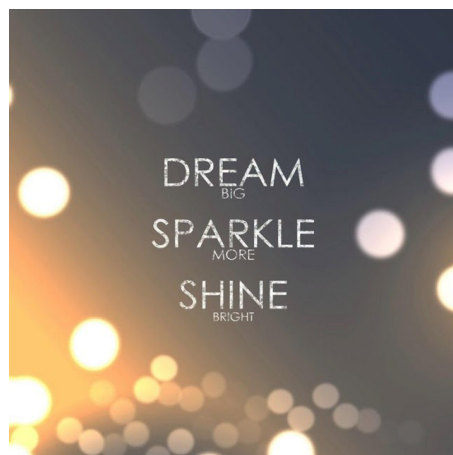
Maths Awards  
 Reception: Jessica  
 Year 1: Rosa  
 Year 2: Ella  
 Year 3: Kara  
 Year 5: Nathanael  
 Year 6: May



Reading Awards  
 Reception: Ethan  
 Year 1: Harry  
 Year 2: Ewan  
 Year 3: Esme  
 Year 5: Isla C  
 Year 6: Tiago



Sports Award  
 Year 6: Toby Maries





We have noticed that some children have not been wearing the appropriate PE Kit for PE. Please ensure your child has;

- a named plastic re-fillable water bottle
- a P.E. bag with black shorts/ black jogging bottoms and plain white T-shirt and slip on black pumps
- a named school bag. Book bags with the school logo are advisable.
- a pair of wellies (for keeping in school)

Please make sure all items of clothing are named with permanent ink or stitched in





## Attendance at St John's



Your child's attendance in school is extremely important to us and to them. Please have a look at the information on this page to support you if you have concerns or would like more information around your child's attendance in school.



There have been lots of worries over illnesses recently, which is completely understandable. To help us return to our children attending school consistently, this website might help you.

Is my child too ill to go to school today?

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/healthy-body/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

### School attendance

If a child is regularly absent, they may fall behind with learning, this makes attendance fundamental in making sure young people become successful learners. When children attend school consistently, they are more likely to do well in their work but also build strong relationships and feel connected with the school community. This helps to support and maintain a positive wellbeing for the child.

Good attendance also demonstrates reliability which will help prepare children for life beyond education and looks positive to future employers.

### **What does the law say?**

By law, all children of compulsory school age must receive a full-time education that meets their needs and parents are responsible for making sure they attend school.

If you have any questions, queries or worries around your child's attendance, please come and speak to Mrs Henderson or email [sara.henderson@stjohns.covmat.org](mailto:sara.henderson@stjohns.covmat.org)




# AUTISM

In partnership with SENDIASS, Coventry Complex Communication Team (CCT) are running a **FREE Virtual Session** for Parents and Carers

## ‘Autism (ASC) and Behaviours’

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2022**  
**9.30am - 12pm**

Key areas we will explore in this session

- Developing an understanding of your child’s behaviour in relation to their Autism/complex communication needs
- Exploring reasons why your child might behave like they do
- Identifying effective strategies in behaviour management
- Exploring practical approaches to manage responses



**COMPLEX COMMUNICATION TEAM**



Coventry SEND Support Service

**To book a place please contact SENDIASS and QUOTE: ‘CCT’**  
SEND Information, Advice and Support Service  
**Tel: 024 7669 4307 or email: [jass@coventry.gov.uk](mailto:jass@coventry.gov.uk)**



## Mental Health in Schools Team (MHST)

### Tips For Wellness:

### Positivity

**20th March - International Day of Happiness**

Many of us may see positivity as a way in which we feel. However, positivity affects not only how we feel, but also our thinking and how we behave. Positive thinking can sometimes be hard to try if we are faced with a challenge, however a good start is treating yourself with kindness and compassion, like we would do for others. Positive thinking can be helpful as it can encourage us to think of solutions and cope with stress or challenges we may be faced with.

**Try one, or all, of the below activities throughout this week:**

1. **Three good things** - write in a personal journal three good things that have happened in your day.
2. **Practice positive self-talk** - quite often we would not dream of saying negative or unkind words we may have thought about ourselves to other people. Try a rule where you don't say something unkind to yourself that you wouldn't say to anyone else like a friend or family member.
3. Be a **thought detective** - if you notice thinking negatively ask yourself 'is this a fact or an opinion? Is there concrete evidence to say this thought is true? What would a friend or family member say about this thought, would they agree? Write down the answers to these questions and see how you feel about them now.

Useful link:  
Positive affirmations -  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=I55jCHTQwCA>

MHST are available to support you and your school throughout the school year including term time and school holidays. Please contact your school's Mental Health Lead for information and advice.

# Internet Safety Resources

One of the best things you can do to keep your children safe online is to set some House Rules to set boundaries and expectations as early as possible. Here are a few you could use:

1. Limit time on the internet and stick to it! **Consistency is key!**
2. **Talk** about what they do online and what apps they go on. Check it out!
3. Take phone and all devices away at night/when you are away for long periods.
4. Seek **permission** from you before downloading any apps.
5. Regular **monitoring** - check search history, apps, talk history everyday or at least twice a week.
6. Accounts are private and location turned off.
7. Remember that all actions have **consequences** – even online.

House Rules

If your child is a victim of being groomed or exploited online, there are a number of ways you can report it...

Always call **999** if they are in immediate danger.

Visit [www.CEOP.police.uk](http://www.CEOP.police.uk) to report online.

Call **101** or visit

[www.west-midlands.police.uk](http://www.west-midlands.police.uk) and access the live chat function.

If you need further information, advice or support around online safety, please contact your **local family hub**.

If you need further information or advice on radicalisation or extremism, please email the Prevent inbox at: [Prevent@Coventry.gov.uk](mailto:Prevent@Coventry.gov.uk)



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## Useful Links

**ParentSafe** – An amazing resource page from the London Grid for Learning (LGfL) with guidance and videos on a variety of topics online, including safe settings and controls, and how to talk to children about online life. Information and resources to support you with the most important topics affecting children online today, including:

[Sending inappropriate images](#) [Accessing pornography](#) [Bullying](#) [Extremism and radicalisation](#)

[Gangs and county lines](#) [Fake news and hoaxes](#) [LGfL Parent Support](#)

**Internet Matters** - Step-by-step guide on how to set parental controls on a number of devices, internet connections, gaming and social media apps.

**SafeToNet** - A cyber-safety company which is fast becoming the leading global authority in online safeguarding. SafeToNet has developed pioneering, award winning and patented technology that includes artificial intelligence to tackle key online threats such as cyberbullying, sextortion, grooming, abuse, and aggression. It provides real-time advice and guidance for children and parents about online issues as they arise. Check out the SafeToNet parental control app [here](#)

**ParentZone** – Download fun and free activities to help your children be safer and savvier online.

**Think U Know** – Brilliant resource offering advice, activity packs, and videos to help parents and carers navigate difficult online issues with their children.

**NSPCC** – A host of resources based on years of research and expertise. NSPCC also have a freephone number that you can call to get advice on Parental controls/settings/IT help: 0800 800 5002.

**Cyber Choices** – Guide to help parents and carers understand cyber-crime. Explains where the legal boundaries are online and provides resources children can use to develop their cyber skills in a positive and productive way.

**Quick Guide** to keeping children safe from online hate, extremism, and fake news.

**EducateAgainstHate** - Website with resources and advice to help safeguard children from radicalisation and extremism.

**NetMums** – NetMums have partnered with counter-terrorism policing to promote Act Early, a safeguarding website for parents, friends and families who are concerned about loved ones at risk of radicalisation.

**My Friend Frank** – Award-winning short film by Safen3t, a consultancy offering counter-extremism expertise. The film provides a realistic insight into how seemingly innocent Video Games can be used by predators to influence & gain the trust of young people.



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### A CHILD-FOCUSED EXPERIENCE

Join us on our carefully designed holiday camps that provide an opportunity for every child to explore and discover skills through experiences that are provided by SDH Academy. An opportunity to extend school life where the child's learning, creativity, health and wellbeing is complimented through the use of scheduled activities in line with our core subjects and values.

#### REGULAR VENUES

- St John's
- Keresley
- Manor Park
- Wolvey

We are constantly adding new venues to our camps!

#### DATES

- February
- Whitsun
- October
- Easter
- Summer
- Christmas

Excluded weekends & Bank holidays



Some of our holiday camps will run in line with other programmes made available to families throughout the duration of the year. Depending on the programme, you may be entitled to discounted or even free places on our camps. Speak to a member of our team for more information and to see what is available to you.



VISIT OUR WEBSITE  
[WWW.SDH-ACADEMY.CO.UK](http://WWW.SDH-ACADEMY.CO.UK)  
OR SCAN OUR QR CODE TO  
BOOK YOUR CHILDS PLACES.



# EASTER HOLIDAY CAMPS



## LOCATIONS



St John's  
Academy  
CV5 9HZ



Wolvey  
Primary  
LE10 3LA



Manor Park  
Primary  
CV3 5EZ

## HAF (Holiday & Food)

We are running the HAF programme at all venues this Easter for children aged 5 and over who are eligible. Each place entitles them to a free place on camp as well as breakfast and lunch.

**APRIL 11TH – 22ND | 8:00 – 17:00**

EXCLUDES WEEKENDS AND BANK HOLIDAYS



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