



## Message from Miss Smalldon

Hello Everyone,

Welcome back to school!

It's been a super busy and productive first week back. The children have returned settled and eager to learn.

Yesterday was World Book Day. It was super to see the children dressed up as their favourite book character. The staff also had great fun dressing up as book villains- there were a couple of Cruellas, Queen of Hearts and even a Gangsta Granny. I particularly enjoyed dressing up as 'Grandma'; I think wearing slippers to work is the way forward! 😊 Throughout the day, the children completed lots of fun learning linked to reading. This included poetry, art work and peer reading! A HUGE thank-you to Mrs Pugh for planning such an amazing day. We are so lucky to have you at our school.

Yesterday, we also held a 'Reading Information Evening' for Reception and Year 1 parents. Thank-you to those parents who attended this session; the feedback was hugely positive so I am pleased it helped you to understand our new scheme. For those of you who couldn't attend, Mrs Randhawa will send home the PowerPoint Mrs Pugh shared.

A reminder that next Friday is a Teacher Training day so the school will be closed for the day to children. Also, a reminder that the school will be closed on Friday 27th May so that everyone can celebrate the Queen's Jubilee.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Smalldon

Sarah Smalldon  
Acting Headteacher



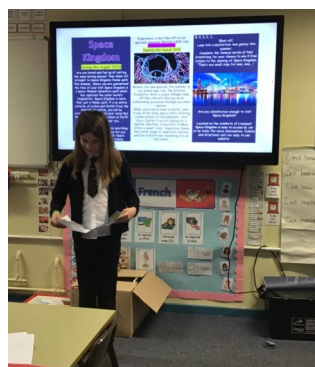
Come and Share and Time to Shine  
Spring Term Dates

- 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

together we  
**SHINE**

## Our Amazing Learning with Miss Smalldon

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

I hope you have all had a lovely holiday and chance to relax or catch up with friends and family.

Wellbeing and outdoor learning is continuing, even though we are juggling some paperwork! Thank you to our amazing volunteers for your patience and paperwork!! 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**  
Always end the day with a positive thought. No matter how hard today was, tomorrow is full of possibilities.

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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.

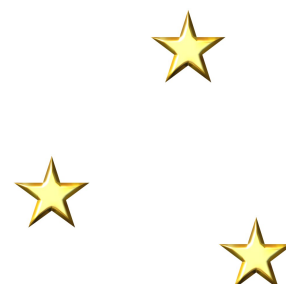
Reception	Friday
Year 1	Friday
Year 2	Monday
Year 3	Tuesday (starting 14 <sup>th</sup> September)
Year 4	Friday (starting 4 <sup>th</sup> March)
Year 5	Friday
Year 6	Friday

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: Holly for trying extremely hard this week with her learning! She has shown excellence with all of her work, trying her best and also has shown amazing teamwork, helping her classmates and being a fantastic friend. Keep it up Holly!

Year 1: Henry for his positive attitude towards everything that he does! You are such a kind member of the class and you are an amazing role model. Thank you for always shining and making a smile.

Year 2: Henry has persevered with telling the time all week and has surprised himself when reading the time yesterday. Well done Henry!

Year 3: Elisha for being a fantastic role model within our class. Alicia has demonstrated a great attitude towards her learning and sets a brilliant example to those around her. Elisha, you are amazing!

Year 4: Delilah for challenging herself more across the curriculum. Delilah has also been working really hard, and supported her peers with their learning on multiple occasions. Well done Delilah!

Year 5: Eszter for her all round enthusiasm for learning, trying her very best, producing fantastic outcomes and being a brilliant role model. Incredible-keep this up!

Year 6:

Gabriel for his focus and drive within all lessons and always contributing his wonderful ideas he is a delightful, respectful and supportive member of the class.

Keep this up Gabriel!!





Reading Certificates

- Reception: Jemimah
- Year 1: Olufikayo
- Year 2: Charlie
- Year 3: Johua
- Year 4: Felicity
- Year 5: Gracie
- Year 6: Kacie-Mai



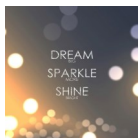
Maths Awards

- Reception: Nathan
- Year 1: Alba
- Year 2: Mason
- Year 3: Louis
- Year 4: Sunni
- Year 5: Coby
- Year 6: Antony



Pen Licence's

- Year 5: Theo
- Year 5: Dougie
- Year 4: Evelyn
- Year 4: Evan



Fountain Pen Licence's

- Year 5: Nancy
- Year 5: Isla T
- Year 5: Trae



Sports Award!  
Year 4: Bube





## 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)

# PREVENT

Prevent is about working together to safeguard and support those vulnerable to radicalisation.

**Notice** - Identify that a vulnerable person may be radicalised or drawn into terrorism.

**Check** - Ask relevant questions, speak with Designated Safeguarding Lead/colleagues for advice.

**Share** - Share with local authority adult/children safeguarding via safeguarding referral process.

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It's been a challenging year for everyone and as a result time spent online has increased. This creating an environment which there is more risk of young and vulnerable people being targeted by terrorist groomers.

Online grooming can happen to anyone. People can be drawn into a way of thinking by what they view and who they speak to online. It can be difficult for family and friends to spot it or know what to do.

Friends and family are usually the first to spot behavioural issues associated with radicalisation. Despite this only 2% of people referred to Prevent came through as a result of someone who knew them best.

Most people don't realise Prevent is here to offer help and support. Which is why we have decided to launch a new website and advice line, ACT Early, because we realise this support is needed now more than ever.



IF YOU'RE WORRIED THAT SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS BEING RADICALISED VISIT ACTEARLY.UK

**ACT** EARLY  
ACTION COUNTERS  
TERRORISM

**FACT**

Since January 2019, 17 people aged 14-18 years old have been arrested for terrorism offences.

Prevent does not criminalise those who are referred. It is about safeguarding the individual.

We focus on protecting those who are vulnerable much the same way we would safeguard against any other type of child abuse.

Multi-agency response to offer support to all individuals and deal with all forms of extremism.

If you would like more advice on Prevent or ways to support those vulnerable you can visit your local Council's Website.

For Newcastle City Council click [HERE](#)

For Gateshead Council click [HERE](#)

For Sunderland Council click [HERE](#)

For South Tyneside Council click [HERE](#)

You can also visit the ACT Early (Action Counters Terrorism) website [HERE](#)

Northumbria Police's information on Prevent can be found [HERE](#)

If you're worried about someone, call the national police Prevent advice line [0800 011 3764](tel:08000113764), in confidence, to share your concerns with our specially trained officers. This advice line is available every day 9:00am - 5:00pm.

Remember in an emergency, please dial 999.