

The Early Bird

Issue 10: Friday 14th February 2025



'I have come in order that you might have life - Life in all its fullness.' John 10:10

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to see so many parents join our parents evening over this week. It shows the commitment you have to your children after a busy working day. We hope you enjoyed listening to your children speak to you about their best piece of work. This is important for them to be involved in the parents evening, and also to practice their oracy skills in a different environment. Your parents questionnaires will also be helpful to us to make improvements based on your views. If you could not make it to parents evening we have spare parent view questionnaires in the office.

Our pre-loved clothes are already a huge success after the first week. We thank Mrs Ramsden and the school council for getting this up and running. Clothes are free to take, or we have an honesty bag to add a very small donation, that can be used towards other sustainable projects that the school council may want to run in the future. If you are having a clear out over the half term we will take children school uniform and everyday clothes. We are happy to take adult items too.

Also our school council are looking to start a book swap with Mrs Hawkes ready for World Book Day, so please keep any books ready to use as part of our book swap library.

Thank for another hard working term and we wish you a very happy half term. We are back in school on Monday 24th February. Gates open at 8.30am. Have a wonderful break.

Mrs SM Bowyer

Headteacher



Reminder—please can children not bring in large/back bags. Our cloakrooms are only big enough for coats.

Thank you

Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done;

on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us.

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen



Dedication - Courage - Joy

Dates For Your Diary

- **Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February**
- **Half Term**
- **Monday 24th February**
- **Back to school**
- **Thursday 6th March**
- **World Book Day (please see attached information)**
- **Monday 8th April to Friday 11th April**
- **Earth Week**
- **Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May**
- **Year6 SATs**

Spring Crafts

On Tuesday our Family Learning session was Spring crafts. It was a lovely time making fluffy sheep and flowers. There was a feeling of hope, with spring just around the corner.



Important Reminders

Can we please remind you of a few important things

- ♦ The morning gates open at **8.30am** and closes promptly at **8.40am**. The afternoon gates open at **3.09pm** and closes at **3.15pm**.
- ♦ Please do not park on the drop of zone **AM or PM**
- ♦ Do not drop your child off by the barrier or wait in your car by the barrier
- ♦ Do not allow your children to play on the equipment or play football **AM or PM** on the top yard (this includes older children from high schools)

These things help us to run the school smoothly & efficiently, keeping our children safe.

Thank you for supporting us



WORLD
**BOOK
DAY**

6 MARCH 2025

Celebrate World Book Day – 6th March!

Unlock the Magic of Reading This World Book Day!

World Book Day is coming up on the 6th of March, and it's the perfect time to celebrate the joy of reading. Whether you're a bookworm or just beginning your literary journey, there's something for everyone!

Children are invited to wear their pyjamas or lounge wear to school and bring in a book to swap at the swap stall.

Additionally, teachers will be swapping classes to read their favourite books to a different group of children, making the day even more special!

Parents / Carers are welcome to join us at 2:30pm to share a story as a family.

Join us in celebrating and don't forget to use your World Book Day token to grab a free book or get a discount on your next favourite read!

Let's inspire a love of reading together. Mark your calendar and get involved in the World Book Day celebrations!



St. John's CE(A) Primary School Term Dates 2025-2026



Inset Days x 5

Please note we may receive 6 weeks' notice in relation to our school being used as a Polling Station for government elections. These can take place in October/ November or May. We will inform you as soon as dates are confirmed to enable you to plan for child care on these dates.

| Autumn Term 2025 | |
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| School open to staff (inset day) | Monday 1 st September |
| School open to pupils | Tuesday 2 nd September |
| School closes end of day | Friday 24 th October |
| Half term | Monday 27 th October to Friday 31 st October |
| School open to staff (inset day) | Monday 3 rd November |
| School opens to pupils | Tuesday 4 th November |
| School closes end of day | Friday 19 th December |
| Christmas Holiday | Monday 22 nd December to Friday 2 nd January |

| Spring Term 2026 | |
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| School open to staff (inset day) | Monday 5 th January |
| School open to pupils | Tuesday 6 th January |
| School closes end of day | Friday 13 th February |
| Half term | Monday 16 th February to Friday 20 th February |
| School opens to staff and pupils | Monday 23 rd February |
| School closes end of day | Friday 27 th March |
| Easter Holiday | Monday 30 th March to Friday 10 th April (Easter Sunday - 5 th April) |

| Summer Term 2026 | |
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| School open to staff and pupils | Monday 13 th April |
| May Day Bank Holiday (School closed) | Monday 4 th May |
| School closes end of day | Friday 22 nd May |
| Half term | Monday 25 th May to Friday 29 th May |
| School open to staff (inset day) | Monday 1 st June |
| School open to staff and pupils | Tuesday 2 nd June |
| School closes end of day for pupils | Friday 17 th July |
| Staff inset (converted to twilights) | Monday 20 th July |
| Summer Holiday | Tuesday 21 st July to Monday 31 st August |

Colour codes

School open only to staff—no children

School open to all pupils

School holidays

Pre Loved Clothes

At St. John's we care for our world and take great responsibility in sustainability.

Our pre loved clothes rail is now outside each morning and afternoon. We ask that you only take what you need (we are hoping this will be a permanent thing). Items are free, but if you can, we are asking for a donation of 20p/50p. An honesty bag will be put on the rail for you to put the money in.

If any of you are having a clear out of your children's wardrobes could you please send them to school—uniform, non uniform or baby clothes. Please make sure the clothes are washed.

We are also hoping to start a Hygiene Bank. More information to follow.



Attendance

Not only is attendance important but so is being on time!

When you arrive late at school, you are missing the teacher's instructions and the induction to the lesson.

You may also feel embarrassed at having to enter a classroom late

| Minutes late per day during the school year | Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year |
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| 5 minutes | 3.4 days |
| 10 minutes | 6.9 days |
| 15 minutes | 10.3 days |
| 20 minutes | 13.8 days |
| 30 minutes | 20.7 days |

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your future.

PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL

Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am



LITTLE HUMANS STAFFORDSHIRE CIC

Youth Club

For 8-16 year old

Purpose of the youth club:

We offer activities for young people in a safe space within their local community to come together for crafts, games, learning or simply to socialise with others.

WHEN?

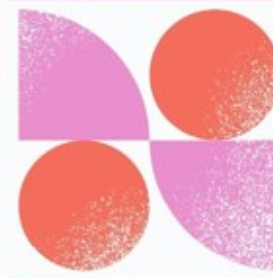
Every Wednesday, 4-5.30pm

WHERE?

**Better Together Community HQ
4 Woodberry Close, ST4 5LU**

NO BOOKING REQUIRED!

More information via email littlehumansstaffordshire@outlook.com



BEAVERS

Beavers
are the
first
stage of
Scouting
for
6-8 year
olds

TIME FOR FUN

CALLING ALL 6 TO 8 YEAR OLDS.

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Beaver Scouts, for fun, friendship and
activities that get you thinking as well
as doing.

MONDAYS (term time) 6-7 pm
Located behind the Holy Trinity
church, Newcastle-Under-Lyme

enquiries@holy-trinity-scouts.org.uk
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