

The Early Bird

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

Dear Parents and Carers,

I can't believe that we have already completed the first two weeks of this half term!

This week has been World Book Day. It was wonderful to see children bringing in books for the big book swap and the teachers enjoyed going to different classes to read a story during the morning. I hope that those of you that could make it to our book sharing session at the end of the day enjoyed visiting your children in school to read with them. A big thanks to Mrs Hawkes for organising the day.

Don't forget that you can visit a local book shop with your child to exchange their World Book Day voucher for one of the special 2025 books to read and enjoy at home.

It has been great to see many of our children enjoying the new chill and chat sessions that Mrs Ramsden has been hosting on Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes. There is a wide range of activities on offer that seem to be proving very popular!

Next week, Mrs Ramsden will be re-launching our parents Tuesday coffee mornings. More details can be found within the newsletter—it would be good to see you there if you can make it (toddlers are also welcome too!).

I hope that you all have a restful weekend.

Mr J. Farrell

Deputy Headteacher

Could I please request that once you have collected your child at the end of the school day, you supervise them closely when leaving the school. There have been a number of occurrences where children have become separated from their parents/carers due to them running ahead. It's important that we keep everyone safe, especially with a large number of vehicle movements at this time of the day. Thank You.



Prayer

God, we want to praise you and thank you for giving us so much to enjoy in your world

Thank you for Spring and the hope of warmer, longer, brighter days.

Thank you for the coming of growth and life and birth.

Thank you that things are coming awake in the world.

Amen



Dedication - Courage - Joy



- **Tuesday 11th March** Parent/Carers & Tots coffee morning (please see next page)
- **Tuesday 11th March** - Science Day at Werrington Primary
- **Monday 17th March**—Y5/6 Mothering Sunday Assembly (Parents Welcome)
- **Tuesday 18th March** - Fire and Road Safety Talk (KS1)
- **Monday 24th – Friday 28th March** Assessment Week
- **Friday 4th April**—UKS2 visit to ThinkTank Museum, Birmingham
- **Thursday 10th April** - LKS2 visit to ThinkTank Museum, Birmingham
- **Monday 8th April to Friday 11th April** Earth Week
- **Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May** Year6 SATs
- **Thursday 22nd May** - EYFS visit to Hoo Farm and Dino World, Telford

Relaunch

We are excited to tell you that we are relaunching our coffee mornings again. It will be known as Chill, Chat & Play. All parents, carers and toddlers (pre school aged children) are invited to come along each Tuesday 8.45am—10am. There will be tea, coffee, biscuits and time to play for the toddlers. It's a time for you to come and relax before the day ahead.

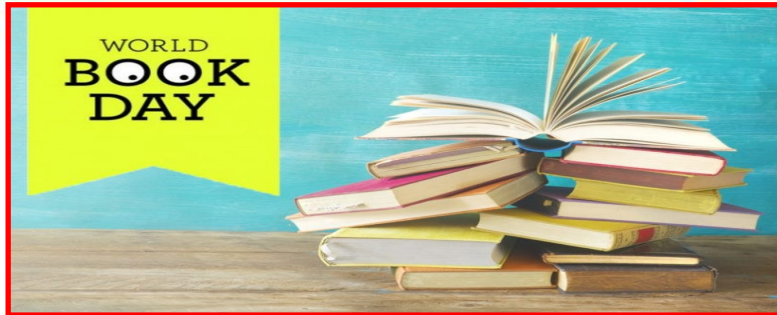
It will be great to see you there. Please come along to support us.



Chill & Chat For KS2

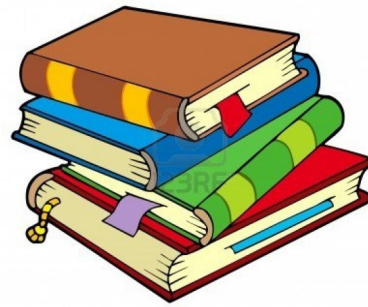
Chill & Chat for KS2 has now started on a Tuesday and Thursday. For those who want to, it is a time to relax and have a bit of fun at dinnertime. There is lego, drawing, colouring, playing games and listening to music. The first one on Tuesday was great and the children commented on how much they had enjoyed it.





It was so good yesterday to see the pupils (and staff) in their pyjamas/leisure wear for World Book day. The classes had a different member of staff reading them a story in the morning. I think some of the staff enjoyed it more than the children! It was also great to see so many parent/carers coming in to read with their children. Thank you







Summary Overview Parents' Evening OFSTED Questionnaire – Spring Term 2025

Can I say a huge thank you for the response from you all and returning our OFSTED parent questionnaires. We had 165 returned. Which is a great!

We have read every questionnaire and you can see the overview below. Our school improvement advisor has been into school and they agree this is a very positive picture of St. John's.

Your comments are really valuable and we will now spend the coming weeks speaking to individual parents to explore further how we can make improvements with you.

We just have a few parents who disagreed with the quality at St. John's but sadly did not put their name on the sheet. We urge you to come forward and speak to us to support the team effort in giving every child the best chance to achieve their best, including your own child.

Your parent voice is essential in our school improvement and ensuring our children flourish.

Thank you all

Mrs SM Bowyer and the team.

	Question	Agree or Strongly Agree
1	My child is happy at this school.	• 100%
2	My child feels safe at this school.	100%
3	The school makes sure its pupils are well behaved.	93%
		Agree, Strongly Agree Or their child has not been bullied
4	My child has been bullied and the school dealt with the bullying quickly and effectively.	87%
		Agree, Strongly Agree Or not raised any concerns
5	The school makes me aware of what my child will learn during the year.	98%
6	When I have raised concerns with the school they have been dealt with properly.	94%
		Agree or Strongly Agree
7	Does your child have special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)? Yes If <u>Yes</u> tick an answer for this question: My child has SEND, and the school gives them the support they need to succeed.	76% of SEND parents
8	The school has high expectations for my child.	90%
9	My child does well at this school.	96%
10	The school lets me know how my child is doing.	97%
11	There is a good range of subjects available to my child at this school.	97%
12	My child can take part in clubs and activities at this school.	96%
13	The school supports my child's wider personal development.	97%
14	I would recommend this school to another parent. YES	99%

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	
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	
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	
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, there is a uniform & non uniform one. 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 box is in the reception area. Any money will be used by the school council to set up another project.



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
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 step
to becoming
a Scout or
Girl Scout

TIME FOR FUN

CALLING ALL 6 TO 8 YEAR OLDS.

Come join the 87th Holy Trinity
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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