

# The Early Bird

Issue 12: Friday 21st March 2025



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are now past the first day of Spring. Watch out for all the signs around us.

It was lovely to have so many family members in school on Monday for our mothers day worship with our Year 5/6 class and Miss Miszkiel. Enjoy mothers day when it is here.

We also have a few visits from our new assistant headteacher, Mrs Hill. Mrs Hill will be joining us after Easter, and will be taking over from Miss Wardle in our year 3/4 class whilst Miss Wardle begins her maternity time with her family. Mrs Hill will also be responsible for inclusion, so we are looking forward to learning lots more from her.

Mrs Ramsden, Miss Pickerill and Revd Liz met with representatives from *Encounter this week*. St. John's school and Church have been chosen as part of wider community in Stoke on Trent to develop our worshipping communities. So look out for more to come in the near future about *Encounter*.

For all working through Lent or Ramadan at this time, continue to stay focused on your prayers and aims.

Mrs SM Bowyer

Head Teacher

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**

**Lord may Lent be a time of inward searching that makes us more able to look with compassion at the needs of the world. Amen**



**Dedication - Courage - Joy**



- **Tuesdays** Parent/Carers & Tots coffee morning
- **Monday 24<sup>th</sup> – Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March** Assessment Week
- **Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April**—UKS2 visit to ThinkTank Museum, Birmingham
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** - LKS2 visit to ThinkTank Museum, Birmingham
- **Monday 8th April to Friday 11th April** Earth Week
- **Monday 14th—Friday 25th April** Easter Break
- **Monday 28th April**—school open
- **Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May** Year6 SATs
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - EYFS visit to Hoo Farm and Dino World, Telford

Thank you to all those who came to the coffee morning on Tuesday. I hope you enjoyed the peace before the day ahead. We still have plenty of room for others to join us, so I hope to see you on Tuesday 8.30am—10am

Mrs Ramsden



## Prayer Partners



We had our first session for Prayer Partners, we explored the concept of prayer and the various places of worship across different faiths. Children and adults engaged in great conversations, sharing their own experiences and learning about the diverse ways different religions express prayer. They discussed the unique symbols and places of worship, and everyone gained a deeper appreciation for how people connect with their spirituality around the world. A special thank you to Steve and Reverend Liz!



# HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

*at St John's*

## PALM SUNDAY

13TH APRIL

*Joint Benefice Service  
10 am*

## WEDNESDAY OF

### HOLY WEEK

16TH APRIL

*Prayer and Reflection  
7 pm*

## MAUNDY THURSDAY

17TH APRIL

*Holy Communion with  
foot washing followed by  
vigil - 7 pm*

## GOOD FRIDAY

18TH APRIL

*All-age Easter crafts and  
worship with hot cross buns  
10 am  
Stations of the Cross - 2 pm*

## EASTER SUNDAY

20TH APRIL

*All-age communion  
10 am.*

## 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 <sup>st</sup> September
School open to pupils	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
School closes end of day	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
School opens to pupils	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
School closes end of day	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January

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

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

### Colour codes

School open only to staff—no children

School open to all pupils

School holidays

## 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.

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**WHEN?**

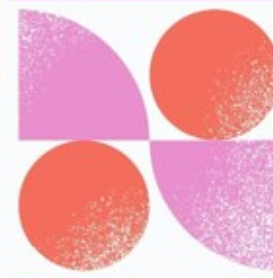
**Every Wednesday, 4-5.30pm**

**WHERE?**

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

**NO BOOKING REQUIRED!**

More information via email [littlehumansstaffordshire@outlook.com](mailto: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

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