

# The Early Bird

Issue 13: Friday 4th April 2025



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Well Spring is certainly here. It was lovely to see our mums arriving in school for our EYFS Mothers day afternoon tea. A real special treat. You may also notice we have a little gardening team who are just planting a few flowers at the front of the school. We are very appreciative of the work they have undertaken so far.

This week we have had Mrs Johnstone, our school improvement partner in school. It has been lovely to share the great work the EYFS team have undertaken and the quality provision and activities they prepare for the children.

We have also had a visit from the LA school effectiveness officer and she commented on the commitment of the team. She was very impressed by the presentation of the children's RE books.

We have a full week of work in school next week, before the holidays, so we need everyone in as we continue our usual lessons, and also undertake work through our special **Earth Week**. Children can **wear little bit of green** on **Tuesday** to mark this event.

Finally we also have our **Lenten fundraiser** and business enterprise event for toilet twinning. We will be raising money after school on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

**TOILET  
TWINNING**

Enjoy the weekend ahead and see you all on Monday.

Mrs SM Bowyer **Head Teacher**



## Prayer

Thank you for sunshine, for the sea, for family, friends, chocolate, hugs, rainbows, safe houses, laughter and help us to feel joyful today because Jesus is alive. Amen.



**Dedication - Courage - Joy**



- **Tuesdays** Parent/Carers & Tots coffee morning 8.30-10am
- **Weekend commencing 7th April - Earth Week** - Children will be learning about our planet and caring for this. To mark this children can come to school wearing a little bit of Green on **Tuesday 8th April**. You can wear mostly school uniform and supplement a uniform item for a green colour e.g. T- shirt or shorts or add a green ribbon to your hair.
- **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> April**. Lower KS2 - Toilet Twinning fundraiser (please see bottom of page)
- **Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> April**. KS1 - Toilet Twinning fundraiser (please see bottom of page)
- **Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April** Upper KS2 - Toilet Twinning fundraiser (please see bottom of page)
- **Monday 14th—Friday 25th April** Easter Break
- **Monday 28th April**—school open
- **Monday 12th May to Thursday 15th May** Year 6 SATs
- **Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - EYFS visit to Hoo Farm and Dino World, Telford

Next week, we will be launching our Toilet Twinning Project fundraiser! This initiative aims to raise funds for clean and safe toilets in communities around the world. Every donation will go towards helping those in need access proper sanitation.

We appreciate your support in making this a success. We encourage you to get involved on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday!

Thank you for your generosity.

**TOILET  
TWINNING**

### Mother's Day Afternoon

"We were so happy to welcome our lovely mothers and grandmothers, last Friday to our Mothers Day afternoon tea. The children lead a worship where they spoke about their Mums and performed a song too. After, we shared hot drinks, cake and biscuits before making a keepsake craft with our mums. A huge thank you to mums that attended and we hope to keep this special celebration in our school diary for years to come."



# 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**

