

# The Early Bird



Issue 23: Friday 6th March 2026

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

Dear Parent/Carers

We are incredibly proud of our children and staff. A number of teachers came to observe great practice at St. John's in relation to how we deliver Maths Mastery sessions for our younger year groups. Like phonics, Maths Mastery builds those early maths concepts which support more complex maths later on in their education. Well done!

Again, we have had more Pharmacy students visiting from Keele University to work with our children on healthy life styles and food. Another valuable day!

Mr Groom has also started a little gardening club for our year 6 children so, some vegetable seeds have been planted so we are on our way to a feast in the near future!

As I write this, I see sunshine... so fingers crossed for more this weekend. Enjoy it whatever the weather.

Mrs Bowyer  
Headteacher

## MARCH

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup>** - Y3-6 Cross Country (Race 3 Invite only)

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>**—9am Well being coffee morning

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup>** - **Y5-5 Boys Football Tournament (invite only)**

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup>**— 2pm EYFS Mother's Day Afternoon Tea

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup>**—Spirituality Day (more information to follow)

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup>** - Y3-6 Cross Country (Race 4-invite only)

**Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup>** - Roots Week (more information to follow)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>**— 9am EYFS Easter worship & Easter Bonnet Parade

**Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10<sup>th</sup> April**—Easter holiday

April

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April**—school opens

## April

All Year 5 to complete Level 1&2 Bike right Training Dates TBC

**Dedication - Courage - Joy**

## Class Worship

**EYFS** - Easter - 23/03/26

**Year 1** - Jonah and the Whale - 29/06/26

**Year 2** - Noah's Ark - 20/04/26

**Year 3-4** - Pentecost - 18/05/26

**Year 5-6** - Mothering Sunday - 16/03/26

Parent/Carers you are very welcome to come and watch your child in their class worship. All worships start at 9am.





ST JOHN THE  
EVANGELIST  
CHURCH, TRENT  
VALE



# ALL AGE WORSHIP FOR MOTHER'S DAY

COME AND JOIN US AS WE THANK  
GOD FOR MOTHERS AND ALL WHO  
CARE FOR US

SUNDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> MARCH  
10AM  
ST JOHN'S CENTRE, NEWCASTLE  
ROAD



# Keele University

*Today we had a special visit from Keele University Pharmacy students to teach our Year 3 and 4 children about wellbeing and healthy living choices. There were lots of different activities and tasks the children really enjoyed! A big thank you to 'Well being Warrior' visitors!*



*We learnt about how much water we should be drinking!*



*We had lots of fun activities doing sports games outside in the sun!*



*We created our own healthy balance diet plate.*



## St. John's CE(A) Primary School Term Dates 2026-2027



### **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 childcare on these dates.

#### Autumn Term 2026

School open to staff (inset day)	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
School open to pupils	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
School closes end of day	Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November
School opens to pupils	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
School closes end of day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Christmas Holiday</b>	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December to Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January

#### Spring Term 2027

School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
School open to pupils	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
School closes end of day	Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
School opens to staff and pupils	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February
School closes end of day	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March
<b>Easter Holiday</b>	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday - 28 <sup>th</sup> March)

#### Summer Term 2027

School open to staff and pupils	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
<b>May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)</b>	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
School closes end of day	Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> May
Staff inset (converted to twilights)	Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Half term</b>	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
School open to staff and pupils	Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> June
School closes end of day for pupils	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July
<b>Summer Holiday</b>	Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July to Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September

## **Great news!**

**We had a surprise Environmental Health inspection of our kitchen, and our amazing team were given a Grade 5. The inspector couldn't find anything wrong and commented on how clean the kitchen was.**

**Well done to Amira and Alexandra who helps keep our kitchen clean, safe, and organised every single day. Your hard work truly shows! 🌟**

**We are very proud of this achievement.**



# Year 6

Y6 have started the year having fun in Forest School!



# Prayer

**Loving God,  
During this season of Lent,  
help us to grow closer to You.  
Teach us to be kind,  
to help those in need,  
and to love like Jesus Christ.  
May our words and actions  
show care and compassion each day.  
Amen.**

