

# St John's RC Primary & Pre-school

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## Spring Term 1

### NEWSLETTER: 14.02.25

And just like that we have made it to half term!

I am sure you will agree that the children are ready for a rest after what has been a busy half term. Firstly though, I know the children are excited about this evening's PTA school Valentine's Day disco and we are grateful to our PTA for their dedication to providing fun events like this for our children. It is set to be an exciting event for our children to enjoy before we move into the half term break.

This week, we welcomed Mrs Cindy Dyer to our staff team as a new EYFS practitioner working in our Acorns Class. It has been lovely to welcome Cindy to our staff team and she brings with her a wealth of knowledge and experience in working within early years settings.

The children in Acorns have enjoyed getting to know her and playing alongside her.

We say a sad goodbye and big thank you to Mrs Herbert who has worked in our school office. She has always been a friendly and welcoming face at the front desk and we will miss her dedication to our school and wider school community. We wish her well and will miss her lots. We are excited to announce the appointment of Mrs Zoe Wheeler who will begin working in her new role as Admin Assistant soon.

Last week, each class enjoyed joining schools from across our Academy Trust for an online liturgy service. They joined in with the prayers and readings and enjoyed saying "Hello" to pupils from across the South West who joined from our other Plymouth CAST schools. Our GIFT team has also been brilliant at leading weekly in class prayer sessions and it is wonderful to see their confidence in leading these sessions growing each week.

Last Friday, we held our Number Day where the children came into school 'Dressed in Digits'. We all enjoyed a day of mathematical fun to celebrate numbers and all things mathematical, including some fun problem solving. Oak Class enjoyed creating their own number games to teach to the youngest members of our school in Acorns. It was wonderful to see the oldest and youngest children in our school enjoying the numbers fun together.

A huge well done to the boys from Year 5 and Year 6 who took part in an inter schools football tournament on Monday at the High School on their astroturf pitch. This event was rearranged from earlier this term and the boys have been patiently waiting for the rescheduled date. They played well in their teams with the Y6 boys winning the tournament overall. All of the boys also showed excellent sportsmanship and integrity. Thank you to Mrs Veen and Mrs Perryman accompanying the boys and thanks especially to Mr Lawson and Mr Long for their expertise on football coaching and supporting us at the event on the day!

Earlier this week, Year 5 enjoyed a trip to Blundells School for their orchestra performance. It was an exciting opportunity to hear their orchestra play in the concert and see some ex-St John's pupils who have continued their musical journey which began back during their time at St John's. Thank you to Mrs Harte and Mrs Fitton for accompanying the children and Blundells for inviting us to this event.

After half term, we have so many after school clubs on offer including new clubs - French Club, Football Fun Factory, Martial Arts and Multi Activity Club. These run alongside our usual 'Kids with Bricks' Lego Club and Starmakers. Please sign up for your child's space so we can ensure we have enough numbers for each club to run. These clubs offer children the chance to try a new activity and have fun with their friends learning something new!

Finally, we hope that you all have a lovely half term break and we look forward to welcoming you back on **Tuesday 25th February**. ***Please note that Monday 24th February is a Non Pupil Day due to staff training.***



With every blessing,

Claire Webber



Let us pray,  
Dear Lord Jesus,  
Thank you for loving us.  
Please help us to always love you and to keep growing in love for one another.  
Please help us to show our love for each other in the things that we say and do at home and at school.  
Amen

**Diary Dates:**

Monday 17th February 2025 - Monday 24th February (inclusive) - HALF TERM  
Saturday 22nd February - Starmakers to watch Grease (TJOC) 2.30pm

Monday 24th February - Non Pupil Day (Staff Training Day)  
Tuesday 25th February - Y5/Y6 Exmoor Challenge Parents Meeting - 3.30pm

Tuesday 4th March - Y5/Y6 Exmoor Challenge Walk (after school)  
Thursday 6th March - Y6 trip to Mary Poppins  
Friday 7th March - World Book Day at St John's (more info to follow)

Friday 14th March - Y5/Y6 Exmoor Challenge Walk

Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th March - Parents' Evenings  
Friday 21st March - PTA Non Uniform Day - Easter Egg donation  
Saturday 22nd March - Starmakers sing at Exeter Cathedral  
Sunday 23rd March - Y5/Y6 Exmoor Challenge Walk




Friday 28th March - PTA Easter Fayre (after school)  
Saturday 29th March - Y5/Y6 Exmoor Challenge Walk

Friday 4th April - Holy Day and Last Day of Term



**Celebrating our Achievers across the fortnight:**



Wks: 06.01-17.01.2025	Gospel Guardians 	Stars of the Week 	Celebration cafe 
Little acorns	Millie Sophie	Esther Francesca	Noah & Zosia Abigail & Tion
Acorns	Rosie Olivia	Ezra Tilly	Amalia & Sebastian Charlotte & Posie
Maple	Jack & Ruby H Savannah & Ace	Olivia & Alayah Ollie & Jason	Grace & Zofia Olivia & Ruby H
Willow	Lenny S & Amelia Ava P & Layla-Jane	Neve & Lena Aimee & Xena	Lucy & Nikola Lena & Brett
Oak	All of Starmakers Blaise & Hunter	All of Year 6 Italo & Charlie	Henry & Darcie Lydia & Jos

Class -	Attendance Week: 07.02.25	Attendance Week 14.02.25
Acorns -	93%	87%
Maple -	91%	96%
Willow -	90%	99%
Oak -	98%	98%

**OVERALL HALF TERMLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS:**

**OAK CLASS**

Who will be our next Attendance hero class?

School Office Opening Hours are 8.30am-3.45pm

Please ensure that, if your child is unwell and can't attend school, you phone the School Office on 01884 253630 before 8.45am Or email: [sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk](mailto:sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk)

A letter will be sent termly regarding any child's attendance below 90% using the Traffic Light System. It is vital that a good level of attendance continues for each child and we will continue to monitor attendance in line with our school policy.

Please get in touch should you need advice or support on this matter.

**Contact Information:**

Please can you inform the office on 01884 253630 if you move to a new house, change your landline, mobile number, your email address or doctors.

This is very important. Thank You.



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**Pastoral Support:**

Contact Mrs Harte if you have any enquiries or need some advice or support



**Tracey Harte:** [pastoral@stjohnstiverton.co.uk](mailto:pastoral@stjohnstiverton.co.uk)

## Safeguarding Team



Rob Meech, Executive Head  
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