

St John's RC Primary & Pre-school

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Autumn Term 2

NEWSLETTER: 10/11/2023

Dear parents and carers,

We hope this newsletter finds you well. November is a special time at St John's, as it's a month that allows us to come together to reflect, give thanks, and strengthen the bonds of our school community.

Our annual Harvest Liturgy took place at the end of half term. This was a time for our students to express their gratitude for the bounties of nature and for the support of our families. The event led by Sycamore Class featured songs, harvest prayers and a collection of non-perishable food items that will be donated to CHAT, a local food bank. Thank you for joining us in celebrating the spirit of giving and togetherness and for your generous donations.

Our Remembrance Service was held today, Friday 10 November 2023. This solemn occasion allowed us to pay tribute to the men and women who have served and sacrificed for our country. This liturgy was led beautifully by Oak Class. Thank you to the parents and carers who attended to show their support and respect.

Earlier this week we held our first Parents Evening of the academic year.. This is an invaluable opportunity to meet with your child's teachers to discuss their progress, strengths, and areas where they may need additional support. Thank you for attending and supporting your child on their learning journey.

Children at St John's always enjoy taking part in sporting events organised by Tiverton High School. Willow Class attended a handball festival just before half

term and yesterday, a number of girls from Year 5 and Year 6 took part in a girl's football festival.

Thank you to Mr Fullick and the parent volunteers who supported us walking to and from these events.

Acorns' Class enjoyed a visit from Father Kristian last week, to perform a baptism as a part of their learning about the Sacrament of Baptism. A big thank you to Father for bringing this sacrament to life for the children and allowing them to role play this special first sacrament.

Finally, just a reminder that the admissions window opens next week for children who are due to start school in September 2024. It remains open until Mid January 2024. Please ensure you apply for your child's school place if you have a child in Little Acorns who will start school next year. Also, please continue to spread the word to any families you may know with children of that age to consider our school. We have already conducted several school tours and please encourage any families to contact us to find out more about our wonderful school and come and have a look around.

Wishing you a warm and reflective November.

God Bless

Claire Webber and Rob Meech



A blue ink signature of Rob Meech.

Rob Meech - Executive Head

A blue ink signature of Claire Webber.

Claire Webber - Head of school

Let us pray,
Thank you for everything we remember and treasure about them, for all that they mean to us. Take care of them, Lord, until we all reach that time and place where every tear is dry, every question answered and all things are made new. Lord, in your love, Hear our prayer.
Amen



Celebrating our Achievers:

Wks: 30/10/23-10/11/2023	Gospel Guardians	Stars of the Week	Celebration cafe
Little acorns	Bee & Kacper	Posie & Tommy	Harry, Rosie
Big Acorns	Deniz	Bailey	Olivia & Savannah
Maple	Martyna, Jessica	Alayah, Amelia	Ollie, Brooke
Willow			
Sycamore	Isaac, Finley	Hunter, Daisy	Evie, Lenny, Hunter & Isaac
Oak	Tyler, Sienna R & Maisie W	Lauren, Savannah & Sienna T	Jakub, Sienna T, Emmerson, Ruby & Lauren

Class	Attendance 30/10/2023	Attendance 10/11/2023
Acorns	94.1%	84.8%
Maple	91.4%	88.3%
Willow	90.8%	89%
Sycamore	97.2%	86.7%
Oak	93.1%	89%

Artists of the Week: 03.11.23/10.11.23	Emmerson & Beau
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The Fortnight's Highest attendance:	Sycamore, Willow & Oak
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Upcoming Events and Important Dates:

Thank you for your ongoing support and involvement in your child's education. We look forward to seeing you at these important upcoming events, and please feel free to reach out to our staff with any questions.

- **Wednesday 22nd November** - Individual and Sibling School Photographs (Times/arrangements to be confirmed)
- **Friday 24th November** - PTA Non Uniform day in exchange for tombola items for Christmas Fayre (see PTA poster)
- **Saturday 25th November** - Y6 Wellington Maths Challenge
- **Saturday 25th November** - Tiverton's Christmas Lights Switch On - Starmakers singing
- **Friday 1st December** - PTA School Christmas Fayre - 3.30pm - 5.30pm
- **Thursday 7th December** - Y2 Multiskills festival - more details to follow at later date
- **Friday 8th December** - Christmas Lunch and Christmas Jumper/Clothing day
- **Sunday 10th December** - 10am - St John's to lead Mass at St James' church (more details to follow)
- **Monday 11th December** - EYFS/Maple Class Nativity Play Dress Rehearsal
- **Tuesday 12th December** - 2pm and 6pm - Nativity Performances to families
- **Wednesday 13th December** - 2pm - Nativity performance to families
- **Thursday 14th December** - KS2 Carol Concert - 6pm at St Paul's Church
- **Friday 15th December** - GIFT Team PJs (Pyjamas) Day
- **Friday 15th December** - **LAST DAY OF TERM**

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
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 01844 253630 if you move to a new house, change your landline, mobile number, your email address or doctors.

This is very important. Thank You.



We are an Operation Encompass school. For further information, please come in and see us.

Pastoral Support



Contact Mrs Harte if you have any enquiries or need some advice or support.
Tracey Harte: pastoral@stjohnstiverton.co.uk

Safeguarding Team



Rob Meech, Executive Head



Claire Webber, Head of School



Jane Trott, Chair of Governors



St John's P.T.A -

Email: stjohnspta@gmx.com

ST JOHN'S PTA **£1**

**Hot Chocolate November
Every Friday After School**



Hot chocolate & cookie

Warm Chocolate

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St John's PTA

**NON-UNIFORM
DAY**

Friday 24th November

Children are invited to dress down for the day.

Bring a bottle (alcoholic or non-alcoholic) or box/jar of sweets/chocolates for the Christmas Fair Tombola

**St. John's Catholic School
Christmas Fair**

SCHOOL HALL

**Friday 1st December
3.30pm - 5.00pm**

*Come join us
for lots of
festive fun*



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PTA CHARITY NUMBER: 1079366



In Flanders Fields

The poem by John McCrae

**In Flanders' fields the poppies blow
 Between the crosses, row on row,
 That mark our place: and in the sky
 The larks, still bravely singing, fly
 Scarce heard amid the guns below.**

**We are the dead. Short days ago
 We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
 Loved and were loved, and now we lie
 In Flanders' fields.**

**Take up our quarrel with the foe;
 To you from failing hands we throw
 The torch; be yours to hold it high,
 If ye break faith with us who die
 We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
 In Flanders' Fields.**