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Newsletter Spring Term

Thursday 3rd April 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope all families celebrating Eid had a lovely time with family and friends. Many children have certainly enjoyed sharing their experiences with us back in school and been proud to stand up and share during Act of Worship. Today we were fortunate enough to welcome Rev Caroline into school to deliver a special Act of Worship reminding us about the significance of the Easter Story. On behalf of everyone at St John's, I would like to wish all those celebrating a very happy Easter and everyone a very enjoyable and relaxing break. Fingers crossed the lovely Spring weather continues. Please have a read about our 'Successes of the term' for each class below and we look forward to seeing you all on **Tuesday 22nd April 2025** bright and early.

Happy Easter and good health to you all.
Mr Blackburn.



Red Class:

What a fabulous term in Red class! We have enjoyed finding out about different celebrations and tasting food from around the world. We loved finding out about different techniques we could use to create our own versions of Monet's water lilies and taking part in the art festival, especially getting to see our work displayed.

We have worked extremely hard on their handwriting and have written some exciting pirate letters. We are so proud of the progress we have made. Last week we welcomed our mums into Red Class to celebrate Mother's Day and share some of the exciting things we have been learning.

Mrs Brunton and Miss Houlihan.

Orange Class:

What a fantastic term! We've explored continents and climates, discovered amazing naturalists like David Attenborough, and uncovered fossil mysteries about Mary Anning. Our Art festival was a colourful success and we tackled maths and reading challenges like superstars. Plus, we even became mini-programmers, creating our own algorithms in our coding lessons. Most importantly, we've been a kind and supportive team, making this term truly special.

Mr Toon.

Dates for your diaries:

School Closes –
Thursday 3rd April

School Reopens –
Tuesday 22nd
April

Tempest Whole
Class Photo –
Friday 25th April

School Closed -
Bank Holiday
Monday 5th May

School Closes –
Friday 23rd May

School Reopens –
Monday 2nd June

School Closes –
Friday 18th July

Yellow Class:

In Yellow Class we have had a busy Spring Term and have been working hard, which can be seen in the progress everyone has made. We have especially loved learning about Henry VIII and the Rainforest! We have produced some amazing artwork this term, revisiting techniques we have already learnt during Art Week and learning new skills whilst making our 3D fish maquettes! We were lucky enough to have Hand to Mouth visit us for a Spiritual Journey, where we could take time out of the busy school day to reflect, which we all enjoyed.

Mrs Edwards.

Blue Class:

What an amazing spring term Blue Class have had! We have had a jam-packed term and made the most of every moment. In RE, we have been photographers on a visit to the park where we photographed our 'WOW' moments in nature. In DT, we have worked hard in small groups to strengthen and stabilise a bridge. The strongest bridge in class, engineered by Keira and Zayaan, held 7 kilograms! The children have developed their art skills this term, learning how to create 3d sculptures using gesso paste and natural materials, and also 3d wire insects in the style of Louise Bourgeois. I cannot wait to see what the next term in Blue Class brings!

Mrs Croisdale.

Green Class:

What a tremendous term Green Class have had! We have learnt so many new things and have been extremely busy. We have loved reading The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs, and starting Fantastic Mr Fox in our whole class reading lessons. We have loved learning about the Romans, what they did and how they changed Britain. In PE we loved playing dodgeball and changing the rules to make our own games. In Science we had a great time conducting experiments including magnets and shadows. As well as this, we have been to the park in RE and had our Easter Journey, and created some bridges strong enough to hold 7kg! We are so excited to find out what we will learn in the Summer Term!

Miss Tarrant.

Violet Class:

This term in Violet Class has been one of growth and achievement. The students have developed a strong understanding of fractions and mixed numbers in Maths, approaching challenges with confidence and enthusiasm. In English, their writing has become more expressive, with the use of powerful expanded noun phrases and adverbials adding depth and creativity to their work. They have connected their learning to real-world contexts, exploring the scientific processes behind the travel of sound and the impact of longitude on time zones across the world. In addition, their dedication to improving their handwriting has been fantastic - I am incredibly proud of their hard work and progress!

Mrs Daji.

Bronze Class:

Bronze Class have worked extremely hard this half term. We have really enjoyed reading 'The Wisp' by Zana Fallon and the children have shown great sympathy and compassion for the main character who was a refugee. In other areas of the curriculum, we have become experts in fractions and developed our games skills by finding good positions for passing and defending the ball! Next half term we are looking forward to our school visit to Mission Out which will be lots of fun!

Mrs Wilks and Mrs Wood.

Silver Class:

Silver Class have had an eventful term. In February, they started weekly swimming lessons at the Spen Valley Leisure Centre and fantastic progress is already being made by many pupils. In March, many of the children took part in 'Bikeability' sessions, over three days, with children being awarded different levels for competency, from 'Learning to Ride' to 'Level 2 Road Safety'. Last week, the class visited Dewsbury Minster and participated in many engaging activities related to the Easter story.

Mr Mckinna.

School Holidays:

Just a reminder that we break up for the Easter holiday on **Thursday 3rd April** and will reopen on **Tuesday 22nd April**. School doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am.



Staffing Update:

During the holidays we are delighted to announce that Miss Tarrant is getting married. When we return, she will be called Mrs Mason. We are sure you will join us by wishing her all the best for her special day and create very special memories. Mrs Mason will continue to teach in Green Class, Year 3.

School Dinners:

After the Easter holiday we will have a new spring/summer school dinner menu! Check ParentPay to see what meals will be available. There are many new meals from Mexican fajitas to burgers. We will post the full menu upon returning to school.

St John's Reading Recommendation:

Frozen – By Disney

I like it because the character Elsa has magic and the two sisters care for each other.

By Hafsa – Yellow Class



Weekly Attendance

	91%
	93%
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