

St John's CE First School

Newsletter

Friday 30th January 2026

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DIARY DATES 2025-26

2nd February	Dance Show Rehearsal at Wolgarston High School
3rd February	Dance Show at 10am and 6pm
12th February	After school PTA ran Disco
13th February	Inset Day
Half Term Mon 16th February to Friday 20th February	
5th March	World Book Day
20th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day
23rd March	Easter Service 2pm in Church
22nd April	Oaks Residential

St John's First School
Christian value
for this half term is: Compassion

'Encourage one another and build each other up'

1 Thessalonians 5:11



Please remember the staff car park is off limits to parents.
Please do not use it at any time.

Child of the Week

Well done to the following children, week ending 22nd January 2025

Squirrels	Johnny
Acorn	Ruby
Saplings	Deliah
	Harry M
Oaks	Ted
	Pollyanna

Good as Gold

Well done to the following children, week ending 22nd January 2025

Acorns	Charlotte
Saplings	Theo
Oaks	Sofia C

Attendance

Well done to the following classes for the week ending 22nd January 2025

Squirrels	97%
Acorns	98%
Year 1	97%
Year 2	96%
Year 3	97%
Year 4	97%
WS Year to date	94.71%

Open Farm Sunday is a great opportunity to connect farmers and the public to discover the crucial work farmers do producing food, nurturing nature, and protecting the environment for future generations.

[Homepage - Open Farm Sunday](#)

7th June 2026



After School PTA led Spring Disco

Thursday 12th February

3.15-4.15pm

£3.50 per child

Payable via parentpay



Squirrels and Acorns can come to school in their own clothes. Saplings and Oaks must come in school uniform for a Gurdwara visit, but may bring a change of clothes for the afternoon.



If your child is absent from school you need to contact us each day by 9am. If you do not contact us we will be contacting the Education Welfare Officer who will make a home visit.

We have a duty of care to ensure your child is safe.

As per NHS guidance if your child has a sickness or stomach bug they must remain off school, until they have been 48 hours clear.

If your child uses an inhaler please supply school with one, in a box with a named prescription label on the box.

We can only issue children under six years old. with prescribed Medication. Children over six can be given medicines such as Piriton or Calpol, but it must be provided by the parent. All medication must be handed in at the office, where you will be required to fill in a consent form.

Easter Service

2pm

Church

Monday 23rd March

2pm

All welcome.

Volunteers to walk down to Church with us very much appreciated.

Dance Show Information

Just a few logistical things to remember for next week. The children should come to school on Monday 2nd February in their school PE kit, we will be going to Wolgarston school in Penkridge for a dress rehearsal. Please ensure they have a drink and a healthy snack with them. We will be back at St John's for lunch as normal.

On Tuesday, please send your child into school as normal, again with a drink and a healthy snack. They should wear:

Black leggings

White ankle socks

Comfortable trainers

Any top (Dance festival T shirts are provided)

Hair in a ponytail.

Transport is arranged for Monday and Tuesday Morning. For the Tuesday evening performance please ensure your child arrives at Wolgarston High School between 5.30-5.45pm where they will be met by school staff.

Tutoring Sessions

A previous student of St John's is offering tutoring sessions for maths and English for 5 to 18 year olds.

William was a student at St John's till 2011 and has gone on to do great things. He is a post graduate student and is currently preparing to do his PHD.

William is a lovely young man and a credit to St Johns.

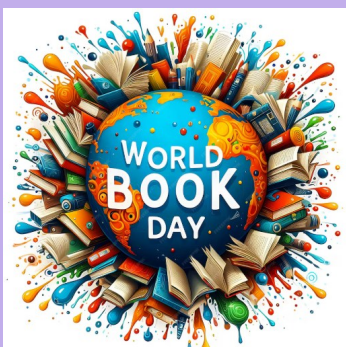
If anyone would be interested in tutoring sessions then please contact:

William Tomlinson
Qualifications: A*s in English & Maths at A-Level
Post graduate student
Hourly Rate: £30
Email: WillTomlinson55@gmail.com
Text on: 07752852468



If you have a message for a teacher please contact them via class dojo or speak to the staff member on the door at drop off.

Thank you!



Saplings and Oaks Visit to the Gurdwara

As part of our Religious Education curriculum, we explore other faiths in our community and Mrs Gidda has kindly arranged a visit to her Gurdwara for Saplings and Oaks to visit.

The visit is planned for Thursday 12th February and we are asking for a £6 donation paid by parentpay to cover the cost of the coach. The visit will just be for the morning, so arrival time as normal.

We will be having grab bags to eat on our return. Saplings will be ordered one under the UIFSM plan, Oaks you will need to preorder by 30th January with the office or order via parent pay.

All children should wear full school uniform and have their arms and legs covered (no shorts or bare legs) in addition to this please can you send your child with a scarf for them to use as a head covering.

We always like to take a donation with us so if you can, please bring a donation of either fresh fruit,

Vegetables. Thank you.



World Book Day

Thursday 5th March

Children can come to school dressed as their favorite character from a book.

Please do not feel the need to go out and spend money on costumes we absolutely love to see home made costumes. Be as imaginative and creative as you can.

The possibilities are endless!



GOING WILD!



For Random Acts of Kindness Week

Free 2-week course starting Monday 9th February 2026!
For families in Staffordshire, with children of all ages.

This 10-hour course is run over 2 weeks, with an in-person session and things to do at home. The aim of the course is to celebrate kindness, to ourselves, our communities and the planet, through fun ideas to try as a family.



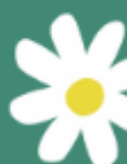
The course begins on Monday 9th February, where you will receive an email pack to get you started. There will also be a Zoom session to introduce the course and tutors.

We will then get together at Marquis Drive, Cannock Chase, WS12 4PW on Sunday 15th February from 1-3pm. There will be fun, hands-on nature themed activities to celebrate kindness! Make bird-feeders, medals or try woodland yoga. Free refreshments. Pick up your pack (including free bulbs!) to then complete at home over the following week.

The pack contains kindness challenges for your family to complete over the half-term holiday. You will receive a certificate of achievement at the end of the course!



For more information and to reserve your place contact Rebecca on 07525 120117 or communityforestservices@gmail.com





Staffordshire
County Council



AWESOME ANIMALS

A free, flexible, 4-week online,
family learning course

Starting Thursday 26th February 2026
For families in Staffordshire, with children
aged 3-8 years

Your family will receive a fantastic weekly email activity pack, full of themed ideas to try at times to suit you! From crafts, to cooking, to activities to help local wildlife, we will support you to adapt the activities for your family.

- Is your child curious about animals?
- Are you looking for something flexible to do as a family around work and school?
- Would you like to support your child to develop a wide range of skills, as well as an early love of the natural world?

Book Now!

For more information and to reserve your place contact
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