

St John's CE First School

Newsletter

Friday 6th March 2026

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DIARY DATES 2025-26

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
19th March	Saplings Ancient High House Visit
20th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day—Capybara Day—Non uniform.
23rd March	Easter Service 2pm in Church
26th March	Parents Evening
22nd April	Oaks Residential
12th May	Saplings and Oaks Ironworks Visit—info to follow.
21st May	Sports Day (weather dependent)
16th June	Oaks Boscobel House Visit

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

'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 26th February 26

Squirrels Iona
Acorn James
Saplings
Josh
Oaks Freddie
Izzy

Well done to the following children, week ending 6th March 26

Squirrels Erin
Acorn Rhea
Saplings Flora
Theo
Oaks Bertie
George

Good as Gold

Well done to the following children, week ending 26th February 26

Acorns Ethan
Saplings Mia
Oaks Lillianna

Well done to the following children, week ending 6th March 26

Acorns Musa
Saplings Flossie
Oaks Sophia E

Attendance

Well done to the following classes for the week ending 26th February 26

Squirrels 92.50%
Acorns 61%
Year 1 100%
Year 2 100%
Year 3 96%
Year 4 83%
WS Year to date
94.85%

Target 96%

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Squirrels 98%
Acorns 90%
Year 1 94%
Year 2 100%
Year 3 100%
Year 4 95%
WS Year to date
95.35%

Target 96%



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.

Charging, Remissions and Debt Recovery

[Trust-wide Policies and Statutory Information | Penk Valley Academy Trust](#)

Please use the hyper link to read our Charging, Remissions and Debt Recovery Policy

Our office staff are having to spend an increasing amount of time chasing debt up.

In line with the policy please keep your accounts in credit.

All income must be recorded in ParentPay. Sessions should be paid for as attended and all debt cleared by the end of each week. School Office staff will send text and/or e-mail reminders at the beginning of each week requesting all debt from previous week to be cleared.

If debt is not cleared by the end of the current half term, sessions and services will be revoked and debt collection referred to PVAT debtors' team and recovery action will be pursued. If payment is still not received, the debt will be referred to the CFO of PVAT and discussed at Trustee level for decision on further action.

Drama Club

This years production for drama club will be Annie!

Open to those in Reception to Year 4

Starting Wednesday 15th April, (not running on 22nd April due to Oaks residential) Then every Wednesday until the show.

The Shows will be the week commencing 6th July.

Drama club will cost £60 payable via parentpay and this will include a t-shirt.

Those who receive pupil premium will be able to take part for the reduced price of £30.

Drama club can be paid by the government tax free vouchers, for any working parents.



Race For Life

Janine's Cheerleaders

The school team will be taking part in this years Race for Life at Weston Park. This year is more personal than ever for us as our own Mrs Ashe is currently battling cancer.

If you would like to sponsor us, we have a team page:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/janines-cheerleaders-2026>

Nominate a School – Staffordshire School Book Boost

Please use the following link to register us for a chance to win more books for school:

<https://forms.gle/IHxMcyV9qn2PI dHt6>

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

Comic Relief 2026

The children have decided to raise funds for Comic Relief with a Capybara Day.

Children can come to school wearing their own clothes and we will have dedicated time during the day to do fun Capybara themed activities or learning.

Fund raising links to follow.



<https://tinyurl.com/3xxdwn6j>

Following an increasing number of debt within school, please can you make sure your accounts are paid up weekly with regards to Willows, Squirrels Nursery, Dinner Money and Acorns Snack. Accounts should be kept in credit.

Thank you for your cooperation.

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



Easter Service

2pm

Church

Monday 23rd March

2pm

All welcome.

Volunteers to walk down to Church with us very much appreciated. Please could you let office staff know!



Easter at St Johns.

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Friday 27th March

PTA Led afternoon activities

2-3.15pm

Parents welcome

Easter Raffle to be drawn at this Easter Event.

Please see the following poster.

Tickets will be available from the school office from 16th March onwards.

School Led Activities

Prizes to be won

Using a paper plate be creative and represent the Easter Story.

What you do is entirely up to you—the more creative the better.

Please bring in to school on Monday 23rd March, by morning registration. Cathy will be judging them.

Please make sure all entries are named

EASTER BASKET RAFFLE!

The PTA Easter Basket Raffle Event is here – and it's your chance to win beautifully themed Easter baskets packed with goodies, toys, treats, and springtime surprises!



**WE NEED YOUR
DONATIONS BY
13TH MARCH**

1 X ITEM: AN EGG, EASTER
CRAFT, AN EASTER CUDDLY
ETC

**BUY TICKETS
FROM THE
OFFICE-£1 PER
STRIP ON SALE
FROM 16TH**

**DRAWN ON 27TH AT THE
EASTER EVENT- GOOD LUCK!**