

St John's CE First School

Newsletter

Thursday 13th February 2025

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DIARY DATES 2024-2025

Fri 14th February—Inset Day School Closed to Pupils

Monday 17th February- Friday 21st February Half Term

Monday 2nd March-Thursday 5th March Book Fair in School

Wed 5th March - Prayer Space 9.00-11.30 Saplings Parents invited

Thurs 6th March—World Book Day

Fri 21st March—Red Nose Day

Wed 26th March—Saplings Class trip to Blists Hill

Thurs 3rd April—Parent's Evening—sign up via dojo

Wed 9th April Easter Service 2pm St John's Church

Thurs 10th April Art Attack Day

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



Child of the Week

Well done to the following children, week ending 7th February 2025

Acorn	Effie
Saplings	Ralphie
	Sophia E
Oaks	Betty
	Eliza

Child of the Week

Well done to the following children, week ending 13th February 2025

Acorn	Josh
Saplings	Sam
	Mila
Oaks	Ralph
	Joseph

Good as Gold

Well done to the following children, week ending 7th February 2025

Acorns	Everly
Saplings	Isabel
Oaks	Freddie

Good as Gold

Well done to the following children, week ending 13th February 2025

Acorns	Ethan
Saplings	Ava
Oaks	Ronnie

Attendance

Well done to the following classes for the week ending 7th February 2025

Acorns	90.28%
Year 1	96.30%
Year 2	95.56%
Year 3	92.59%
Year 4	80%

Year to date
93.75%

Attendance

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Acorns	90.28%
Year 1	96.30%
Year 2	97.04%
Year 3	91.11%
Year 4	88.33%

Year to date
93.68%

Target 96%



The book fair will be arriving in school from **Monday 2nd March till Thursday 5th March.**

We will be holding a competition for your child to have a chance to win a £5 voucher to spend at the fair. We would like your child to make a short video no more than 2 minutes long. The video should be an interpretation of their favourite book i.e a drama about the book, a re-enactment of the book, a poem, a review or even a reading from the book.

When you have made the video they can be uploaded onto class Dojo and the teachers will pick the winners. All entries need to be sent in by **Tuesday 24th February.**

We are really looking forward to seeing what the children come up with.



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.

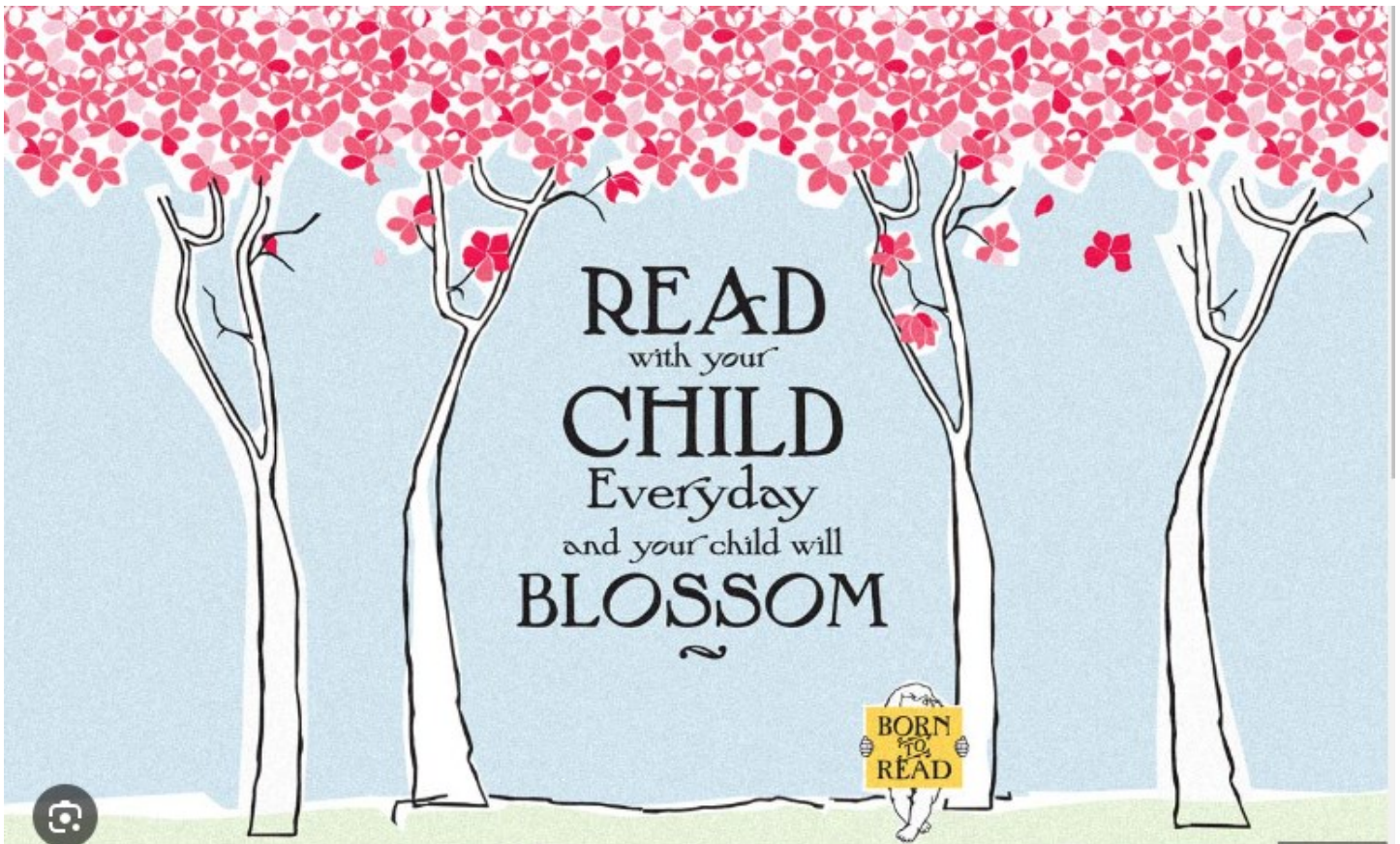
As per our attendance policy.

For our new parents—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.



School Library

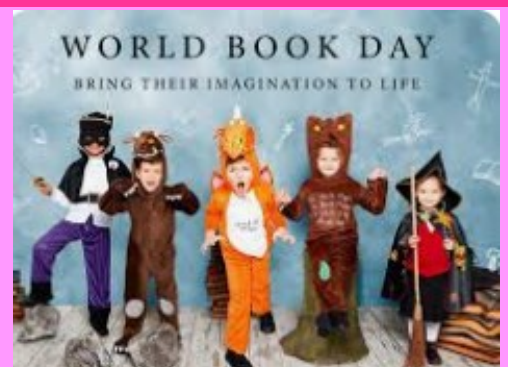
Quick reminder that Saplings class can access the school library during a Tuesday lunch time and Oaks on a Wednesday library.

Please read with your children at home, the difference it can make to their learning is incredible.



World Book Day 2025
Thursday 6th March

Come to school dressed as your favourite book character, be as imaginative as you like. No need to spend any money on costumes, we love home made costumes. £1 book tokens will be given out.



Saplings Prayer Space

Wednesday 5th March

Parents/Grandparents welcome.

Please come to the office to sign in
after drop off.



Date for the diaries:

Easter Service

2pm

Wednesday 9th April

All welcome

Wednesday 26th March—Saplings Class trip to Blists Hill
Please pay online via parentpay.

Packed lunches will be provided, however please let the office know if you are
sending one from home, to avoid food wastage.
Huge thank you to the PTA for covering the cost of the coaches to keep prices
low for parents.

**BLISTS HILL
VICTORIAN TOWN**

Travel back in time and experience the sights, sounds and smells of Victorian life

Friday 21st March

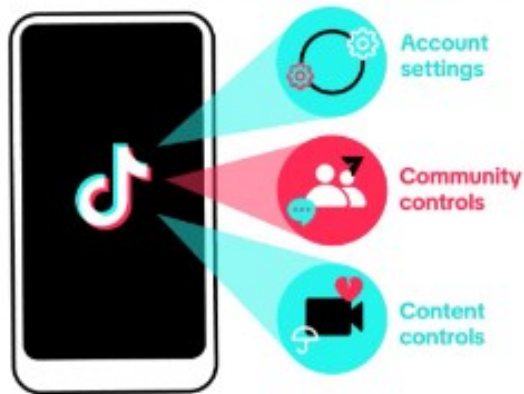
Lets raise funds together for Red Nose
Day. More details of how to donate to
follow.

This year the Red Nose Appeal is 40
years old. So therefore please dress up
with an 80's theme.

Please do not buy anything especially,
raid families wardrobes, dust off your
leg warmers, wear your neons, or
tracksuits. Be creative!

**RED
NOSE
DAY**

Staying Safe Online



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Whether you are a young person starting to learn how to manage your screen time or a family looking to improve your approach to time spent online, we can all use ways to find balance in our digital well-being journey.

Features such as our Screen Time Dashboard and Screen Time Breaks can help you better understand your habits, make adjustments to your settings, and disconnect when you want. Reflect on your balanced digital habits [here](#) with some tips [here](#).

Squirrels Nursery Enquiry Form



For any one interested in a nursery space please use the attached QR code to register your interest.

PTA Diary Dates

We are so thankful to have to PTA working hard to raise funds for us, not only do they provide equipment for school to use, they use their funds to subsidise the cost of school trips, making them more affordable for you. Coaches cost a lot more than you might imagine.

The PTA have a calendar of fundraising events planned for the next year.... Save the date!

Easter Bonnet Competition entries to be in by the 4th April.

Cathy will judge and present prizes on the 9th April.

Easter Trail and activities on 11th April.

Summer Fete 21st June

Harvest Disco 24th October

Christmas Fayre 12th December

More details will follow closer to the scheduled date.



Bishops Wood Village Hall

Dates for Your Diary 2025

Date	Event
Saturday 1 st February	Elvis Tribute Night
Friday 7 th February	Family Friendly Friday
Friday 7 th March	Bingo Night
Friday 14 th March	Family Friendly Friday
Wednesday 9 th April	Village Hall AGM
Friday 11 th April	Easter Quiz
Sunday 13 th April	Easter Trail & Party
Friday 9 th May	Bingo Night
Saturday 17 th May	Oasis / Britpop Tribute
Friday 27 th June	Summer Quiz
Monday 30 th June - Saturday 12 th July	Scarecrow Festival
Saturday 12 th July	Village Hall 60 th Anniversary Party
Friday 19 th September	Autumn Quiz
Friday 3 rd October	Bingo Night
Friday 10 th October	Family Friendly Friday
Friday 31 st October	Halloween Trail & Party
Saturday 8 th November	ABBA Tribute Night
Friday 21 st November	Bingo Night
Friday 28 th November	Christmas Light Switch On
Sunday 7 th December	Christmas Fayre
Saturday 13 th December	Family Christmas Party
Friday 19 th December	Christmas Quiz
Wednesday 31 st December	New Year's Eve Party

If you would like to book the Hall please visit our website:

www.bishopswoodvillagehall.com

<https://www.facebook.com/bishopswoodvillagehall/>



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Step 3

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