



St John's News

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Attendance

| National Target for Attendance | Percentage Attendance For the Period 03.09.24 - 08.11.24 | |
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| 96% | Robins | 96.5 |
| | Hérons | 97.0 |
| | Kestrels | 95.5 |
| | Kingfishers | 94.1 |
| | Falcons | 97.3 |
| | Owls | 98.5 |
| | SCHOOL TOTAL | 96.5 |

As mentioned in the last Newsletter, I don't want to speak too soon, but attendance has been very good so far with the school total being above the National Target of 96% and most classes achieving this target – I am really pleased with the attendance this year! Let's keep up the good work, thank you.

Owls are now top of the leader board with 98.5% attendance – WELL DONE!

Don't forget our great incentives for good attendance such as, our monthly raffle for each child who maintains 100% attendance throughout the month. Their names go into a draw to win a prize from the Attendance Treasure Chest! Plus our weekly Bird Token award for each class with 96% attendance or above – all the tokens will go into a draw at the end of each term for a chance to win a non-uniform day and a VIP Afternoon Tea! Any class achieving 100% weekly attendance will be awarded 2 Bird Tokens, thus improving their chances of winning the VIP tea.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

Remember, our school day starts PROMPTLY at 8.55 a.m. so all children need to be in school already at this time, not just arriving. Be in line for 5 to 9! Thank you to all parents who do get their children here on time.



SCHOOL VALUE

This half term our school value is 'Trust'

"This I declare about the LORD: He alone is my refuge, my place of safety; he is my God, and I trust him." *Psalm 91:2*

School and Academy Admissions 2025/26

Do you have a child due to start Primary School or Academy in September 2025 and living in Lancashire?

Apply for a place on line at

www.lancashire.gov.uk/children-education-families/schools/apply-for-a-school-place/

or phone 01254 220718

Applications are open NOW!

Closing dates for applications: 15th January 2025

SAFETY OF CHILDREN

I really don't know how many times I have to say it – please DO NOT park on the yellow lines and

DO NOT DRIVE ALONG NUTTALL AVENUE.

I am still seeing both of these requests ignored even though doing so puts your children in danger.

CHURCH EVENTS

Christingle is taking place at St Bartholomew's Church on Sunday 1st December at 3.00 p.m. Please do join us to celebrate the start of the Christmas activities, a really important date in the Christian calendar. **All children** and families are welcome. Staff will be at the Service if you want (or need) to just drop your children off for the hour. I do hope that as many of you can join us as possible. We are also attending Education Sunday on 26th January 2025, but I will remind you of that nearer the time.

Thank you.





FLU VACCINATIONS

Remember, the flu vaccinations are taking place in school tomorrow, Tuesday 12th November. This is a really important step to protect your child from getting ill over the winter months.

Online Safety

Keep an eye on the school Facebook page as Miss Parker shares a weekly fact sheet about keeping safe online.

There are a number of new scary chat/anonymous video rooms that children are visiting – please be aware and check what your children are having access to online.

If you are worried about anything please come and speak with your class teacher or Miss Parker.

Children in Need

If you wish your child to come into school in non-uniform, (or Children in Need themed clothes), this Friday, 15th November, they may do so. We are using any money raised to go towards our school charity for this year which is 'Young Carers'. Traditionally Children in Need has given money to Young Carers for their work. However, this year the funding has been cut and so we have selected Young Carers for our chosen charity for this year. We are very thankful for the work that they do and appreciate how many of our children they support, so any donations will be gratefully received on Friday. Thank you.

MRS. NEWTON

Mrs. Newton is in need of a small operation and will be going off later this week for a few days and Mrs. P Claridge will be coming into school to cover Heron Class. We wish Mrs. Newton a very speedy recovery – Good Luck Mrs. Newton!

SMOG AND FIRES!

Rest assured that I have emailed both Lancashire and our local MP every day about the ongoing issues with the smog and fires in Great Harwood. I haven't had any response yet but I am keeping them informed. We are carrying out dynamic risk assessments throughout the day and the children are only going outside if we feel it is safe for them to do so. Children with health conditions such as asthma, are being closely monitored. I would encourage all parents to complain about this ongoing issue too!

St John's Got Talent!

Tickets are now on sale from the school office, £3 per adult and £1 per child. Get yours before they sell out! There will be some fabulous talent on offer throughout the evening and we can't wait to see the show next Thursday, 21st November, it's going to be EPIC! The acts are busy keeping up their practice in school and at home. Keep it going - not long left now! Good luck to everyone performing!

PARENT'S EVENING

Parent's Evening is this Wednesday, 13th November, **and it will be held in the main hall for everyone**, (except Falcons which is on Monday, 18th November). We are trying to streamline the process and make it a little quicker for all, as well as safer for our Nuttall Avenue staff and parents due to it being really dark this time of year. Please arrive just before your first appointment time and hopefully you won't have to wait too long to see the teacher(s). If possible, please do not bring children with you.

ASDA CASHPOT FOR KIDS

Thank you to all who have been using your Asda Rewards to support our school. Even if you don't shop in Asda, download their rewards app and we receive £1 for each person who just opts in to support our school. I can say that the current total raised up until today is £121.49 - thank you!

Odd Socks / Anti-Bullying Day

Tomorrow we are celebrating our differences by wearing odd socks to school. We look forward to seeing some wonderful combinations of odd socks!





DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Tues 12th Nov: Odd Socks/Anti-bullying Day.

Wed 13th Nov: Robins, Herons & Kestrels to Vue Cinema.

Wed 13th Nov: Parents Evening, except Falcons - all in Main Hall.

Thurs 14th Nov: Vision Screening for Robin pupils.

Fri 15th Nov: Optional non-uniform day for Children in Need. All proceeds to Young Carers.

Thurs 21st Nov: St John's Got Talent evening.

Friday 29th Nov: PJ's and Teddy Day (or just non-uniform) in exchange for Chocolate Tombola donations please.

Fri 29th Nov: Film and Hot Chocolate afternoon with our teddies and PJ's on! A lovely activity to begin our festive season!

Sun 1st Dec: Christingle at Church at 3.00 p.m. Children requested to attend.

Thurs 5th Dec: Pantomime morning (Y3, 4, 5 and 6) Oh yes it is....

Fri 6th Dec: Non-uniform or Christmas Jumpers - for Bottle Tombola donations please.

Fri 6th Dec: Great Harwood Lights Switch On - Choir performing.

Sat 7th Dec: Carols at Church.

Thurs 12th Dec: Choir singing at Tesco from 4 - 5.00 p.m. (Collection for school - please pop along) ☺

Fri 13th Dec: Friends of St John's Christmas Fair from 2.00 p.m.
Please come along and support our fair.

Tues 17th Dec: Robins and Herons Nativity Performance at 2.00 p.m.

Wed 18th Dec: School Christmas Lunch (St John's Street pupils)

Wed 18th Dec: Kestrel and Kingfisher Christmas Party Day (own clothes).

Wed 18th Dec: Friends of St John's Christmas Disco - more information to follow.

Thurs 19th Dec: School Christmas Lunch (Nuttall Avenue pupils) - (Yes Miss Parker gets two! ☺)

Thurs 19th Dec: Nuttall Christmas Party Day (own clothes).

Thurs 19th Dec: Falcon and Owl Christmas Party Day (own clothes).

Fri 20th Dec: Junior Carol Concert at 9.15 a.m. Junior class parents invited to attend.

Fri 20th Dec: End of term.

Mon 6th Jan 2025: School re-opens.

Please keep an eye on these dates as they are added to and changed sometimes at short notice. We do our best to keep you informed so please make sure your mobile number and email address is up to date on our records so that we can text/email you.