



St John's News

Issue 02 - Tuesday 1st October 2024

100%

Attendance

National Target for Attendance	Percentage Attendance For the Period 03.09.24 - 27.09.24	
96%	Robins	97%
	Hérons	98%
	Kestrels	96.5%
	Kingfishers	97%
	Falcons	98%
	Owls	98%
	SCHOOL TOTAL	97.4%

I don't want to speak too soon, but so far attendance has been very good – let's keep up the good work, thank you.

Well done to all classes for achieving over the National Target of 96%. We have a three-way tie at the top of the leader board with Herons, Falcons and Owls all being on 98% 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 'Thankfulness'

We have been looking at what we are thankful for in school. This is such a lovely topic and the children have so many good ideas. Thank about what you are thankful for at home.

Our quote for this week is, "Always be thankful". *1 Thessalonians 5:16*
So simple, but so true.

School and Academy Admissions 2025/26

Do you have a child due to start Primary or Secondary 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: 31st October 2024 for Secondary School
and 15th January 2025 for Primary School

SCHOOL SAFETY

Please remember to keep all our children safe around school, drive sensibly and slowly and

DO NOT DRIVE ALONG NUTTALL AVENUE.

I am still seeing many parents driving along Nuttall Avenue despite continuous requests not to do so. Even if it is raining, please walk down that part of the road as it is so dangerous for the little ones if cars are driving past.

CHURCH EVENTS

Please save these dates in your diary – we are attending the Christingle, (my favourite service), at St Bartholomew's Church on Sunday 1st December at 3.00 p.m. We will be leading singing and some of the readings too. 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.



HARVEST

October is Harvest Festival month and to celebrate this we have a special Worship in school tomorrow, led by the children in Kingfisher Class. If your child is in Kingfisher Class, you are welcome to join us for this Worship at 9.10 a.m.

Can all children, (not just Kingfishers), please bring in some food we can share with the elderly in our community during this special time of the year. Any foods will do, as long as they are not 'fresh foods' as we will struggle to get them out in time before they go past their use by date. Thank you for your generous support.

There will be a special Harvest Festival at Church on Sunday, 6th October at 10.00 a.m.

As a school, we are not doing anything for this, (this time around), however you are welcome to attend if you wish to do so.

Online Safety

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/parents-and-carers>

Please click on this link where you will find lots of helpful tips to keep your children safer on-line. We sometimes think – 'it will never happen to me', but from experience, it does happen here and so could be happening to your child. Please check their devices regularly for anything inappropriate or suspicious.

My Happy Mind!

Have you asked your children about *HAP*, our friendly teddy, telling us all about our brains? This is such an exciting tool that we have and the children are really embracing it – you were sent details in letter on 19th September but here is the link again, for you to get the App to be able to support this scheme at home. Please go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> Your authentication code is 119421. Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on how to download the app from My Happy Mind.

Thank you for your support.

Friends of St John's

Our first Friends meeting of the year is being held tomorrow at 6.00 p.m. in the school hall. Anyone can join our PTA, please come along if you would like to see what it is all about. We have some fabulous ideas already for this year's events but your thoughts and ideas are always welcome. We look forward to seeing you.



St John's Got Talent!

Wow! Miss Ellison and I were overwhelmed by the talent we saw at last week's auditions. There were 40 acts/performers and we had to whittle them down to just 14. We were so impressed though, that we couldn't choose just 14 acts so at the moment, there are 17 performers taking part. The evening is going to be epic!!! (It might be a bit long, but honestly, we couldn't cut it down any more.) Remember, if your child has been selected to perform, they must practise at home for this event. Miss Ellison will be hosting an after school club on Wednesdays, (starting on Wednesday 9th October), which they will be invited to join. However, most of the practise will need to take place at home. Your child will receive a letter asking if they are able to attend the event on the evening planned, which is looking likely to be Thursday, 21st November but this will be confirmed later. Well done to everyone who got through and to those that didn't - please try again next time.... You were all great!

ROBIN CLASS

I am happy to say that the Robins are settling into school very nicely. We are going to start introducing them to coming up to 'big school' at the St John's Street site for PE and any special events and from **Friday 11th October**, we are going to start them up at St John's Street site for whole school Worship. The parents of Robin's Star(s) of the Week will be invited to attend the Worship but we ask that the remaining parents do not routinely attend the Worships due to safety reasons. Please only attend if you have received an invite. Thank you.

Wraparound Care

We are again, thinking about providing an after school club at our school. We will shortly be sending out a questionnaire regarding parents' interest in this facility. When you receive your questionnaire, please complete and send it back, even if your answer is that you DO NOT intend to use an after school service. Your support is much appreciated.

Thank you.

ASDA CASHPOT FOR KIDS

You will have received an email regarding this, we hope you can support us with this project. 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.

Thank you.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Wed 2nd Oct: Harvest Worship led by Kingfisher Class, parents of Kingfishers are invited to attend at 9.10 a.m. Can everyone bring donations to school during this week please? Thank you.

Wed 2nd Oct: Friends of St John's meeting in the hall at 6.00 p.m.

Thurs 3rd Oct: Cross Country event - selected children attending.

Sun 6th Oct: Harvest Festival Service at Church.

Thurs 10th Oct: Wellbeing Warriors event at Accrington Academy - selected children.

Fri 11th Oct: Robins' first whole school Worship - please drop off at St John's Street.

Mon 14th Oct: Robins to be dropped off at St John's Street site please.

Thurs 17th Oct: 'This Girl Can' event - selected children.

Thurs 17th Oct: School closes for Half-Term.

Fri 18th Oct: INSET Day.

Mon 28th Oct: Back to school - Robins to be dropped off at St John's Street.

Wed 30th Oct: Parents Evening - more information to follow.

Fri 1st Nov: School photo's.

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

Wed 13th Nov: Parents Evening.

Thurs 14th Nov: Vision Screening for Robin pupils.

Thurs 21st Nov: St John's Got Talent evening - to be confirmed.

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: Great Harwood Lights Switch On.

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) ☺

Wed 18th Dec: School Christmas Lunch.

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.