



# St John's News

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## Attendance

100%

National Target for Attendance	Percentage Attendance For the Period 02.09.25 - 12.12.25	
96%	Robins	92.6
	Hérons	93.0
	Kestrels	95.0
	Kingfishers	93.0
	Falcons	94.0
	Owls	95.2
	<b>SCHOOL TOTAL</b>	<b>94.0</b>

Attendance has been lower than expected recently; this is mainly due to all the nasty bugs going around at the moment! Well done to Owl Class who are leading the way so far, with 95.2%, which is below the national target.

Don't forget our 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.

Remember, our school day **starts PROMPTLY at 8.55 a.m.** All children need to be in school at this time, not just arriving. It can be very disrupting for all when children come into class late. Thank you to all who do get your children in on time.

### Message from the Headteacher:

Dear All

As we come to the end of a lovely term, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a joy to see our children grow, learn, and flourish together, and we are so proud of all they have achieved.

Christmas is a time of hope, peace, and joy – a reminder of the light that shines even in the darkest days. As we celebrate this special season, may we carry forward its message of kindness and love into the new year.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish you and your families a blessed Christmas and a happy, healthy New Year. We look forward to welcoming everyone back in January for another exciting term ahead.

Miss Parker

## PUNCTUALITY

We have a problem with lateness in school. It is so disrupting for all when children come in late in the morning. Please do try to make it into school on time. Gates open at 8.45 a.m. Doors open at 8.50 a.m. and the register closes at 9.00 a.m. We are going to be tightening up on punctuality from January, some children are missing 2 hours of learning per week because they are consistently late – we can do so much better than this. Regular offenders will be getting a phone call from their class teacher, initially as support – we will help where we can but it is your responsibility to get your children to school on time. Thank you to all the parents who do this – you are amazing!

Breakfast Club opens at 7.30 a.m. and is currently only £2.50 per session to attend! Children may just turn up as these sessions do not need to be booked in advance – however, sessions must be paid for on the day of attendance or in advance. Thank you.



## After School Club Provision

The Nest after school club is thriving! We are open every day during term time, from 3.25pm – 6.00pm – where your child can take part in lots of fun activities like painting, colouring and games in the hall, as well as lots of games outside using scooters, tennis, football – you name it they will do it! Those that attend really enjoy it and get to choose what activities they want to do too! All children are given snacks and drinks on entry and throughout the time they are there. At £8.50 per session, this is a bargain. Ask in school for a registration form and details on how to book and pay.

## School Nurse

Once a month, the school nurse, Julie Gilroy, will be holding a drop-in session in school. This can be covering any subject such as toileting issues, sleep issues, diet etc. The next session is being held on Tuesday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February between 9.00 – 10.00 a.m. If you are interested in coming along, please email Mrs. K Smith at [k.smith@st-johns-greatharwood.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:k.smith@st-johns-greatharwood.lancs.sch.uk) and we will get you booked in.

## DODGEBALL

Mrs. York took a group of year 5 & 6 children to a glow dodgeball event on 24<sup>th</sup> November and they all played really well and their behaviour was outstanding. Well done all of you!

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY



**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** KS2 Carol Concert at 9.10 a.m. All parents invited. Stars of The Term will be awarded and their parents' seats will be reserved at the front.

**Thurs 18<sup>th</sup> Dec:** School closes for End of Term.

**Mon 5<sup>th</sup> Jan:** 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 is up to date on our records so that we can text you.