



Attendance this week = 95.29%



St John's Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together in Love and Respect

Dear St John's families,

It has been lovely to welcome the children back this week. I am so pleased to see them coming in with their coats and hats as the weather has changed so quickly.

We wish Happy Diwali to our school community.

This week we began to talk about our new value of Courage. We talked about Marcus Rashford and Michael Jordan and the small moments of courage they took regularly through their lives. We also looked at how Marcus Rashford has strong values and how we work to help others. We are encouraging the children to see that the small moments of everyday courage are as important as the big courageous things we often hear about.

We had a fantastic Parent's Forum on Tuesday and we will have our next one in January 2022. I have also been delighted to see the Design Technology room in use for cookery this week.

We have included a letter with this week's newsletter to explain more about the plans for this term. And further down in the newsletter there are details about our next plans for after school club and the new home learning grids.

Don't forget that Monday is school photograph day so we are looking forward to seeing everyone in smart uniform and big smiles.

I hope you have a good weekend

Mrs Samantha Da Costa
Headteacher

Friday, 5th November 2021

Key Dates

Monday 8th November

Individual and current St John's Sibling Photographs. All children to wear school uniform.

Thursday 11th November

Year 5 leading Remembrance at St John's Church with one adult per family 10.45am.

Friday 19th November

Bag 2 School - supporting the Friends. Bring clothing donations to school by 9am on the day.

Tuesday 23rd November

Year 3A - Retreat day in church

Wednesday 24th November

Flu Vaccinations - details to follow
Year 1 & 2 Trip to Cineworld Watford

Thursday 25th November

Year 3B - Retreat day in church

Monday 29th November

Inset Day- School Closed

Thursday 9th December

Year 3 Collective Worship to parents 2.40pm

Monday 20th December

Year 2 Christingle with their families in church 9.30am

Wednesday 15th December

Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day

Tuesday 21st December

Last Day of Term. Break up at 2pm. No After School Club

Past newsletters will be available as links on our school website.

<https://watfordstjohns.org/info-for-parents/communication/>

Information for St John's Families

Super Steps After School Club

We are pleased to announce that Super Steps After School Club is getting ready to open its doors to those St John's families who still require wraparound childcare. This service is run Super Steps Nursery, an external company who will collect the children from St John's Church of England Primary School at the end of the school day and walk with them to their premises in the church hall in Estcourt Road.

Families will need to book directly with Super Steps using the following link <https://supersteps.magicbooking.co.uk> All enquiries for Super Steps After School Club bookings will need to be made directly to them and not to the school. The link for bookings will go live on **Monday 8th November 2021** for sessions starting from 15th November.

We hope that this will support our families who still need after school childcare and mean that we will have more flexibility so that those who need ad hoc sessions will be able to book at either the school's service or through Super Steps.

Bag 2 School Collection, Friday 19th November 2021

The Friends of St John's can turn your clothes into cash to fund exciting projects and opportunities for the St John's children.

Please bag up your good quality clothes and **please bring your donations to school on 19th November before 9am**

Bag 2 School is a great opportunity to declutter your home, reduce the amount of clothing in landfills and help to raise

Please visit the [Bag 2 School website](#) for more information and a full list of what can be donated.



School Milk

If your child is over the age of 5 and you want to register them for school milk. Please use this [link](#).

Cool Milk

Online Safety

For e-safety support and advice please click on this [link](#) Please click on the links below for more information on e-safety.

[Think you know](#)

[Disney Wild](#)

[About Safety](#)

[Smartie The Penguin](#)

[Childnet Safety Internet](#)

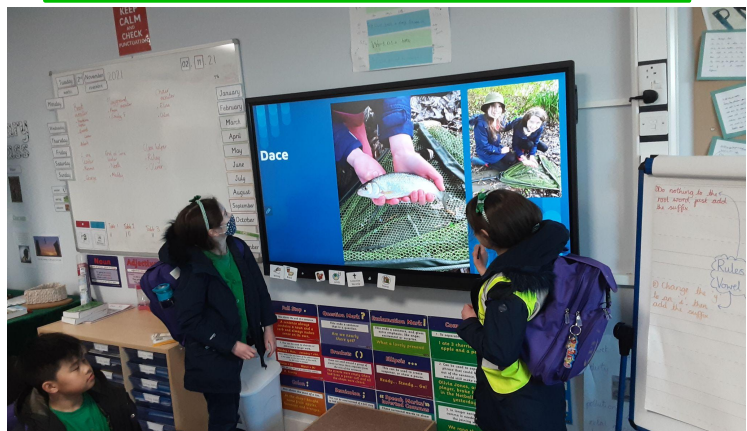
[A useful guide to apps to help keep your child safe online](#)

St John's children at work

Year 5 are preparing to lead their very first Collective Worship about Remembrance. The children have started to create an impactful piece of art as well as learning their lines, ready to recite next week.



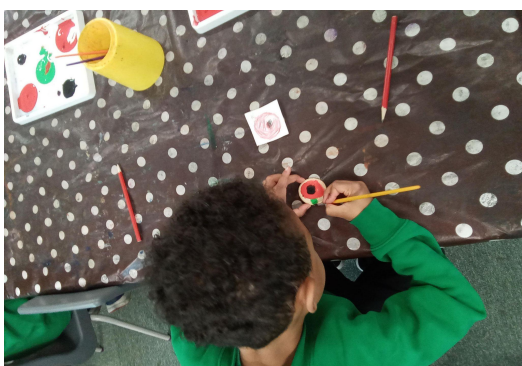
Year 5 were also treated to a well-organised presentation about the fishing adventures Sophie and Chloe's half term fishing adventures



This week, in Year Three Botanical, the children have enjoyed being scientists and investigating which surfaces create the most friction



Year One Aurora learnt about Diwali festival celebrations and designed Diya lamps.



Year One Aurora reflected on Courage, this month's value and have painted poppies in preparation for Remembrance Day, 11th November 2021

Celebrations at St John's School



Date	Celebration	Year Group
11th November 2021	Remembrance Service	Year 5
7th December 2021	Nativity	Year 1
9th December 2021	Collective Worship	Year 3
9th December 2021	Nativity	Reception
15th December 2021	Christmas Lunch and Jumper Day	Whole School
20th December 2021	Christingle	Year 2

St John's Star Tea Party

The first St John's Church of England Primary School Star Tea Party took place in Mrs Da Costa's office prior to half term, the children each had a cupcake and a drink.

The Class Teachers nominate children who have made positive decisions and are enthusiastically engaging in St John's school life.

The Tea Parties will take place once every half term in Mrs Da Costa's office.



Homework and Curriculum



The new Autumn 2 home learning grids are now live on our school website
<https://watfordstjohns.org/info-for-parents/communication/>

There are a range of activities for the children to do. You can choose which activities you'd prefer to work on and you are free to complete them in any order. Information about how to share the work is included on the grid. We have selected a range of tasks to support the children's learning in a variety of ways.

A new page on our website signposting workshops:
<https://watfordstjohns.org/parents/parent-support/>

KIRFs - **K**ey **I**ntant **R**ecall **F**acts - These are important maths facts to learn. As you move up the colours the facts get harder. Underneath the KIRFs you will find key words to learn to spell.

You will find these here:

<https://watfordstjohns.org/info-for-parents/communication/>

Termly Overviews:

To help our families know what their children are learning in class we have created overviews which you will find here:

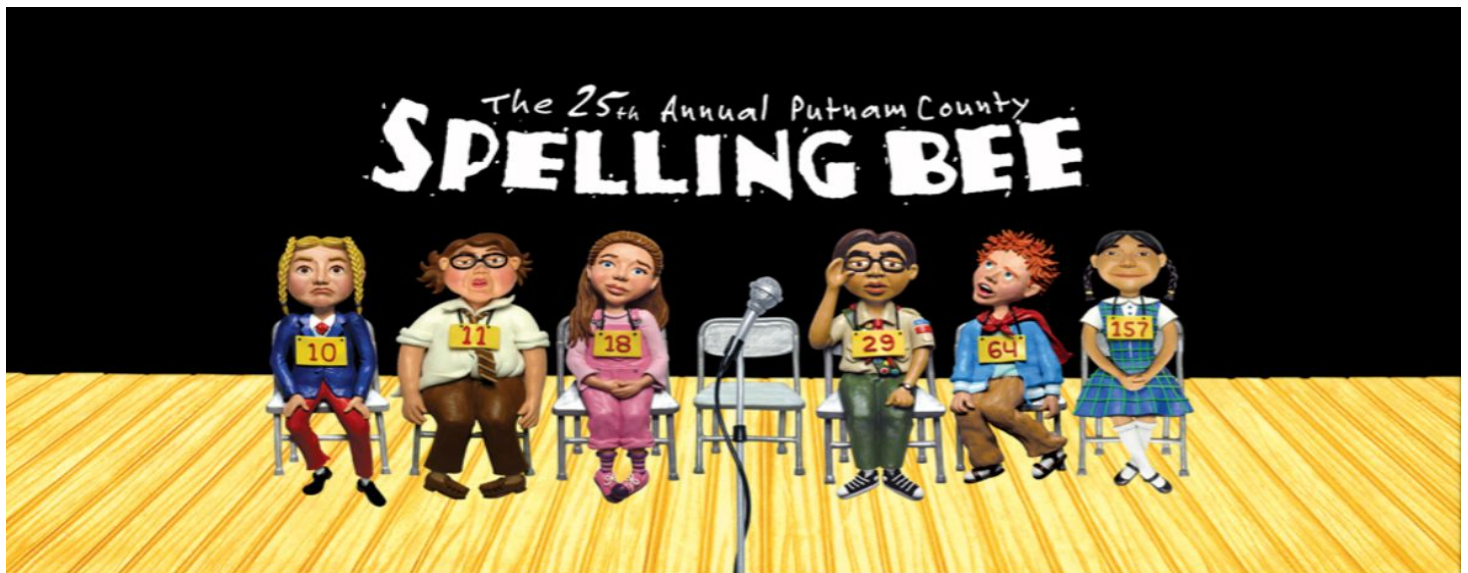
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Activities

The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee

Mr Handley, Year Two Class Teacher will be performing in a play called The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee at The Abbey Theatre, St Albans, 16th -20th November 2021.

Please visit [St Albans Musical Theatre Company website](#) for more information about the play as well as how to book tickets.



Dotted Note School of Music

New slots available
at St.John's Primary School

1 to 1 & Group
Lessons

Piano, Violin, Cello, Guitar, Flute, Vocals

Grade Exams
&
11+ Music Aptitude
Test Preparation

Call now to join!
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