



Attendance this week = 94.62%

St John's Weekly Newsletter

Growing Together in Love and Respect

Dear St John's families,

My goodness what a tremendous week. As a school, in collective worship, we have spoken a lot about joy. My heart was definitely filled with joy this week, watching the youngest members of our school perform in front of an audience in such a calm and focused way and the reaction of their grown ups was a very special moment.

I am so proud of all the children and how they have shared their learning and school life with their families this term.

I know things are feeling a little bleak in the news at the moment but I hope this week's newsletter gives you a moment of joy.

We will continue to keep up with all the changes relating to Covid, in the meantime we will continue as we are.

Thank you everyone. as we approach the end of term, for helping us to be able to continue as we already doing.

Attached with the newsletter is a letter with details about events to the end of term.

Mrs Samantha Da Costa
Headteacher

If you would like to speak with your child's teacher you can:

Catch them at pick up

Telephone the office and ask for the teacher to make contact

Send an email to the office and someone will contact you

This month's value is:

Joy

Friday, 10th December 2021

Key Dates

Wednesday 15th December

St John's School Christmas Jumper Day
Children are welcome to wear festive clothing or accessories should they wish to do so.

Monday 20th December

Year 2 Christingle with their families at St John's Church 9.30am.

One adult per child.

Tuesday 21st December

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

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Wednesday 5th January 2022

Inset Day - School Closed

Thursday 6th January 2022

Back to School for all children

Monday 14th- Friday 19th February

Half Term- School closed

Friday 1st April 2022

Last Day of Term. School closes 2pm.
No After School Club

Monday 4th - 18th April 2022

Easter Holidays- School closed



Nativity

The Year One and Reception children took place this week, the school hall was full of a combination of nerves and excitement and the children enjoyed wearing their costumes and sharing the Nativity story with their families and each other. Thank you for supporting your children with their first St John's Church of England Primary School nativity play.

Mrs Da Costa took a selection of photographs after each performance which have been uploaded to Google Classroom (Y1) and Tapestry (Reception).



St John's Christmas Jumper Day, 15th December 2021

Next Wednesday (15th December 2021) is Christmas Jumper Day at St John's Church of England Primary School. A Christmas jumper is not essential. Christmas Jumper Day is an opportunity to celebrate the individuality which makes our school community so very special and wonderful. All Children are welcome to wear as little or much festive clothing as they feel comfortable with. Possible options include wearing festive coloured clothing, wearing an item of sparkly clothing, wearing festive hair accessories, pinning a piece of tinsel to a school jumper or cardigan top. Children are also welcome to wear their complete school uniform on the day. Please ensure that all clothing and footwear is suitable for a normal school day



Festive Celebrations at St John's School

Thank you to everyone for supporting our festive celebrations, these special events are part of a programme of events scheduled to take place throughout the school year.

It is important that we continue to work together to keep our community safe during the current Covid pandemic, therefore we ask that only **ONE family member attend per child.** Please wear a face covering unless except and please do not attend if you are feeling unwell.

Celebration	Year Group	Date	Time	
Christmas Jumper Day (no need to buy a Christmas jumper)	Whole School	15th December 2021	All Day	Pupils and staff only
Christingle	Year 2	20th December 2021	9:30am	One family member from Y2

Year One Dance Assembly

The Year One children expressed Joy, this month's value during a special dance assembly.




Jesse Tree Collective Worship

The Year Three classes learnt about The Jesse Tree during a recent retreat day. The children were delighted to have the opportunity to share what they had learnt during a special Collective Worship.



Extra Curricular Clubs

The following clubs are organised and run by external organisations and take place at St John's Church of England Primary School. Please contact the provider directly to book a place for your child.



ST JOHN'S C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

DANCE CLUB

YEAR 2

Tuesdays
3:15-4:15

11th Jan - 8th Feb
2022

5 sessions
£27.50

CONTACT BETH DIRECTLY TO BOOK

07956 516545 beth@b-dance.co.uk

PLEASE SEE OUR FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
ON THE NEXT PAGE FOR MORE INFORMATION


FAQ'S

How do I sign up?
To book your place contact Beth directly via:
Email - beth@b-dance.co.uk or
Telephone - 07956 516545

How do I pay?
Payment must be made before or at the first class.
Payment later than the second class will mean you can not participate in the club.

Payment can be made via bank transfer to:
Miss B Landen
Nationwide Building Society - 07 04 36 - 09551394

What do I need to wear/bring?
Students should wear suitable clothing and comfortable trainers. Personalised dance t-shirts are available to order from Beth. Children may also bring a small snack and water bottle to class.



B Dance clubs are suitable for boys and girls of all abilities!



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| Childcare | Breakfast Clubs | Lunch Clubs | PPA Cover | After School Clubs | Holiday Camps |

St John's After School Clubs

Y4 & Y5 Wednesday Football:
Start Date: Wednesday 12th January 2022
End date: Wednesday 30th March 2022

Thursday Year 3 Tennis:
Start Date: Thursday 13th January 2022
End date: Thursday 31st March 2022
3:15pm - 4:15pm
Book by 11th & 12th January

Please go online to secure your child's booking:
www.xtratime.co.uk
CHILDCARE VOUCHERS ACCEPTED

Please then go to "School Sports Clubs" and then find the club you wish to book onto using the drop down box labelled "Select Your Child's School to Complete Your Booking Form"

Email: **sportsservices@xtratime.co.uk**

We run a Saturday football fun club every single week, all year round at Cassiobury Junior School for Ages 3-13 from 10am-12pm. Please see the website for more information and refer to our terms and conditions.

Twitter: @XtraTimeKEC Facebook: XTRA TIME Instagram: @xtratimekc WhatsApp: WhatsApp

Information for St John's Families

The Joy of Christmas: Thank you for your kind donations to the Joy of Christmas collection for the [Watford and Three Rivers Refugee Partnership](#). There will be table outside school on Monday 13th December to collect final donations.



Medical Appointments: Please try to make appointments outside of school hours. If an appointment is for after 9:15am, we would expect them to come to school first to be registered and order their school lunch. If their appointment is before this, when you tell the office of the appointment please make sure that you tell us if they will be in school for lunch and what they would like to eat.

If your child has a medical appointment that has to take place during the school day, they should be away from school for the shortest time as possible.

SEND: Information about SEND support and resources can found on the [Inclusion Page](#) on the St John's Church of England Primary School website.

Admissions Consultation: St John's Church of England Primary School is consulting on the proposed admissions arrangements for the school year 2023-24 and is seeking responses from parents/carers, schools and community group.

The consultation runs until 12th December 2021. Please view the **Consultations** page on our school website for full details. Comments should be sent direct to our school.

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

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

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](#)