



**Attendance this week = 94.64 %**

## St John's C of E Primary School Weekly Newsletter

### Growing Together in Love and Respect

Dear St John's families,

This week as I have walked around school checking that everyone is ok I have been so impressed with the hard work from all our children. As I am sure that you are aware we are still struggling with staff illness. Thank you for your patience and understanding at this time.

Congratulations to Year 4 who have some competition winners. On the next page you can find more information.

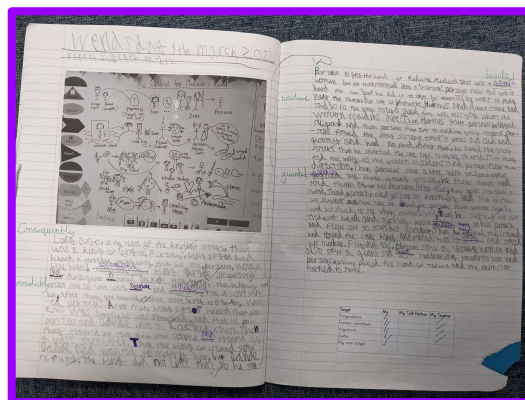
Today when I went into Year 4 I was treated to seeing three children's writing. The effort and improvement over time feels me with pride and joy. Each of them have also worked hard to edit and improve their work and the journey can be seen on the page; just like authors. One of the pieces of work is below and the other two are on page 3.

This week the Eagle Advisors had a taste testing session with our school caterers to try out new options for the Summer Menu. We have children from Year 1 to Year 5 in the group and they always make such insightful comments. They were able to discuss and make suggestions for the finalised menu. On the next page you can see some pictures from this session. They are such wonderful advocates for their classmates and the school as a whole.

On Monday we are planning to provide you with information about a Day for Peace on Wednesday 16th March 2022. Please watch out in your inbox and on Class Dojo.

In Love and Respect

Mrs Samantha Da Costa  
Headteacher



This month's value is:

# Forgiveness

**Friday 11th March 2022**

**Key Dates 2021/22**

**16th March 2022**

Day for Peace. Children are welcome to wear purple

Year 5 Retreat Day. Stations of the Cross, St John's Church

**Friday 18th March 2022**

Red Nose Day. Children are welcome to wear red clothing

**23rd March 2022**

9:15am Year One Easter Service with Year One families, St John's Church

2:50pm Year 5 Collective Worship with Year 5 families, St John's School

**31st March 2022**

The Friends of St John's pizza kits  
More details to follow

**Friday 1st April 2022**

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

Easter Eggs for all St John's Church of England Primary School children from the Friends of St John's

**Monday 4th - 18th April 2022**  
Easter Holidays: School closed

**Tuesday 19th April 2022**  
Back to School

**31st May-3rd June 2022**  
Half Term

**Monday 6th June 2022**  
Inset Day - School Closed

**Tuesday 10th May 2022**  
School Class Photographs for all year groups.

# School Life at St John's C of E Primary

**GROUNDWORK**  
CHANGING PLACES | CHANGING LIVES



Congratulations to Izzy, Harley, Theo and Dev in Year 4 who have won the Veolia Poster Competition. The children have designed posters which will be installed on the bins in green spaces along the length of the [River Colne](#) in Watford.



The Eagle Advisors taste tested some items from the new school lunch menu for the summer term.

The children thought carefully about how the food tasted and how it looked and gave their feedback

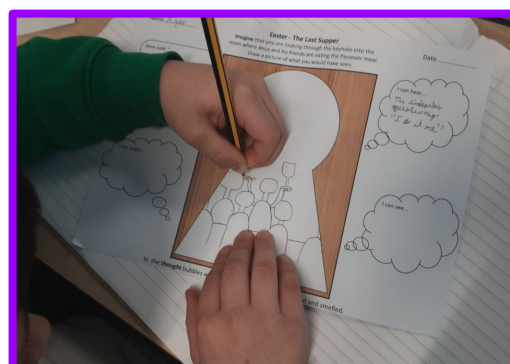
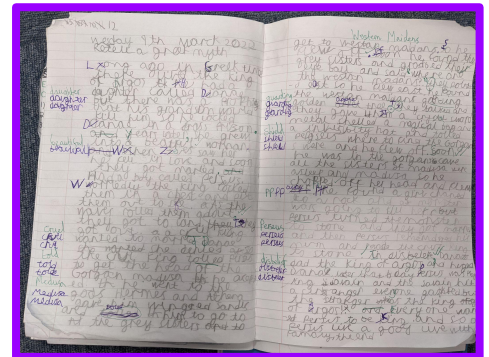
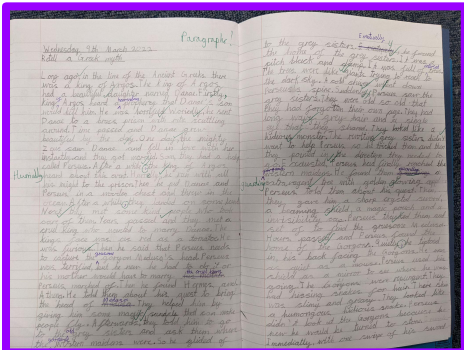




# School Life at St John's C of E Primary



This week at St John's C of E Primary School, the children played, practiced their handwriting, met a purple robot, had new learning experiences and had an R.E lesson.



# Information for St John' Families

## Covid 19

We have had further cases reported in Year 3 and also now in Reception and Year Five. We have a number of staff absences which we are covering at the moment with our regular supply teachers and HLTA's. However, there are still issues with being able to secure supply teachers, and although we will do our best, we are coming close to a point where we may have to close classes if we do not have enough staff to teach the children.

A general reminder to all families

If your child is unwell, do not send them to school until they are well. If they develop a cough, please keep them at home for a day or two to see if it develops into a persistent cough.

If your child has a symptom of Covid-19, please arrange for them to have a PCR test at a testing centre, where the swab is sent off to the laboratory for testing. You can book an appointment on this website

<https://www.gov.uk/get-coronavirus-test>

If the test is positive for coronavirus, please contact the school office where we will be able to provide you with information based upon the current guidance. Currently this is that the positive person should stay at home for at least five days and only return to school on day six if negative lfd tests on day five and six.

### Covid Symptoms

- a high temperature
- a new, continuous cough – this means coughing a lot, for more than an hour, or 3 or more coughing episodes in 24 hours
- a loss or change to sense of smell or taste – this means they cannot smell or taste anything, or things smell or taste different to normal.

Thank you for your continued support and understanding.

**Lost Property.** Please remember to label all school uniform including shoes and water bottles clearly with your child's full name.

There is currently a collection of water bottles, two pairs of glasses and several items of clothing in the lost property box without names of them. Please collect any lost items as soon as possible.



**Vomiting and/ or Diarrhea:** St John's School policy says that any child who vomits or has diarrhea must stay at home for 48 hours after the last incident. They are welcome to return to school after 48 hours, if they are well enough to come back.





# Easter Holiday Activities



## Get Set 4 Tennis

### Easter Holiday Camp

4th-8th April and 11-14th April  
9-1pm daily

Hertfordshire's  
Holiday Activity Programme

**HAPPY**

- \* Denham Way Tennis Courts, Maple Cross WD3 9SL
- \* Clubhouse now OPEN and ready to use!
- \* Open to ages 4-11 - places limited
- \* £20 per session
- \* All equipment provided
- \* Packed lunch and drinks required
- \* Fun Games, Matchplay and Enrichment Activities

HAPPY Camp Bookings are FREE

\* If your child goes to school in Herts and is in receipt of free school meals you should have received a booking code  
A hot meal and snacks will be provided for all HAPPY bookings  
To book go to  
[www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking/](http://www.sportinherts.org.uk/happy/booking/)  
For all Get Set 4 Tennis bookings:  
Email [getset4tennis@gmail.com](mailto:getset4tennis@gmail.com) Tel 07920 101907  
Web [www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/getset4tennis/coaching/camps](http://www.clubspark.lta.org.uk/getset4tennis/coaching/camps)

**HEAD** **LTA** **TENNIS** **FOR BRITAIN** **THREE RIVERS DISTRICT COUNCIL**



## KEV F SUTHERLAND'S COMIC ART MASTERCLASS

Create your own cartoon character and story  
with Beano artist Kev F Sutherland

**Watford Central Library**  
Wednesday 6 April  
10 - 12.15 & 2 - 4.15

**Hatfield Library**  
Thursday 14 April  
10 - 12.15 & 2 - 4.15

Tickets £5.00 per child. Children must be over 8

**Inspired**  
[www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries](http://www.hertfordshire.gov.uk/libraries)

**Hertfordshire**

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**WatfordFC community** **COMMUNITY SPORTS & EDUCATION TRUST**  
REGISTERED CHARITY NO. 110239

## Football Holiday Courses

### Easter Holidays 2022

**Watford, Harpenden & Kings Langley**

Week 1: £20.00 per day or £90.00 for 5 days  
Week 2: £20.00 per day or £70.00 for 4 days

**Fun & educational football sessions for participants aged 6-13 years old**

Week 1: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April (5 days)  
Week 2: Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April to Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> April (4 days)  
10am-3pm

**Limited spaces available**

**Book now**  
[www.watfordfccsetrust.com](http://www.watfordfccsetrust.com) and click 'BOOKINGS'