



# NEWSLETTER No. 18

July 2025

Dear Saint John's families,

The end of the Summer Term is always busy with events and excitements for all of the children. This year is no different and we are pleased that everything has gone ahead as planned!

Our Sports Morning was a huge success with the children taking part in both running and activity races, with some creative ideas, particularly in Year 6. Thank you to Miss Sanders, Mr Allison and the PTFA for their hard work and perseverance putting it all together and ensuring that, despite the heat, the children had a great time! Mr Allison will be sorely missed; he has been an important part of the school for many years. We wish him all the best for the future.

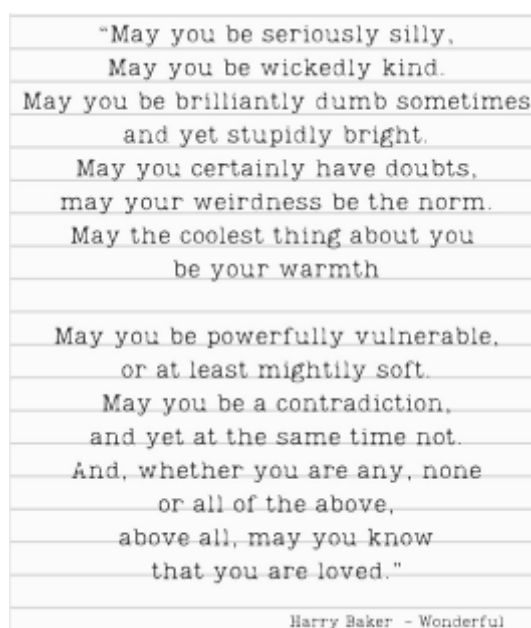
This term's Open Classrooms had a big turn-out and parents/carers were able to see the various tasks going on in the classrooms; it was particularly good seeing parents/carers checking out the rooms and teachers who will be with their children next year! PC Laura was very impressed with how many attended the Internet Safety presentation and commented on the helpful questions and comments that were made. School will continue to do all that we can to protect the children through overt teaching, good role-modelling and keeping families informed about the best ways to support children in this tech-focused world!

The school was filled with delicious smells over two days during our DT Cooking Days. These are useful skills for the future and it was clear that the children enjoyed the fun of planning, creating and then eating the items!

I must mention the incredible work of the PTFA when putting on a brilliant School Summer Fair, as well as providing for the Year 6 Leavers' Disco. This group of parents are a wonder and we are so very grateful for all that they do! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

One of the most important events of the year is the Year 6 Leavers' service at St Luke's. It was a beautiful service, with the choir singing and pupils leading prayers. The children were presented with the gift of a Bible from St Luke's and a Saint John's notebook to be signed by the school community. As some parting advice, I read an extract from a poem. I have copied it here for those who were not able to make the service.

[Wonderful - Harry Baker](#)



Harry Baker - Wonderful

Finally, we have arrived at Friday 18th July: the last day of the academic year! What an achievement. We have said goodbye to Ms Kiely, wish her all the best for her wedding and are delighted that Miss Smith will be joining us in Year 3.

Please keep safe over the holidays and we look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 2nd September. Take care, Mrs Beevers



Written by Sharon Morrow TA



What a busy week Reception have had! It was lovely to see so many parents on Monday afternoon for our open classroom. The children really loved showing you their writing skills and then playing with you in the garden. They really enjoyed the author visit on Tuesday and loved listening to Betty and Toff's latest adventures at the seaside. Thank you to Sian Hughes for visiting and we look forward to her next visit! The children had a great time making fruit salad cups as part of DT day. They were great at cutting up the fruit and loved eating it! Finally, to finish a lovely first year at school, we held our 'Pirate Day', where we had sword fights, walked the plank, made pirate cakes, sang lots of sea shanties and made a pirate! Have a fantastic summer!





**Year 1** really enjoyed the final stage of making their moving toy and that was the decorating stage! The children used their designs and tried to stick them as much as possible and they enjoyed showing them to Year 4. They had lots of fun at a geometry workshop a couple of weeks ago. The children had the chance to solve a variety of puzzles involving 2d and 3d shapes. It turns out that they are very good at this!



**Year 2** have had a crafty couple of weeks. In Art, the children have been exploring Aboriginal artwork. They created their own artwork with Aboriginal symbols and patterns using paint. We were very impressed with their finished work. In DT, the children have been adding decoration to their stitched pouches. Some of the children chose to use fabric glue while others chose to use a running stitch. Throughout this term, the children have been working on their team building skills in PE. This week, they had to work as a team, listening and communicating well with each other to complete an orienteering activity. All of the children practised their map reading and symbol recognition skills. They also had lots of fun completing the activity!



**Year 3** completed their first project this term and brought these in to share. The quality was very impressive and children from other classes really enjoyed visiting to explore them! On DT day, the children made vegetable tarts. They learnt how to prepare vegetables and loved choosing which ones they wanted on their tart. The classroom smelled lovely by the end of the day and the children all said how much they enjoyed cooking. Well done, Year 3!



To make the most of the lovely weather, **Year 4** enjoyed a Reading for Pleasure session in the front garden. It was lovely to see and hear the children enjoying books together in such a relaxed setting. For their cooking day, the children followed a basic flapjack recipe, adding in a simple adaptation to make five different varieties of flapjack. The children also created packaging and an advert for their finished product.



**Year 5** children have had a busy couple of weeks. The children learned the journey of beef from farm to fork. They created their own recipes for spaghetti bolognese. They prepped and chopped all the ingredients confidently and carefully cooked a delicious and nutritious meal. They were so enthusiastic about cooking and tasting food as well as learning how to make meals more nutritionally balanced. They also showcased their wonderful projects on South America during the week. The projects were truly impressive.



**Year 6** gave a fantastic ukulele performance to some parents and Year 5 on Monday. They have been working hard on their musical skills and put together a whole variety of tuneful numbers to entertain their appreciative audience. In geography, the children finished their unit on earthquakes thinking about how buildings are designed to withstand them. They were challenged to build the safest, tallest and best-looking structure using just 12 long art straws. They applied what they had learnt to create some spectacular structures. They then tested the structures on a wobble table to see how well they would stand up to an earthquake. Finally, the children enjoyed designing and making healthy burgers during DT Day. They used either turkey mince or a veggie alternative and a variety of other ingredients to create their own tasty burgers.



What an amazing year it has been and the PTFA couldn't have done it without each and every one of you and your support!



We loved watching the KS2 drama group, who put on a fantastic performance of 'Sea Dreaming' for the rest of the school and parents. Thank you to Gemma Bolwell for all her work with both drama groups.

The Summer Fair raised £916.98! Thank you for everyone who braved the heat to come out and support us and the school!

The glow dance sponsor event was also a major success, raising a total of £973.10, with Year 4 raising the most with £258! AMAZING amount of money raised for the school.

The PTFA will be holding their AGM meeting September 9th at the school and we would love to see some new friendly faces. The money we raise goes back into school, helping it make the students have the best school experience they can. Please do come along, no contribution is too small and we would love to have you join our friendly group of parents. If you have any questions or comments please email us at [ptfa@st-johns-pri.gloucs.sch.uk](mailto:ptfa@st-johns-pri.gloucs.sch.uk)

Again, THANK YOU for such an amazing school year and we look forward to seeing what next year brings. Have a great summer!





