



NEWSLETTER No. 13

June 2026

Dear Saint John's families,

I have been focused on hearing the different "voices" (views) around our school community recently. Firstly, I have been reading the responses from the parent/carer survey, collating the information and, in particular, noting the comments made. It has been a very helpful exercise and, as a result, will influence decisions going forward. It was also very encouraging with so many positive comments about how school is organised and how well staff engage with you as families. I will publish the information later this term, but here are some highlights:

"Good culture which promotes inclusiveness and kindness"

"The love of learning is working well."

The teachers are described as: "enthusiastic, caring, supportive, kind, approachable".

In addition, it was brilliant to see so many families join us for Open Classrooms and the cyber security talk from the police. Thank you for coming.

I have also been meeting with groups of children to discuss their learning this year and to find out their views and opinions about school. This adds to the information that Mr Vaughan gains from the School Council as he meets them each week.

Finally, the governors meet each month and are able to discuss their views and thoughts about Saint John's. We are encouraged by the interest which has been shown about the governor vacancies. This bodes well for the future!

Please note the following dates for the diary as they are great opportunities to enjoy as a school community:

Thursday 18th June at 9.30/9.45am:

Sports Morning at Cheltenham Cricket Club, Prince's St, Cheltenham GL52 6BE

EVERYONE WELCOME

Friday 10th July 5.30-7.30pm

Saint John's Summer School Fair

EVERYONE WELCOME- BRING FRIENDS!!

Wednesday 15th July at 10.30am:

Y6 & KS2 Show at Highbury Church

EVERYONE WELCOME

Wednesday 15th July 6-7.30pm:

Leavers' Disco at school (just Year 6 pupils)

Thursday 16th July at 2pm:

Leavers' Service at St Luke's Church

EVERYONE WELCOME

Friday 17th July: School finishes at 2pm

Please be aware that we have put term dates for 2026-27 and have nearly sorted the dates for the academic year for 2027-28. Please be aware as you make decisions for the years to come.

I am sure you will enjoy the following pages which are a taster of all that your children are doing at Saint John's. The summer term is always busy so do check out Dojo for the most up to date information and celebration!

Take care, Mrs Beevers



Written by Sharon Morrow TA



We have had a really fun time back in **Reception**, despite the downpours of rain! This week, we have started our transition into Y1 activities by eating lunch in the hall, rather than the classroom. The children found it very exciting to be with the other year groups. In Maths, they have been completing adding and takeaway sums, using counters and a tens frame. The children are really good at their mental maths sums e.g. doubles, finding ways to make a number and one more and one less. In Literacy, they have been learning our story of 'The Sand Horse.' The children will be making their own sand sculptures in the next few weeks, although there has been lots of practice in the sand pit!



Year 1 have had a busy time back at school! The children used atlases to locate the countries that make up the United Kingdom, welcomed Clare and Daisy back to our classroom and asked Clare lots of questions about how to care for a dog. The children have worked with their maths partners to carry out an investigation on 2 digit numbers and they have also started our sewing topic by completing some paper weaving.



Year 2 have had a fantastic start to Term 6. In DT, the children have thoroughly enjoyed beginning their new textiles project. They showed great perseverance and concentration as they learned how to thread a needle and sew a running stitch. The children were very proud of their new skills and are excited to move on to designing and sewing their own purses in the coming weeks. In RE, they have been exploring the question, "How can someone's worldview be seen in the choices they make?" The children looked carefully at photographs of different people and discussed what they were doing as well as what might be important to them. Through these discussions, the children developed a good understanding that a worldview is the way we understand and respond to the world around us. They enjoyed sharing their ideas and listening thoughtfully to the views of others.



Year 3 have been working collaboratively in pairs to write exciting setting descriptions and using ambitious vocabulary to bring their ideas to life. In Geography, the children have started learning about Africa and exploring how different it is from the UK. They used atlases to locate the continents and compare physical features, developing their map-reading and research skills.



In PE, **Year 4** have been working on their throwing and catching skills through two fun ball sports: cricket and handball. They showed great coordination as they practised using different types of balls, including tennis balls for cricket and larger balls for handball. The children did a fantastic job adapting their skills and really enjoyed playing small handball games. They learned and followed new rules, such as only holding the ball for three seconds and taking up to three steps when in possession. It was lovely to see their teamwork, confidence and enthusiasm grow throughout the week.



At the end of last term, **Year 5** potted their basil cuttings that they have been observing over the last 5 weeks. The cuttings had successfully grown long, strong roots and were ready for potting in soil. Although many of the cuttings did not survive the very warm conditions over half-term, at least the children now know how easy it is to clone a basil plant. Perhaps the children could experiment further with other plants at home. Under damp conditions, the children have been recording their long-distance efforts and shot put throws. We have also been looking at the structure of bridges in DT. The children have been investigating the use of different shapes with beam and arch bridges to see what difference these make to the strength of the bridge.



On Friday, **Year 6** attended the Science Festival making the most of the sunshine and the free activities on offer. They enjoyed making comets in the MakerShack, following the invertebrate trail and learning about air resistance by placing paper aeroplanes in wind tunnels.



The Year 6 children enjoyed a wonderful Leavers' Service at Gloucester Cathedral.



FRIDAY 10TH JULY | 5:30PM TO 7:30PM

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