



NEWSLETTER No. 14

June 2026

Dear Saint John's families,

I have to start by re-iterating my thanks to the whole school community for maintaining a positive attitude through the challenges of this hot weather.

As I said in my Dojo communications, I am hugely appreciative of the encouraging comments received during this difficult time of decision-making when it is clear that not everyone is going to be 100% happy with the arrangements! We ranged from those who wanted to be closed from Tuesday to Friday inclusively to those who wanted the week to be "completely normal". Overall, it feels as though a good compromise was found, with the highest priority being to do what is best for our children, both their welfare and their learning. Thank you again to everyone.

I am delighted to see that the photos in these pages show the exciting learning that children are continuing to do. As well as "normal lessons", we have been completing assessments for the end of the year, looking at both achievement and progress, particularly in Reading, Writing and Maths.

Of course, there will be detail about learning for parents/carers to read in the school reports. These give specific information for Reading, Writing and Maths, as well as giving clear targets for children to work on. In addition, staff will note effort and achievement levels for all of the other subjects.

Probably most importantly, the class teacher will comment on how your child has progressed during the year. Finally, there is a place for a Head teacher reflection and a comment from the pupil themselves. It is a lovely way to reflect on the year. These are sent out in the final week of school.

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

Friday 3rd July: Tombola Day!

If your child brings something for the tombola, then they can wear non-school uniform

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 both 2026-27 and 2027-28. Please be aware as you make decisions for the years to come.

Please note that term starts next year on

Wednesday 2nd September 2026

The first three days of school are essential for settling children in, establishing routines and relationships, reviewing learning and starting new topics. Please ensure attendance is 100%!

Have a lovely weekend, Mrs Beevers



Written by Sharon Morrow TA



This week, **Reception** children have completed their work on manipulating shapes. As part of the topic, they made shape pictures, pictures from tangrams and made shapes from other shapes. I think you can see from the photos, the sense of achievement the children had when they made different shapes from triangles! Well done, everyone! In RE, the children have been learning the story of 'Jesus calming the storm.' They made a sound effect story with the musical instruments and painted pictures of the boat in the storm. The children also enjoyed a visit from Rev. Boyd, who talked to the children about what the story means to Christians.



Year 1 children are really enjoying their sewing DT unit of work. They started off weaving paper to introduce the 'up down' method before moving onto sewing on small pieces of material. They have already drawn a design for the bunting they are going to be sewing for the end of the unit. In computing, the children have been programming Bee-Bots to move along a route.



Year 2 have been busy exploring persuasive writing this week. The children have enjoyed identifying the key features of persuasive texts and have carefully "boxed up" their model text to help them understand its structure. They are excited to begin innovating the text and using their ideas to write their own persuasive pieces. The children have also continued to practise multiplication facts on Times Tables Rock Stars. It has been wonderful to see their enthusiasm and determination as they challenge themselves to improve their speed and accuracy. We have been very impressed with the progress they are making and the confidence they are showing when recalling their multiplication facts.



In Year 3, the children have been having important conversations about what are secrets and who are our trusted adults we can speak to if we are worried about anything. We also have been using dictionaries to improve our vocabulary to begin to write our finding tales!



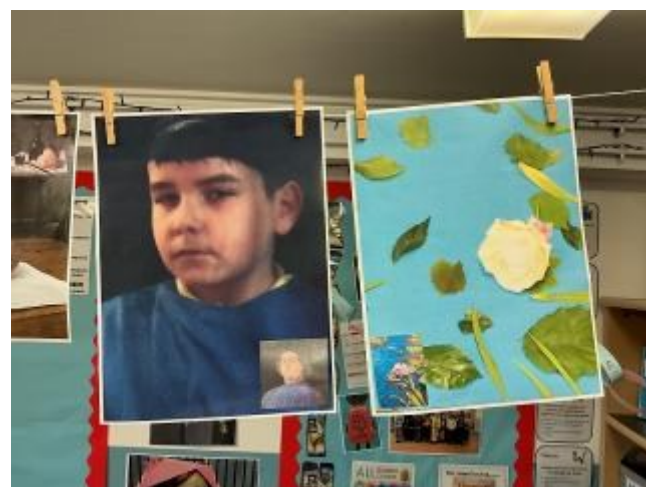
Year 4 have impressed Miss Sanders with their mature and thoughtful discussions around British values this week. They showed a really strong understanding, gave sensible responses and were able to identify examples of when they have shown these values themselves. In Geography, they have been learning about human and physical features and demonstrated excellent knowledge when sorting the features of North America. Well done, Year 4, for your fantastic attitude to learning!



In science, **Year 5** have been creating an agamograph - an art form that creates the illusion of movement or transformation, changing its appearance as the viewer shifts perspective. They looked at the changes that have taken place since they were a baby to how old they are now, using this artform to demonstrate the growth and development. In PE, we have begun learning some skills that will help us play a game of rounders. It has been great to have the space at the Cheltenham Cricket Ground to develop these skills. In DT, we have been looking at truss bridges, noticing and understanding why certain shapes are used in this structure. We then had a go at building our own truss bridges using art straws.



As part of the **Year 6** art unit, focussing on art analysis, the children chose a piece of artwork which they then recreated using everyday household objects. They enjoyed the challenge of creating the artwork without painting it, and the use of ICT to photograph their final outcomes.



The whole school enjoyed a wonderful Sports Morning last week. THANK YOU to the PTFA for setting up the gazebos and providing refreshments for the children, and THANK YOU to the Cricket Ground for allowing us to use their field and facilities. THANK YOU, also, to everyone who came to watch.





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

Join us
for the Saint John's
SUMMER FAIR



FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!

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