



NEWSLETTER No. 15

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Dear Saint John's families,

It is always a bit of a surprise to find ourselves at the end of another academic year.

We have to say goodbye to our Year 6 pupils and wish them very well for their next steps. Secondary schools will welcome them with open arms and we know that our children thrive in all the different settings. It has been lovely receiving some ex-pupils back in the last few weeks; I have had the chance to interview some of them. Please look out for a video which I will put together over the summer that includes lots of examples of "what we do at Saint John's", plus how we prepare children for life now and for life in the future.

I must ensure that thanks are given to the many people who make this school as amazing as it is: teachers, teaching assistants, pastoral support, office staff, caretaker and cleaners plus governors and leaders. Then all those who help as part of our community: parents, extended family, the church leaders and the volunteers who help our children to engage in so many wonderful activities. THANK YOU! I am sure we are all looking forward to a restful summer!

FINAL DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

This last week:

Wednesday:

KS2 performance at Highbury at 10.30am
Leavers' Disco at 6-7.30pm

Thursday:

Leavers' Service at St Luke's Church at 1.45/2pm

EVERYONE WELCOME

Friday 17th July:

SCHOOL FINISHES AT 2pm prompt!

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%!

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.

Have a really good summer holiday! Mrs B



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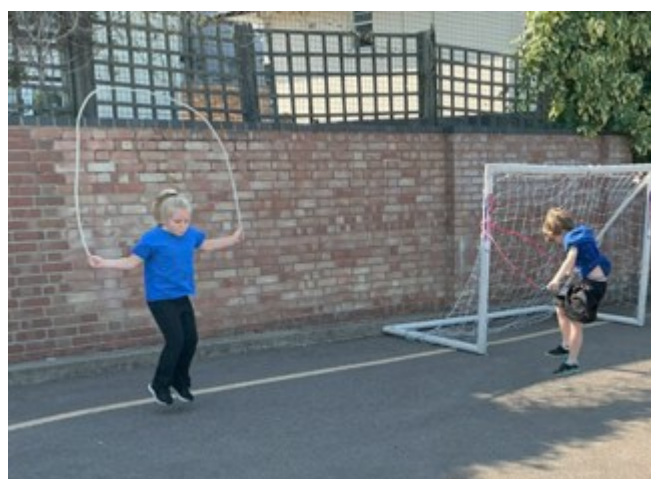
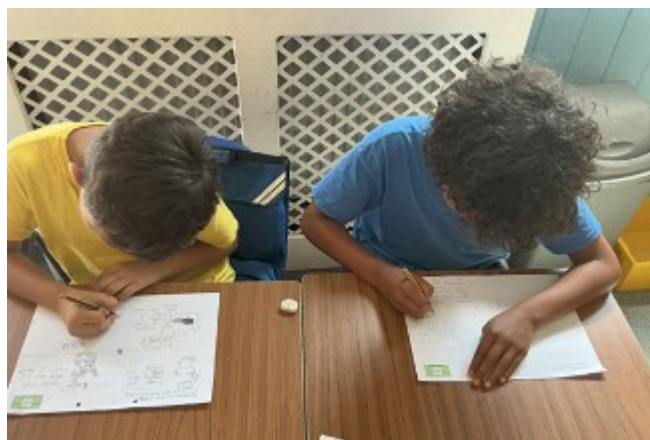
Reception have finished off an amazing first year with a Pirate Day Celebration! The children had sword fights, walked the plank, looked for treasure, iced cakes, completed pirate art and craft and ate iced lollies. What a fun day! They have also been learning about sharing and grouping in maths. This is the early stage of learning multiplication and division. The children have become really confident with their number bonds and enjoying all the maths activities that this knowledge has opened up for them. Well done, everyone!



Year 1 worked with Year 6 to complete sewing their bunting. The Year 6 children were amazing and extremely patient with the Year 1 children! They were all brilliant with each other and had lots of fun together. The children have been getting into the Wimbledon spirit in PE and honing their tennis skills. They have practised lots of different skills needed for tennis, including hand grip, the ready position, forehands and letting the ball only bounce once before attempting to hit it!



Year 2 have enjoyed learning about Australia in Geography this term. The children have shown great enthusiasm as they explored the unique animals that are native to it. They were able to identify and describe the similarities and differences between animals found in the UK and those found in Australia, using their growing geographical knowledge. In PE, the children revisited the skipping skills they learned earlier this year. Mrs Smith was impressed by their control when performing a two-foot jump skip and it was wonderful to see so many children challenging themselves by trying different skipping techniques. Their determination and perseverance were fantastic to see.



This week in **Year 3**, the children been very busy! In DT, they designed and created their own cushions, using the sewing skills and knowledge they developed in Years 1 and 2. The children carefully planned their designs before sewing their cushions together, showing lots of creativity, patience and perseverance. In English, they have finished writing their fantastic finding tales. The children worked hard to include exciting descriptions and carefully edited and improved their writing. The children are very proud of everything they have achieved this week!



Year 4 had a fun packed week with two fantastic trips. The week started with a visit to St Luke's Church to take part in an RE morning. They completed lots of activities that contained very thought-provoking questions but particularly enjoyed the 'mystery person' activity, which involved lots of teamwork to solve. On Thursday, they enjoyed a trip to Cheltenham Town Hall for a music festival. They got to listen to a live orchestra, exploring musical terminology such as tempo and pitch, before splitting into groups to try different musical instruments - a firm favourite activity of the day! This was followed by a picnic lunch at Imperial Gardens. Year 4 were great ambassadors for Saint John's throughout both trips. Well done, Year 4!



Year 5 enjoyed a Taster Day at All Saints' Academy and experienced a day at secondary school. Lessons included English, Science, Geography, Music and Maths with a science workshop to round off the day. The children had lots of fun with many now looking forward to their transition to secondary school. Back in the classroom, the children have been investigating asteroid impacts. They planned and carried out an investigation to see how the size of asteroids changes the size of the impact craters. The children also enjoyed a visit to St Luke's Church for a morning of RE, discussing big questions like - "What brings people meaning and purpose in life?"



Year 6 children enjoyed using CAD (Computer Aided Design) software to design a children's playground in 3D before going on to make mock ups of their designs.



The KS2 children enjoyed a trip to the Music Festival, where they listened to different types of music played by an orchestra, learned about percussion, played double bass, violins and trumpets, and had a picnic lunch in the park.



A big THANK YOU to Penny, one of our volunteers, who made a very generous donation to school which has enabled us to buy some class read books.



What an amazing year it has been and the PTFA has loved putting on so many events to help support the school! We couldn't have done it without everyone's support! The summer fair was a HOT one again this year but thank you for everyone who came and hopefully enjoyed themselves, we raised £770!!

THANK YOU, Year 6 class for your Summer Fair booths, they certainly added more fun and entertainment for everyone and raised an amazing £67.40!

We will be back in September to welcome more students into the school but we wish everyone a good summer and stay cool! We will post the date of our annual AGM on Class Dojo the first week back to school so please do consider coming along as we are in desperate need of some new PTFA members for the coming year. Any questions about what that entails please do get in touch!

See you all in September,
PTFA Team

The KS2 children put on a wonderful performance of 'Gigglebox'. We loved it!







Both Drama Adventures groups performed to school this week - the children enjoyed A midsummer Night's Dream and The Tempest. THANK YOU to Ms Bolwell for her work with all Drama Adventures groups.



We enjoyed a lovely Leavers' Service at St Luke's Church.



Lumi Nova: Helping young people manage their worries



Dear parent / guardian,

We are delighted to share with you a new NHS funded service designed to support young people aged 7-12 who are experiencing worries or anxieties; **Lumi Nova**. With the end of the school year approaching, we wanted to remind you to take advantage of our offer as your child/ren transition into the summer and new academic year.

What is Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova is an intergalactic adventure game to support young people to fight fears and manage worries. Whilst exploring planets, customising characters and earning treasure your child breaks their fears and worries down into manageable steps, learning life-long skills and building resilience.

Watch this short animated video to learn more: [Lumi Nova Introduction Video](#)

Who can use Lumi Nova?

Lumi Nova was created for 7 - 12 year olds (school years 3 - 7) who are having difficulties with fears, worries, or anxiety related to social situations, separation or phobias.

Lumi Nova can help your child to face their worries by breaking them down into small manageable challenges and can support your child with:

- Returning to school or starting a new school
- Making new friends and going to social events
- Speaking in front of a group
- And lots more!

How do you access Lumi Nova?

Accessing Lumi Nova is quick and easy. Use the link below to register and you will receive a text message to guide you through getting started.

[Luminova.app/gloucestershire](https://luminova.app/gloucestershire)

To find out more visit luminova.app or join a [Parent Information Webinar](#).