



**St John's**  
CE Primary School

Isaiah 40:31 'They will soar on wings like eagles'

**Head Teacher:** Mrs T. Cansdale

**Deputy Head:** Mrs M. Milne

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Here's a quick roundup of what we've been up to this month and what's coming up as we head towards Easter.

### Looking Back over March

- **EYFS Animal Fun:** Reception loved meeting the creatures from **Zoo Lab**, and Nursery and Reception children enjoyed caring for our **hatching ducklings**—including watching them take their first swim!
- **Stay and Play Mother's Day:** craft session in Nursery for families to work together and explore the classroom – we are planning more sessions like this as the children loved having you there!
- **World Book Day:** A wonderful animal themed day with brilliant costumes and lots of exciting **nonfiction reading ideas** shared across all ages. Thank you for your fundraising support, we raised nearly £150 for new books which School Council will choose.
- **Parents' Evening:** Thank you for a fantastic turnout—your support means so much. We really appreciated the Family Surveys which were completed– 94 came back and they will be passed to the next Local Academy Committee (Governors) so they can see your ideas and feedback.
- **3-day Year 6 Residential:** A memorable trip full of adventure including **canoeing, caving, zip wires and the giant swing**. A huge thanks to Mrs Milne, Miss Cope, Mrs Chesters and Mrs Campbell for giving up their family time to ensure our Y6s made some great memories.

### Looking Ahead

- **Easter Celebration with Audacious Church – Today (Wednesday)**
- **Family Breakfast – Thursday (tomorrow), 8:00am followed by Wear Purple for Epilepsy Action** - a pupil receives support from this charity and would like to give back – for a coin donation children can wear an item of purple clothing or bring a purple accessory (e.g. if they have a purple teddy) – please don't buy any new clothes for this, school uniform is fine too.
- **Celebration Worship – Friday 27th March** – last one of term so family members do join us at 8.55am
- **Year 4 cinema trip** as part of our Experiences Checklist of things the children want to do at St John's
- **Emotionally Friendly Settings Award** – we have a visit on Monday from Educational Psychologists to check in how we are creating a school which is emotionally supportive for all - [EFS website](#)
- **Year 6 at Crucial Crew – Monday 30th March** - supporting transition and helping children make safe choices as they prepare for secondary school
- **Non Uniform Day – Tuesday 31st March** for this term's winning house. It will be announced on Friday who has won our House Competition.
- **Year 1 at RHS Bridgewater – Wednesday 1st April** – for a science and gardening themed trip.
- **Easter Celebration Day – Thursday 2nd April**  
Easter bonnets can be worn to school or decorated eggs brought to display – if you wish to participate. There will be Easter fun in classes and Rev Marie from St Thomas and St John will lead our Easter worship for all our children in the school hall (so our younger ones can attend who couldn't manage the walk to church, so we can celebrate Easter together).
- **Easter Chocolate Raffle** – look out for tickets on sale after school in the last week.
- **Term ends: Thursday 2nd April, 3:30pm and school reopens: Monday 20th April**

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Thank you for your continued support. We hope to see lots of you at Family Breakfast tomorrow morning at 8am and wish all our families a peaceful and happy Easter break.

Warm regards,  
Tracey Cansdale  
Headteacher

Here are some reminders of our fabulous March activities....

World Book Day!  
Year 2 have been busy making bookmarks and front covers. We even joined the BBC live lesson! We ended the day visiting the library and sharing books with our friends.



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Thank you to The Sunnywood Project for organising this morning's Hike over Holcombe adventure



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Thank you to @zoolabuk.bsky.social for bringing in some of your amazing reptiles and insects for our Reception children to meet. The children learnt lots of interesting facts and they were so brave touching and holding the creatures. 🕷️ 🐸 🐌



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We got to hold our ducklings today and they had a little paddle in some water. The children were all very gentle and they waited patiently for their turn 🦆 🥚



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Year 6 did a great job of retelling the story of Jesus' resurrection using freeze frames today 🙌 📺



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Wonderful support for the first Stay and Play this year in Nursery.

