



**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,

### **Spring Term 2026 – Newsletter 2 for February**

Thank you for your support with recent events in school like our digital safety workshop for Y5/6 and our Family Breakfast. We want to ensure parents are as involved in school as possible. Do remember everyone is invited to our Friday Celebration Assemblies at 8.55am – parents and carers can come and sit at the back and hear about the week in school and see our Awards given out. If you can't make it, we update the website with the names of winners of Star Learners and our Green Jumpers every week.

Do remember on a Monday afternoon our weekly food hub – The Bread and Butter Thing takes place. See Mrs Cope if you would like to take part by volunteering or by buying at least £35 worth of food for £8.50 – or come and do both!



#### **Dates for Your Diary**

- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Ramadan Experience at St Thomas' Primary (invited Y5/6 children have had letter)
- Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> February – Y1 & Y2 doing some Spring activities on our field – bring waterproofs and wellies if you have them
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> February – Robinwood Parents Meeting for Y6s attending
- Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day activities will have a non-fiction focus – more information from Mrs Milne to come
- Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – Zoo Lab visit into school (small animals) for Reception
- Monday 9<sup>th</sup> March – Duckling Hatching for Nursery and Reception for the next few weeks (watch out for photos as we see their journey from eggs to ducklings)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> March – Parents Evening for all children 3.30-5.00pm
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Girls Football team are playing a match
- Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Mother's Day Stay and Play for Nursery children and carers from 9-9.45am
- Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – Y6 Robinwood residential
- Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> March – Easter Experience from Audacious Church for KS2 children (performance and music to celebrate the Easter story)
- Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March – Family Breakfast – all welcome from 8am
- Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March – Y4 at Cinema as part of our PSHE curriculum - Smurfs
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Y1 at RHS Bridgewater for the day
- Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April – Last day of term – Easter Service in School for Children



**Staffing** There are no changes - Miss Weatherburn is continuing to teach Y2; Mrs Knight and Mrs Kennedy are continuing to teach Nursery this term. The children have loved getting to know Mrs Kennett who covers teachers' planning time on Tuesdays and Thursdays in Reception Y1, Y2 and Y4 and we are glad that Mrs K will be staying with us next half term.


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 **Free Breakfast Club – Starting after Easter:** We're delighted to let you know that our school has been selected to take part in the Government's new Free Breakfast Club Programme. From April, all children in **Reception to Year 6** can join us for a free, healthy breakfast from **8.15am** each morning, helping everyone enjoy a calm and positive start to the school day. You will still be able to pay for a place from **8.00am** for families who need the early drop off and for nursery-aged children. More details to come about how to book onto the free places but we wanted to share this good news with you!

 **Looking After Our Bodies** It was great to welcome the dentist in to talk to some of our classes about the importance of toothbrushing last term. In the coming months, our Year 4, Year 5 and Year 6 children will be receiving talks from our School Nursing Team about periods, puberty and the changes that happen in their bodies as they grow (e.g. needing to use deodorant etc.). The School Nurses will speak with the girls, while Mr Thomas and Mr Seale will lead the sessions for the boys. We have already shared information with parents about how we teach this part of the curriculum (Personal, Social and Health Education or PSHE) at our Autumn 2 Family Breakfast and during an open meeting for parents last term. If you would like to discuss this further, please do come and see me.

### What has been going on in school recently?

We have welcomed a 'Shades' diversity workshop from Diocese of Manchester, Nursery have been hunting all over the school for the Gingerbread Man – or at least it looked that way from the amount of flour they walked through school - and Reception have been using their maths skills to create some great pictures!

We regularly share photos on BlueSky (we have not used X/Twitter for a year) and you can follow us on there for tasters of what the children get up to and all the enrichment they enjoy. We've shared some posts at the end of this newsletter.

Mr Seale as PE Lead is working with other schools in The Sycamore Trust to put together tournaments so our children can enjoy competitions – girls and boys football teams, cross country, dodgeball, cricket and skipping are all being planned – we want to help the children be active and love sport.



### SENCo Support

If you feel your child may have additional needs, parents evenings are a good time to talk to your child's class teacher about their progress. I am currently covering the SENCo role at St John's, a role I did for many years at my last school. We are never too busy to talk about your child – they are the most precious thing in the world and so please make an appointment if you have concerns about their learning.

Mrs Cansdale





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The Year 1 children used their laptops to draw and colour bright sunflowers, creating beautiful pictures inspired by Georges Seurat's pointillism style. 🌻 ✨



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In R.E the Reception children have been learning all about Baptisms and even acted out their own Baptism for a doll 🤖



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The Reception children enjoyed learning all about the library and having story time with Sarah from @burylibraries.bsky.social 📖



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Lunch time chess club is underway. ♟️



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Pupil Parliament travelled to Christ Church in Ainsworth to be part of the worship welcoming them to our Trust 😊



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A great turn out for our family breakfast, thank you families for joining us to share breakfast and a story for national storytelling week 😊📖 #nationalstorytellingweek

