Newsletter Friday 13th November 2026

Galatians 3:28

There is neither Jew nor Gentile, neither slave nor free, nor is there male and female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus.

Dear Parents and Carers,

Bonfire Disco Success! A huge thank you to everyone who supported our recent Bonfire Disco. We are thrilled to share that the event raised nearly £200 in profit! Every penny goes directly back into supporting our school and enriching the children's learning experiences, so thank you for helping to make it such a fantastic success.

Next Up: Our Bumper Festive Christmas Fair! We are already gearing up for our next big event - a bumper, festive Christmas Fair on Thursday 3rd December in the school hall at 3.30pm! One of our main fundraising stalls this year will be a Colour-Themed Raffle, and we would love your help to make the hampers look amazing.

Non-Uniform Day & Colour Donations To collect prizes for the hampers, we are holding a Non-Uniform Day on 20th November. In exchange for coming to school in their own clothes for the day, we kindly ask each child to bring in one new item matching their class colour:

Reception - Red
Year 1- Yellow
Year 2 - Pink
Year 3- Green
Year 4 - Purple
Year 5- Orange
Year 6 - blue.

What to Bring. We have purposefully kept this very open-ended so that every budget can be accommodated. Ideas include:

Food or treats in a matching coloured wrapper (e.g chocolate, sweets, biscuits, or tins)
Toiletries (such as a bottle of bubble bath or shower gel)
Candles, stationery, small toys, or festive items (Tinsel, a bauble some wrapping paper)

Please note: All donated items must be brand new—no second-hand items, please.

Thank you as always for your generosity and continued support. Keep an eye out for more details about the Christmas Fair coming soon!

Warm regards,

Mrs Underwood



Dates for your diary

Friday 20th November	Rainbow Colour day - Non uniform
Tuesday 24th November	Reception LLV Trip
Thursday 26th November	Goldilocks Pantomime
Friday 27th November	Non Uniform day(details to be given at a later date)
Thursday 3rd December	Christmas Fair
Tuesday 8th December	Year 5 A christmas Carol
Wednesday 9th December	KS2 Christmas Performance
Wednesday 9th December	School Christmas Dinner
Tuesday 15th December	KS1 Christmas Performance
Friday 18th December	Year 2 & 3 Church Service
Friday 18th december	School closes at 2pm
Monday 4th January	School re-opens 8.45am

Rainbow Non uniform day

Ditch the uniform for the day in exchange for a **new** item matching your class colour for our Christmas Raffle hampers: ❤️ **Reception:** Red 💛 **Y1:** Yellow 🩷 **Y2:** Pink 💚 **Y3:** Green 💜 **Y4:** Purple 🧡 **Y5:** Orange 💙 **Y6:** Blue



Winter Weather

With the colder weather setting in, please make sure your child comes to school with a warm coat and suitable footwear each day.



Goldilocks Pantomime Performance

On Thursday 26th November, the whole school will have the opportunity to watch a special performance of the Goldilocks Pantomime right here in the school hall! The cost for the performance is £4.00 per child, which also includes a snack for everyone to enjoy during the show. To make a payment for this event, please login to your Arbor app.

Lunch Ordering

Please ensure all school lunches are ordered via the **Arbor app**. We have fully transitioned away from ParentPay following multiple updates sent since late June.

App Access: Arbor is the same platform used for Parents' Evening bookings, so your login details should already be active. If you need a password reset, please contact the school office.

Important Note: The school office cannot select meal choices for pupils, as the system restricts staff from making selections on parents' behalf.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping lunch orders up to date!

PLACES AVAILABLE!

We currently have availability across most year groups. If you or someone you know is new to the area or considering a school transfer, we would love to hear from you. Please contact the school office directly with any enquiries or to register for a place.

GMSJ Award Winners



Medeina Year 1
For a remarkable recount



Hassan Year 6
For amazing citizenship and being a peacemaker

Shayaan Year 1
For brilliant blending

Wareesha Year 1
For quality quarter work all by herself

Oakley Year 4
For perfect penmanship

Mila Year 6
For a brilliant letter to Simone Biles

Attendance Winners

Attendance Winners w/c 9th November:
Year 5 97.6%

Most Improved:
Year 1

Year 2

Year 2 completed their annual trip to the Cenotaph in Nelson where they laid a wreath and paid their respects to the fallen soldiers.















Remembrance Day







Lest we forget.

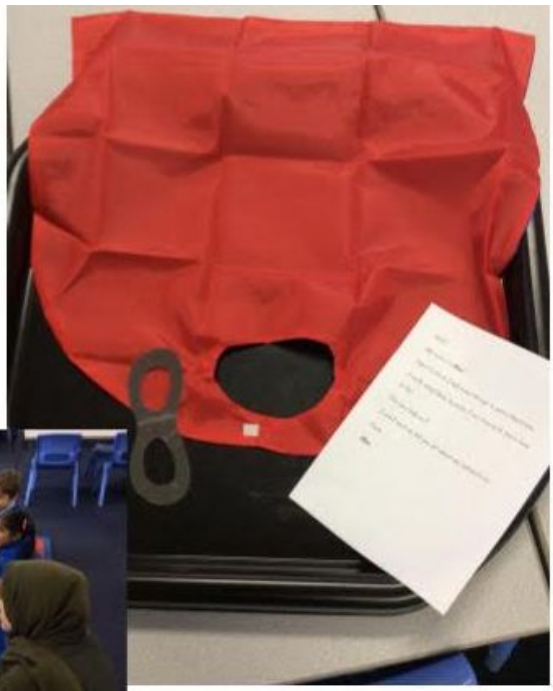






Reception Class

On Monday, the children turned into real-life detectives! We found a mystery cape, goggles, and a note left in our carpet area from 'Max'. We used our investigation skills to figure out the note, work out who Max was, and why he might have left those special objects. Using our talk partners, we built our confidence to share our feelings and ideas about superheroes using full, clear sentences.















In Year 2 this week we were testing the stability of structures. In trios, the children had to make cylinders out of paper and masking tape and fix them together to make a sturdy structure. We then tested our structures under the weight of some books to find out who's was the most stable.

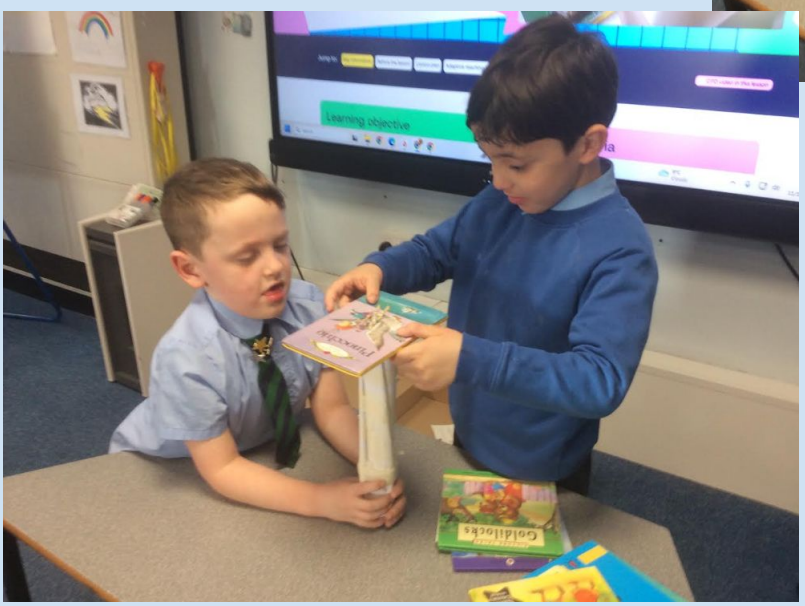


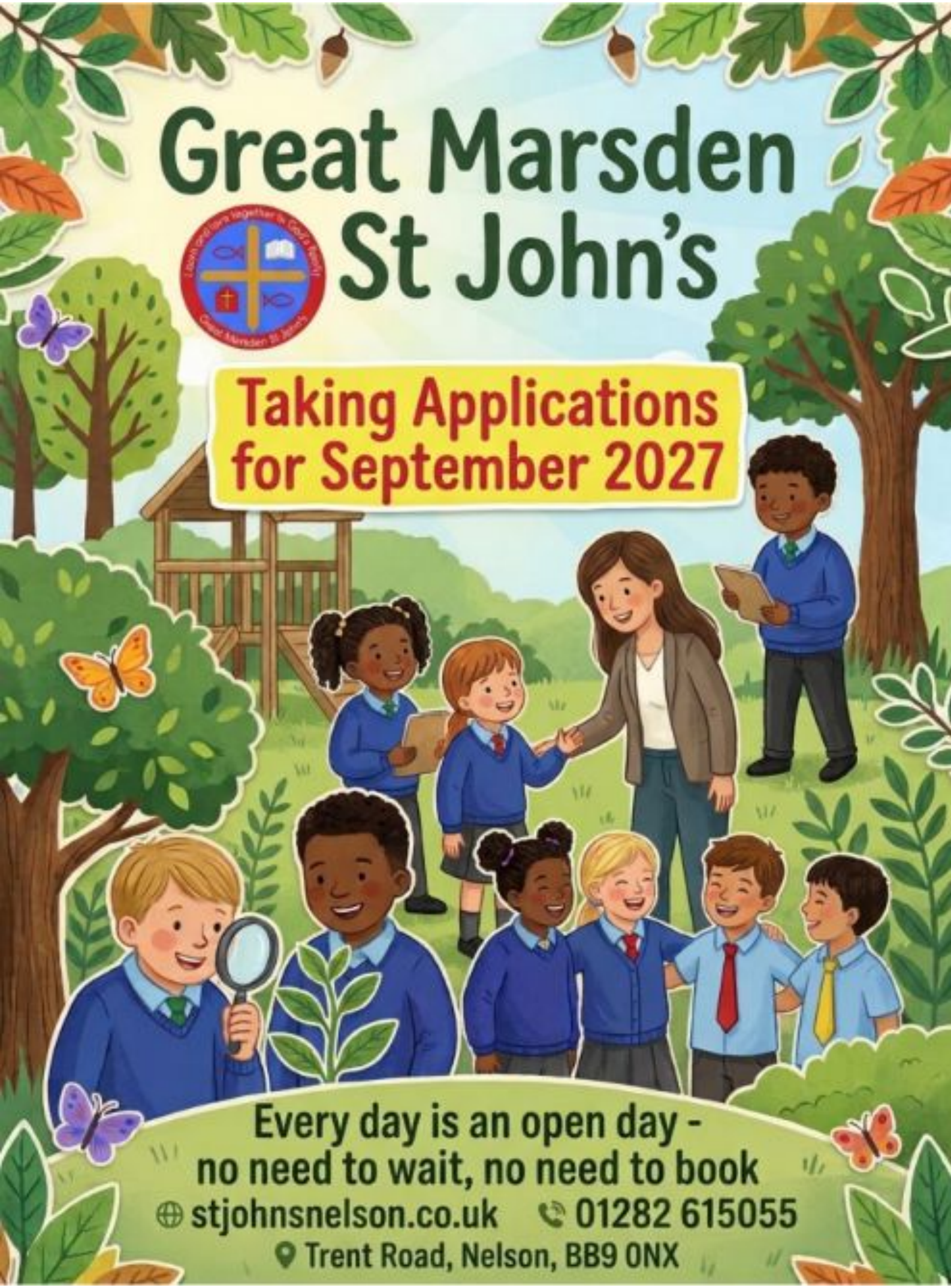


Year 2

If you look carefully at the pictures we have captured the expressions of the children's reactions perfectly.






Great Marsden
St John's
Taking Applications
for September 2027
Every day is an open day -
no need to wait, no need to book
stjohnsnelson.co.uk
01282 615055
Trent Road, Nelson, BB9 0NX

PALS

After School Club

for children aged 4-11

We accept childcare vouchers and Tax Free Childcare!

PALS After School Club is Opening:
at Great Marsden St John's, NELSON.

Times:

8:00am-8:45am
3:30pm - 4:30pm
4:30pm - 5:30pm
3:30pm - 5:30pm
INCLUDES SNACK

Ofsted Registered

Prices:

8:00am-8:45am £3.50
3:30pm - 4:30pm £7.00
4:30pm - 5.30pm £7.00
3:30pm - 5:30pm £10.00

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE: FUN MULTI-SPORTS ACTIVITIES, LEGO WORKSHOPS, CRAZY STEM ACTIVITIES, ERUPTING VOLCANOES, ARTS AND CRAFTS, BAKING, PLUS MUCH MORE!

COMPETITION worth £100!

Register your child's details below and we will pick one lucky winner to receive £100 worth of PALS vouchers.

How to book;

Click or visit;

https://pals.ipalbookings.com

Click or scan here

Need help with your booking or have a question? Please contact us;

support@playandlearnscheme.com

07930 924993

NELSON Christmas

Light Switch On





JUNIOR ANDRE



SINGER, SONGWRITER, TV PERSONALITY & SOCIAL MEDIA STAR!





SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER

FUNFAIR RIDES ★ CHRISTMAS CRAFTS ★ FOOD & DRINK STALLS
LIVE MUSIC ★ SCHOOL CHRISTMAS CARD COMPETITION ★

SANTA'S GROTTO FREE SELECTION BOX*

FIREWORK DISPLAY

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*Whilst stocks last.

NELSON Christmas Light Switch On

EVENT SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 21ST NOVEMBER



12:00pm - 12:30pm	Gavin Young as Michael Bublé
12:30pm - 1:00pm	Helen Green Academy of Dance
1:30pm - 2:00pm	Frozen Sing-a-Long followed by Meet & Greet
2:15pm - 2:30pm	Helen Green Academy of Dance
2:30pm - 3:00pm	Frozen Sing-a-Long
3:00pm - 3:30pm	Sabrina Carpenter Tribute
3:30pm - 4:00pm	Korean singer songwriter Sungjoon
4:00pm - 4:30pm	Taylor Swift Tribute
4:30pm - 5:00pm	Bhangra dancers and Dhol drummers
5:00pm - 5:30pm	Headline Act: Junior Andre
5:30pm	VIP Photocall & Final Christmas Countdown
5:35pm	Fireworks

FROZEN MEET & GREET + SING A LONG

SANTA'S GROTTO FREE SELECTION BOX*

ADDITIONAL ATTRACTIONS

2:00pm - Frozen Meet & Greet

2:30pm & 4:00pm - Free Santa's Grotto & FREE selection box giveaway*

Funfair Rides ★ Christmas Crafts ★ Food & Drink Stalls ★ School Christmas Card Competition ★ Winners Presentation ★

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