

# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

28 APRIL 2025

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Before Easter we held our second set of enrichment sessions at Bishop Auckland College, focused on giving our students taster sessions and enrichment in a wide range of areas. Almost 150 students in Years 8, 9 and 10 took part in a session of their choice in areas such as bricklaying, catering, motor vehicles, carpentry, ceramics, fashion design, nursing, childcare and hairdressing. Our students showed incredible engagement, enthusiasm and manners throughout their sessions, with college staff commenting on their impeccable behaviour and efforts.



We concluded our Spring term with Easter Liturgies at St Mary's Church, reflecting on the significance of Holy Week and theme of our Jubilee Year, Pilgrims of Hope. Students listened to readings and performances which helped them to understand the story of Jesus' death and resurrection. Students were encouraged to be beacons of hope through their thoughts, words and actions.



To reward our students for their excellent efforts last term, we were visited by the Easter Bunny on the Friday afternoon who hopped around school spreading joy and delivering chocolate treats to all year groups. All classes were visited and over 100 'Good Egg' rewards given out. It was a wonderful way to end the term and celebrate the hard work of our students.



Our Year 8 netball team have been crowned winners of the South West Durham School Netball Tournament. Despite facing tough competition from the nine other schools, our girls played their socks off and did not concede a single goal in any of their matches. Their commitment, resilience and self-belief, as well as their talent, shone through and we are so proud of them!



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON,  
HEADTEACHER

*I hope that everyone had a wonderful Easter break filled with lots of rest, time with friends and family and, of course, lots of chocolate!*

*We were deeply saddened at the passing of Pope Francis over Easter, but his death reminds us of his inspirational words for all young people: "Do not bury your talents, the gifts that God has given you. Do not be afraid to dream of great things!" As we enter the Summer term we also enter our exam season as well as preparing for lots of important and exciting events. We know during the next four weeks our students will continue to dream, and do, big things and we look forward to celebrating many more successes with them.*

*On the theme of dreaming great things, we're incredibly proud to announce that St. John's has been awarded the prestigious Artsmark Gold Award! This national recognition celebrates our commitment to creativity, inclusion, and providing high-quality arts opportunities for every student. Over the past two years, we've worked hard to embed the arts across our curriculum and wider school life, increasing opportunities and provision in the performing and creative arts, and we're thrilled that this work has been recognised at the highest level. The award acknowledges the passion, talent and dedication of our staff, students and wider community.*



## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Monday 28-** We are looking forward to welcoming all students and staff back to school after what we hope has been an enjoyable and restful Easter break.

**Monday 5-** A reminder that school will be closed next Monday to all staff and students due to Bank Holiday.



*As we begin a new term, a reminder that students must have their bus passes with them every day to ensure that they are able to travel on our school buses. Staff and bus drivers will be checking bus passes each day to ensure that all passes are compliant and valid for students to travel.*



*We remind all students, parents and carers of the importance of good attendance and punctuality. An attendance record of 90% might seem good but is actually equal to one day missed per fortnight. If this continues from Years 7 to 11, a total of six months of education will be lost. It is important that we work closely with our parents and carers to ensure absenteeism and lateness is kept to a minimum and we appreciate your support in ensuring your child's good attendance and punctuality this coming term. .*

# LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



We love to celebrate and share our students' achievements, both in and out of school. If your child has a success they would like to share with us and are happy for it to be posted on our Facebook and Instagram pages, please email it, along with a photo, to Mrs Rose, Assistant Headteacher, at [nrose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:nrose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk).

## High Five FRIDAY

11 April 2025

### Virtues

Lily H 12C Confidence and Responsibility (NRO)	Victoria B 7A Respect (STA)
Isabelle P 10C Confidence and Responsibility (NRO)	Lexi A 7A Resilience (MMG)
Ezri H 12R Confidence and Responsibility (NRO)	Emily B 7M Resilience (EDO)
Claudia M 7J Confidence and Responsibility (NRO)	Hassan S 10J Respect (DHA)
Noah H 8A Confidence and Responsibility (NRO)	Phoebe C 11S Self-Belief (CJO)
Niamh T 11R Resilience (NRO)	Sophie R 11M Responsibility (CJO)
Olivia F 11R Resilience & Compassion (NRO)	Loran C 11O Responsibility (CJO)

Year 11 Drama- Self-Belief and Confidence (NRO & RBE)  
Students in Year 8, 9 and 10 who took part in Bishop College Enrichment- Self-Belief and Respect (NRO)

Year 11 Drama- Self-Belief and Confidence (NRO & RBE)  
Kirstie W 11J Responsibility (CJO)  
Amy-Jane W 11S Responsibility (CJO)  
Ben A 13J Responsibility (CJO)

Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Self-Belief, Confidence, Resilience, Justice, Compassion

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### Year 7

Hannah L 7Y (EST & AWR & DHA)	Thoma D 7N (LWR & EST)	Elliott M 7R (SEB)	Yana H 7R (SEB)	Hannah K 7A (STA)	Lexi A 7A (STA)	Joni L 7Y (EST)	Ewan P 7Y (EST)	Ella S 7Y (EST)	All R 7Y (EST)	Noah D 7Y (EST)	Luke D 7Y (EST)	Emilia K 7Y (EST)	Poppy S 7Y (EST)																				
Darcey L 7O (SCO)	Riley R 7J (SCO)	Finlay H 7O (SCO)	Jayke N 7O (SCO)	Willow M 7N (SCO)	Hope T 7N (SCO)	Nathan M 7M (SCO)	Thomas D 7M (SCO)	Bailee H 7M (SCO)	Belle D 7A (SCO)	Evelyn K 7M (EDO)	Nathan M 7M (EDO)	Lexi A 7A (DHA)	Nathan P 7J (DHA)	Kai D 7A (CLI)	Verity D 7M (LCU)	Ethan-James O 7R (LCU)	Pola K 7N (EST)	Carollena A 7O (KBE)	Thea P 7O (DSM)	Brea W 7O (DSM)	Freyu W 7O (DSM)	Fraya W 7O (DSM)	Rosie S 7O (DSM & CHA)	Claudia M 7J (DSM)	Francesca S 7O (DSM)	Tanatswa M 7J (DSM)	Aimee H 7O (DSM)	Kristen R 7A (AFO)	Isla T 7M (AWR)	Neive M 7M (AWR)	Chuk O 7A (AWR)	Jonny T 7Y (AWR)	Michael I 7R (DDE)

## ClassCharts

### Year 7 Top Achievers

Hannah K 7A  
Pola K 7N  
Nathan M 7M  
Darcey L 7O  
Isla T 7M

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### Year 8

Indi B 8J (NRO & MMG & DSM & SEB)	Annalise M 8Y (SCO)	Isabelle R 8A (SCO)	Ella W 8J (NRO)	Milana D 8J (NRO)	Laila K 8J (NRO)	Sarah M 8R 8J (NRO)	Imogen K 8J (NRO)	Chloe M 8J (NRO)	Neve O 8J (NRO)	Leo W 8H (LCU)	Constance C 8N (LCU)	Tom A 8Y (LCU)	Harriet S 8R (HRO)	Julia B 8R (HRO)	Riley H 8M (LCU)	
Tommy-Steven K 8J (SEB)	Leon W 8H (EBA)	Lily J 8N (STA)	Mea T 8N (STA)	Maks F 8J (ALI)	David P 8J (ALI)	Noah S 8H (ALI)	Chloe M 8J (ALI)	Christina J 8N (EBA)	Charlie M-T 8N (AWR)	Tyler S 8Y (SLO)	Holly R 8Y (SLO)	Maisy NH 8N (DHA & SCO)	Jed O 8Y (DHA)	Nicholas S 8J (LCU & SCO)	Bokani N 8O (TNO)	
Ellie-Rose F 8J (NRO & COS)	Isla S 8M (DSM)	Sienna J 8H (DSM)	Lydia S 8A (DSM & MMG)	Abigail H 8R (DSM)	Holly H 8R (DSM)	Nancy T 8R (DSM)	Belle G 8H (DSM)	Chloe M 8J (DSM)	Lorna B 8R (DSM)	Lewis B 8N (TNO)	Kai D 8N (TNO)	Robbie O 8H (TNO)	Zi Xuan L 8O (TNO)	Oli K 8O (TNO)	Thomas H 8A (EDO)	Harley G 8A (EDO)
Christie B 8Y (MMG)	Sienna N 8A (MMG)	Beau A 8M (MMG)	Olivia B 8Y (MMG)	Neave W 8Y (MMG)	Emme R 8Y (MMG)	Lucy D 8M (MMG)	Ava W 8Y (MMG)	Chloe M 8J (MMG)	Ivy W 8M (EDO)	Riley TW 8M (EDO)	Millie B 8M (EDO)	Noah H 8A (EDO)	Oli K 8O (TNO)	Thomas H 8A (EDO)	Harley G 8A (EDO)	

## High Five FRIDAY

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### Year 9

Tejaswi S 9A (LCU)	Evangeline E 9J (LCU)	Isabella E 9A (LCU)	Harrison M 9O (LCU & EDO)	David I 9J (ASP)	Nathan K 9M (STA & ASP)	James D 9M (STA)	Luke F 9O (ALI)	Molly N 9O (ALI)	Alden G 9H (ALI)	Elpidia B 9H (EDO)	Bradley B 9J (EDO)	Ethan H 9R (EDO)	Harry W 9N (EBA)	
Daisy H 9R (SEB)	Finlay H 9J (SEB)	Allegra B 9O (DSM)	Grace M 9Y (DSM)	Evie M 9Y (DSM)	Mylee A 9Y (DSM)	Macey B 9Y (DSM)	Eilise G 9H (DSM)	Danielle D 9N (DSM)	Callie T 9R (CHA)	Phillip Z 9R (CHA)	Oscar B-M 9Y (CHA)	Lilly M 9O (CHA)	Karol O 9N (COS)	Sophie R 9M (COS)

### Year 8 Top Achievers

Ellie-Rose F 8J  
Neve O 8J  
Indi B 8J  
Noah H 8A  
Poppy Y 8M  
Lewis B 8N

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### Year 10

Eve B 10O (HRO)	Kaela H 10R (HRO)	Caelan H 10N (HRO)	Benjamin SJ 10H (HRO)	Jorgia P 10A (LCU & EST)	Millie D 10N (LCU)	Nelle F 10R (SEB & EST)	Anna B 10R (STA)	Alice F 10M (STA)	Oily R 10J (EST)	Evie S 10O (EST)	Cadi S 10Y (EST)	Spencer S 10R (EST)	Ella D 10R (EST)	Chloe C 10M (EST)														
Evie C 10N (EST & LDV)	Hannah S 10J (EST & AWR)	Maebs S 10R (EST & NRO)	Olivia B-M 10M (EST)	Louie W 10A (EST)	Bobby E-A 10A (EST)	Year 10 Drama (ALI)	Lily J 10H (PJR & EST)	Annicc C 10H (PJR)	Jacob C 10H (PJR)	Alex U 10J (PJR)	Charli T 10M (SEB)	Eve M 10R (NRO)	Skye H 10O (EST)	Lola N 10O (EST)	Ellie-Mae H 10O (EST)	Finlay C 10N (EST)	Jack B 10N (EST)	Hannah M 10M (EST)	Will O 10N (EST)	Eva N-D 10H (EST)	Teddy M 10H (EST)	Grace I 10H (EST)	Darci W 10O (DSM)	Michael E 10M (LDV)	Amelia O 10N (LDV)	Evie S 10O (DHA)	Ben B 10H (CLI)	Oliver B 10J (CLI)

## High Five FRIDAY

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### Year 11

Isla D 11A (NRO & EST & DSM)	George B 11Y (NRO & CLI)	Jake W 11S (NRO & CJO)	Jack S 11A (NRO)	Parker E B 11M (NRO)	Kayleigh L 11J (SEB)	Brooke K 11N (SEB)	Lexi W 11J (ALI)	Mia H 11J (ALI & CHA)	Taylor S-J 11M (ALI)	Scarlett H 11N (ALI)	Hanna H 11Y (PJR)	Kayla S 11M (PJR)	Roxy E-M 11Y (PJR)	Matthew B 11A (PJR)
Allie D 11N (LDV)	Will M 11J (LDV)	Tyler H 11J (AWR)	Sophie R 11M (EST)	Rosa J 11Y (EST)	Sam E 11A (EST)	Hollie H 11Y (EST)	Kaden C 11Y (EST)	Niamh C 11Y (EST)	Ella W 11Y (EST)	Ella A 11Y (EST)	Kate M 11R (EST)	Jenny S 11Y (EST & NRO)	Kelsey N 11Y (JHL)	Loran 11O (JHL)

### Year 9 Top Achievers

Charlie N 9H  
Shane F 9Y  
Jake O 9Y  
Kai W 9J  
Anna M 9M

## High Five FRIDAY

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### Year 12 and 13

Anna S 12A (EST)	Nicole H 12E (EST)	Sofia M 12E (EST)	Lily A 12R (EST)	Caithin B 12R (EST)	Hannah A 12C (EST)	Ezri H 12R (EST)	Savannah L 12E (EST)	Owen Mc 12A (EST)	Nathaniel Z 12A (EST)	Isabelle M 12R (EST)	Amelia W 12E (EST)							
Milandev A 12C (HTH & PJR)	Bodie D 13Y (EST & HTH & JHL)	Lucy S 13Y (EST & JHL)	Molly A 13Y (HTH)	Isabelle C 13O (HTH)	Layla H 13O (HTH)	Lucy G 13Y (HTH)	Molly H 13J (HTH & NRO)	Katie M 13J (HTH)	Megan M 13J (HTH)	Cory W 13O (HTH)	David E 13Y (HTH)							
Joe W 13Y (CLI)	Carmen F 13Y (HTH)	Chloe C 13J (HTH)	Tess J 13J (HTH)	Eden O 13J (HTH)	Cameron L 13Y (ALI)	Bethany T 13Y (ALI)	Risha S 13Y (DHA)	Ryan M 13Y (HRO)	Chloe C 13J (HRO)	Year 12 Lang/Lit (NRO)	Joshua EH 12R (HTH)	Lily H 12C (PJR)	Imogen C 12C (PJR)	Eve C 12C (EST)	Beth T 12A (EST)	Summer T 12C (EST)	Laksh S 12C (CLI)	Jack R 12C (NRO)

## Department Stars of the Week- 11/4

Philosopher of the Week:	Lucy Dixon 8M and Summer Bulch 8H
Reader of the Week:	Neve Oxley 8J and Leon Watson 8A
Mathematician of the Week:	George Gascoigne 7M
Scientist of the Week:	Edie-Rose Chen 8Y
Linguist of the Week:	Beau Wilson 7O and Darcey Law 7O
Historian of the Week:	Lucy Clark 8O
Geographer of the Week:	Kristen Rushworth 7A
Sportsperson of the Week:	Elliot Mcadams 7R
Designer of the Week:	Noah Robertson 7J
Artist of the Week:	Queenmercy Akinroyi 8N
Musician of the Week:	Joshua Ziyambi 8N
Computer Scientist of the Week:	Heidi Robinson 7O

### Year 10 Top Achievers

Hassan S 10J  
Jack R 10O  
Katie W 10O  
Chloe E 10Y  
Skye H 10O  
Danae H 10H

### Year 11 Top Achievers

Evie W 11Y  
Joshua J 11R  
Daniel D 11S  
Levi H 11J  
Olivia E 11J

**MFL Stars of the Week: Beau W 7O, Lucy D 8M, Sophie R 9M, Charlie G 9A, Jed O 8Y**

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 5 May- Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 7 May- GCSE Exams begin
- Monday 12 May- Year 7 Residential Retreat
- Monday 19 May- Year 10 Work Experience
- Thursday 22 May- Year 7 Progress Evening
- Friday 23 May- Last day before half term
- Monday 2 June- School reopens
- Monday 2 June- Year 12 Work Experience
- Thursday 19 June- Virtue Awards 2025
- Monday 23 June- Year 10 and Year 12 mocks
- Wednesday 2 July- Year 13 Peru Trip
- Wednesday 2 July- Year 9/10 Summer Festival
- Monday 7 July/ Tuesday 8 July- St John's presents 'Frozen the Musical'
- Thursday 10/Friday 11 July- Year 6 Induction

## I Heard a Whisper...

Before Easter it was our PE department who were nominated for a sweet treat. From setting up and taking down equipment for lessons to the incredible amount of enrichment clubs on offer over lunchtime and after school, our PE staff really do work tirelessly to give our students the best experiences in and out of the classroom. And not forgetting the fixtures, tournaments, trips and opportunities offered to our students every week, often involving late nights and even giving up their own time on weekends. Our wide range of sporting clubs on offer and the continued successes we share, often with many a trophy to celebrate, are thanks to the dedication and passion of our PE staff.

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