

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

9 JUNE 2025

WEEK B



A huge well done to our amazing Year 7 students who achieved 100% attendance last term. As a reward, students have been given the opportunity to visit Bishop Auckland College and make use of their new gaming suite or the hair and beauty salon, with lots of hands-on fun and experience exploring future career paths. Thank you to the College staff and students for hosting us. Due to the high amount of students achieving 100% last term, 136 in total, the visits will continue in the next few weeks. Well done Year 7, Mr Smith and Miss Heads are so proud of you!

Our Year 8 Future Business Magnates group recently got the opportunity to launch their business, Sugar's Delight, in Beamish and took part in some workshops surrounding poverty in the industrial revolution. They were fantastic ambassadors and demonstrated great confidence and self-belief.



A group of Year 7 students have recently taken part in a Key Fund project. 'The Walking Potatoes' decided to do a bake sale to raise money for a trip to the Weardale Adventure centre, which they have organised themselves. They set themselves a fundraising target of £70 and last month raised over £140 at a breaktime bake sale. Throughout their sessions they have learnt key life skills. Daniel in Year 13, who leads the group, said "I'm so proud of what they've accomplished, both today and during our sessions." We are incredibly proud of Belle, Georgie, Hannah, Harini, Kristen and Verity and also of Daniel, who is showing expert leadership skills.

A huge well done to our Year 10 Football Team who were runners up in the Ben Potts Cup Final on Tuesday, losing out 4-2 to Durham Johnston. However, the boys were crowned BASFA League Champions for the 24/25 season in their first league win from their time at St John's. Mr Turnbull would like to say a big well done to all the boys involved this year, and as a community we are very proud of them!



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

As well as our wonderful school, we are incredibly proud of our Sixth Form College, and it is a privilege to be able to be part of the seven year journey of those students who choose to stay with us. It is also lovely to welcome new students into our Sixth Form from other schools and have them as part of our Learning Community. On Friday it was wonderful to welcome Year 9 students from Wolsingham School into our Sixth Form to explore their possible next steps and try out some of our subjects. Students enjoyed food from our Bistro and took part in various subject and enrichment workshops, including cooking on a stove for Duke of Edinburgh and learning how to create stage make-up scars for Drama. The students were great ambassadors for their school and we enjoyed sharing life at St John's Sixth Form with them.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Sunday 8 June- Turing Scheme trip to Halifax, Canada. Our students are looking forward to an exciting week, including a day at a local school, a visit to the university and exploring the rich history that makes Halifax such a unique and vibrant place. We wish them a safe and enjoyable trip.

Monday 9 June- Wednesday 11 June- Selected students from Years 7, 8, 9, 10 and 12 are visiting the Knife Angel sculpture in Newton Aycliffe and will also take part in workshops on knife crime.

Wednesday 11 June- Frozen rehearsals are for all cast on Wednesday until 5pm and for all principal characters and Lead Ensemble on Thursday until 4.30pm. Tickets are still available but are selling incredibly quickly, with less than 50 now available for each night. Tickets available via www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school

Thursday 12 June- Uniform pop-up shop with suppliers Sehgal, 3.30-5.30pm. Open to all families.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



High Five FRIDAY
6 June 2025

Virtues

Ava A 10Y Responsibility & Justice (HBA)
Scarlet H 10R Self-Belief (HBA)
Ryan W 12C Resilience (CLI)
Tia-Rose S Responsibility (SRO)
Constance C 8N Resilience (MMG)
11Y2 RE Class Resilience (EST)
Simone B 10R Responsibility (EST)
Taku M 110 Resilience (JHL)
Sophia O Self-Belief (JHL)

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

High Five FRIDAY
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Year 7

Carollena A 70 (EBA)
Alfie G 7R (SEB)
Rosie G 7R (SEB)
Tom B 7N (LWR)
Wayne L 7R (TJO)
Amelia F 7R (TJO)
Alistair L 7J (TJO)
Amelia B 7J (TJO)
Hannah K 7A (STA)
Michael I 7R (CLI)
Evan C 7R (CLI)
Scarlet R 7R (CLI)

Riley K 7J (DDE)
Riley R 7J (DDE)
Caitlin L 7J (DDE)
Billy C 7A (DHA)
Allan T 7M (LCU)
Horia A 7R (LCU)
Georgie J 7M (NRO)
Claudia M 7J (NRO)

Ethan J-O 7R (ALI & PTA)
Saule K 7M (ALI)
Charlotte W 7R (ALI)
Billy C 7A (SGO)
Scarlett R P 7A (SGO)
Hannah K 7A (SGO)
Ali R 7Y (EST)
Poppy S 7Y (EST)
Luke D 7Y (EST)
Emily M 7Y (EST)
Darcey L 7O (CHA)
Yevanhelina T 7O (CHA)

High Five FRIDAY
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Year 8

Neve O 8J (NRO)
Lucy C 8J (NRO)
Chloe M 8J (NRO)
Sarah M R 8J (NRO)
Indi B 8J (NRO)
Olivia B 8J (NRO)
Alfie W 8Y (SLO)
Tyfor S 8Y (SLO)
Imogen K 8J (NGO)
Zak H 8O (NGO)
Maks F 8J (ALI)
Isla C 8A (DMI)
Ella W 8N (AWR)
Brooklyn H 8A (IAI)

Lola M 8N (SGO)
Leon W 8A (EBA)
Brooke C 8J (SEB)
Queenmercy A 8N (TJO)
Melissa B 8Y (LCU & SLO)
Imogen K 8J (NRO & EBA)
Grace N 8N (SGO & MMG)
Sienna J 8H (ALI & MMG)
Alexis B 8J (NRO & NGO & SEB)
Edie-Grace C 8H (ALI & CHA & MMG)
Kea-Shenell W 8N (AWR & SGO)

Ryan B 8M (IAI)
Thomas H 8R (IAI)
Amelia P 8R (IAI)
Rowan N 8A (IAI)
Charlotte E 8O (DDE)
Sonny J 8O (DDE)
Lin Z X 8O (DDE)
Chloe C 8N (DHA)
Belle G 8H (MMG)
Eva M 8R (DHA)
Lily S 8H (MMG)
Lily J 8N (TJO & STA)
Lily W 8H (LCU)
Mea T 8N (LCU)

High Five FRIDAY
6 June 2025

Year 9

Tia-Rose S 9J (HBA)
Karol O 9N (HBA)
Harry W 9N (EBA)
Logan R 9A (SEB)
Sophie T 9N (SEB)
Jacob D 9B (STA)
Mia L 9F (STA)
Evangeline E 9J (LCU)
Thailia A 9M (LCU)
Rishon T 9H (COS)
Karol O 9N (COS)
Filip Z 9R (COS)

Jake O 9Y (ASP)
Jenson S 9A (ASP)
Sam N 9H (ASP)
Jessica A 9A (COS)
Sophie R 9M (COS)

Trevor B 9J (TJO)
Jessica B 9A (JHL)
Dylis B- 9Y (JHL)
Allegra B 9Y (CHA)
Esther L 9J (CHA)
Carla M 9H (DDE)
Artem S 9J (DDE)
Lena C 9H (DDE)
Logan C 9G (SGO)
Thomas T 9G (SGO)
Alex M 9G (SGO)
Isabella E 9G (SGO)

High Five FRIDAY
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Year 10

Eden S 10J (ASP)
Simone B 10R (ASP & HBA)
Hannah S 10J (HBA)
Noah L 10R (HBA)
Grayson L 10Y (HBA)
Chloe D 10A (SEB)
Harry B 10Y (SEB)
Scarlett H 10R (RBE)
Nicole S 10O (RBE)
Anhelina B 10Y (STA)
Thomas S 10O (CHA)
Nadia I 10M (NRO)
Maebh S 10R (NRO)
Eve M 10R (NRO & TJO)

Ben B 10H (CLI)
Chloe D 10H (CLI)
Alfie S 10H (LCU)
Ava A 10Y (DMI)
Grace B 10O (TJO)
Lewis A 10N (TJO)
Molly B 10H (DDE)
Imogen P 10N (DDE)
Alfie S 10H (AWR)
Thomas T 10N (AWR)
Ava S 10N (AWR)
Grace I 10H (AWR)
Chloe C 10M (NRO)
Freddie C 10A (NRO)

High Five FRIDAY
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Year 11

Livvy K 11S (HBA)
Lewis L-W 11H (HBA)
Mahmoud AM 11R (HBA)
Coby T 11Y (HBA)
Adam L 11M (SEB)
Abi T 11M (SEB)
Mia H 11J (ALI)
Taylor S-J 11M (ALI & AWR)
Aaliyah R 11O (JHL)
Erin W 11M (NRO)

High Five FRIDAY
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Year 12

Ruby W 12A (NRO)
James G 12R (NRO)
Ryan W 12C (NRO)
Olivia P 12E (EST)
Maddison R 12E (EST)
Poppy D 12A (DDE & NRO)

Department Stars of the Week- 6/6

Philosopher of the Week: Jack Badger 8A
Reader of the Week: Imogen Kelly 8J
Mathematician of the Week: Trevor Betiku 9J
Scientist of the Week: Hannah Keddlity 7A
Linguist of the Week: Wayne Lin 7R
Historian of the Week: Matilda Tinkler 7J
Geographer of the Week: Esther Livesley 9J
Sportsperson of the Week: Kohi Tait 9Y
Designer of the Week: Hope Thompson 7N
Artist of the Week: Maisy Newby-Higginbottom 8N
Musician of the Week: Violet Simpson 7N
Computer Scientist of the Week: Lily Wilson 8H

ClassCharts

Year 7 Top Achievers

Nathan M 7M
Isla T 7M
Hannah K 7A
Evelyn K 7M
Louis W 7J

Year 8 Top Achievers

Jack B 8A
Neve O 8J
Chloe M 8J
Edie-Grace C 8H
Caleb H 8O

Year 9 Top Achievers

Ryan D 9A
Thomas K 9R
Kai W 9J
Jessica A 9A
Isabella E 9A

Year 10 Top Achievers

Freddie C 10A
Chloe D 10A
Hannah S 10J
Eve M 10R
Simone B 10R

Year 11 Top Achievers

Taylor S-J 11M
Olivia K 11S
Lewis L-W 11H
Mahmoud A M 11R
Thea C 11O

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.bhccet.org.uk.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 16 June- Year 5 Week 1
- Thursday 19 June- Virtue Awards 2025
- Friday 20 June- Year 11 Celebration Day
- Monday 23 June- Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams begin
- Monday 23 June- Year 5 Week 2
- Monday 30 June- Year 11 Prom
- Wednesday 2 July- Year 13 Peru Trip
- Wednesday 2 July- Year 9/10 Summer Festival
- Thursday 3 July- Induction Evening for incoming Year 7 students and parents
- Monday 7 July/ Tuesday 8 July- St John's presents 'Frozen the Musical'
- Thursday 10/ Friday 11 July- Year 6 Induction Days
- Friday 18 July- Last day of the school year
- Tuesday 2 September- New Academic Year

I Heard a Whisper...

This half term is our busiest one in St John's, with exams continuing and lots of trips, events and opportunities happening every week. It's important to remember that none of this could happen without our wonderful staff, and it is lovely to receive so many emails each week acknowledging the time, effort, care and passion that goes into making our learning community a wonderful place to be. Well done to Miss Hankey (Assistant Head of Year 9), Mr Walker (LSA), Mr Morley (Maths), Miss Wright (Science) and Miss Somers, Miss Gatiss and Mr Mangles (PE) whose nominations were chosen last week.

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Artist of the Week

Hope Thompson, 7N