## ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

15 SEPTEMBER 2025 WEEK A



A huge well done to our Year 8 and 9 Girls' Cricket team who last week played in the County Cup final. The team played brilliantly, batting first and setting a target of 67 with Nancy Tonge (17) and Abigail Holliday (22) opening the batting with a solid partnership. Captain Abigail was the stand-out



performer in the second half, taking 4 wickets for 26 runs. Unfortunately, it wasn't enough to seal the victory and the girls were eventually beaten in a very close game, but we could not be prouder of their superb teamwork, commitment and resilience. There are so many sports clubs on offer both across lunchtime and after school, so whether our students are interested in badminton, football, rugby, cricket, netball, trampolining, swimming or even darts, or just keen to pick up a new skill, new members are always welcome.

Along with our fantastic results for Year 11 and Year 13 back in August, we also want to celebrate the achievements of three of our current Year 13 students who completed their full A Level Maths course in Year 12 and received excellent results. These students are now completing Further Maths in Year 13 and we know they will continue to blow us away with their mathematical minds. Miss Springhall, Mrs Higgins, Mrs Pullen and Miss Devlin are so proud of all their hard work and efforts. Well done to Imogen Chen (A\*), Lily Hill (A) and Milandev Ankilmaur (A).

For the third year, St John's are delighted to be taking part in the Royal Society of **Biology National Spelling** Bee for Biology Week 2025. The driving force behind this is to improve students' literacy with Science words, something which is now key for success in Science exams. The qualifying round will be completed by students writing the spellings of twenty randomly selected words from 100 key words that will be read aloud by their teacher. These will take place during Pastoral in the next two weeks. The highest scoring students will then progress to the finals before 16 October. Best of luck.



Abiotic	Lumen	Kingdom	Glycosidic	Operon
Meiosis	Genome	Biodiversity	Yew	Recessive
Beech	Magnitude	Quadrat	Phylogeny	Dominant
Karyotype	Microscope	Inherited	Pregnancy	Adaptation
Argument	Coral	Pollinated	Menstrual	Biome
Bilateral	Mitosis	Zygote	Gamete	Divergent
Binomial	Embryo	Germinate	Pollen	Hydrolysis
Dispersal	Nucleus	Erythrocyte	Lymphocyte	Photolysis
Discrete	Qualitative	Langerhans	Epithelial	Nutrient
Invertebrate	Amylose	Amylase	Mesophyll	Serial
Continuous	Ventilation	Respiration	Graticule	Echinoderm
Covalent	Diabetes	Aerobic	Endozoochory	Precise
Dilution	Polarity	Capillaries	Acetylcholine	Accuracy
Ballistic	Correlation	Malnutrition	Polymerase	Phenotype
Chromosome	Reticulum	Optical	Chromatography	Transect
Ribosome	Sedimentary	Membrane	Absorption	Ecology
Halogen	Skeleton	Enzymes	Chlorophyll	Interphase
Independent	Mollusc	Fallopian	Urethra	Cytokinesis
lonic	Anaerobic	Pacinian	Medulla	Matrix
Humerus	Variable	Corpuscle	Photosynthesis	Cristae

# A WORD FROM LISA BYRON. HEADTEACHER

Another week of our first term has been and gone, and what another fantastic week of achievements and success it was! From sporting success for our girls' cricket team, to academic success with over 40,000 ClassCharts points awarded across the school- this is shaping up to be a fabulous term and year!

#### **Last Week's Attendance Figures:**

Year 7: 96.2%, Year 8: 92.9% Year 9: 95.4%, Year 10: 93.8% Year 11: 91.7%

Attendance continues to be a huge focus for us within school and it has been wonderful to see so many of our students improving their attendance from last year and showing up each day with positive mindsets and attitudes. A new school year is a fresh opportunity and daily attendance builds the routine that leads to lifelong habits of responsibility and success. Illness is more likely to occur at the start of a new term, particularly as the temperature begins to drop, but it is so important students are in school every day if they are well enough. We therefore kindly ask you to encourage your child to wear a coat to school on colder days and to have a conversation with them regarding the importance of hand hygiene to avoid germs being passed on.



### COMING UP THIS WEEK

Wednesday 17 September- Year 11 English trip to Beamish. 65 of our Year 11 students are heading to Beamish Museum for an An Inspector Calls themed murder mystery to complement their English revision of the text. Students should attend in full uniform with a coat, packed lunch and some money for the gift shop if they wish. Wednesday 17 September- Year 9 Rugby Tournament at Eaglescliffe. We wish our Year 9 boys lots of luck as they compete in this tournament. They will be leaving school at 3pm with an estimated return time of 6.40pm. Parents and carers are welcome to attend and support.

**Wednesday 17 September-** Year 10 Information Evening, 5pm. Parents and carers of Year 10 students are warmly invited to attend the first of our Information Evenings focused on GCSE tips, reminders and key dates for the upcoming year in Year 10, as well as a chance to speak to the Head of Year and external support services.

### LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



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### **ClassCharts** Year 7 Top **Achievers**

Grace C 7Y Oliver W 7Y Rhuben C 7J Kosi O 7Y Esmae U 7M

#### Year 8 Top **Achievers**

Hannah K 8A Nathan P 8J Belle D 8A Saule K 8M Verity D 8M

#### Year 9 Top **Achievers**

Jessica N 9H Indi B 9J Ruby M 9H Summer B 9H Dola O 9H

#### Year 10 Top **Achievers**

Aidan C 10O Macey A 10J Maddison R 10N George L 10J Lucy N 10A

#### Year 11 Top **Achievers**

Chloe D 11A Chloe C 11A Brihanna J 11M Olivia B-M 11M Lily W 11M

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ Wednesday 24 September- Year 11 Information Evening, 5pm
- ☐ Tuesday 30 September- Open Evening for Year 5 and Year 6 students and families, 5.30-7.30pm (Headteacher talks at 5.30 and 6.30)
- ☐ Wednesday 1 October- Year 9 Information Evening, 5pm
- ☐ Wednesday 8 October- Year 12 Information Evening, 5pm
- ☐ Wednesday 15 October- Year 13 Information Evening, 5pm
- ☐ Wednesday 15 October- Year 8 Residential Retreat
- ☐ Wednesday 22 October- Year 8 Information Evening, 5pm
- ☐ Friday 24 October- Staff Inset- school closed to students. Half term begins

### 🖏 I Heard a Whisper...

I Heard a Whisper is a way of celebrating our amazing staff for the fantastic work they do each and every day. Last week's nominations highlighted the commitment, passion and support our staff offer to our students, and the amazing experiences they ensure they receive at St John's. Full nominations can be found on our social media pages. Well done this week to Mrs Hannant (Humanities), Mrs Davis (LSA), Miss Ibbetson (Maths), Ms Maddison (Head of Technology), Mr Harwood (Maths) and Gary Tonge (Caretaker) who all received a sweet treat as a thank you for their hard work and dedication to our learning community.

Get in touch with nominations for a member of staff at:

iheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk



### Artist of the Week



**Ruby Wilson** 13A









