

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

6 OCTOBER 2025

WEEK B



We had a wonderful Open Evening last week, opening our doors to prospective students in Year 5 and 6 and their families. There was so much to see and do across all of our amazing departments, and we loved showcasing the amazing teaching, learning and opportunities at St John's, including some of our fantastic enrichment clubs such as Gardening Club, Board Game Club, a live darts competition and performances from our choir and some of our Frozen cast. Thank you to all of our fabulous student volunteers, who continue to be the best ambassadors for St John's. A special mention to Claudia, George and Grace who all spoke so passionately and articulately about their experiences of St John's to hundreds of people during our Headteacher talks.



On Friday, Year 9 took part in a series of powerful and thought-provoking workshops from the charity Prison, Me? No Way! The talks and workshops focused on the important topics of knife crime, drugs, life-saving skills, rail safety, anti-social behaviour and making good choices. They got to set foot inside a prison cell, hear all about prison life from prison guards and former prisoners, and even hear the real-life story of the consequences of bad decisions from a current prisoner. Year 9 were incredibly engaged and respectful throughout the day and made some excellent contributions to the sessions. This was such an important day for our students, and one we run every year for Year 9 as we help them to make good decisions and grow into responsible and respectful young adults.

It has been wonderful to celebrate some of the fantastic work of our students during our weekly Bring and Brag enrichment. This club is all about bringing along something you are proud of, in exchange for rewards, and there has been some amazing homework, classwork and even extra-curricular achievements on display. Bring and Brag is held outside of the Main Hall every Thursday lunchtime and all are welcome.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON,
HEADTEACHER

Spotlight on... Sport

We are incredibly proud of the sporting success at St John's, as well as the wide range of sporting clubs, teams and opportunities we offer. Did you know, for example, that we are the only school in the area that are represented at all sporting events at local and regional levels, achieving significant success in county, regional, and even national competitions. From trampolining to rock-climbing, badminton to water polo and every sport in between, we are very proud of the endless opportunities for our students to shine and soar. This week alone has seen our students achieve great success in swimming, rugby and football, with the latter seeing 23 goals scored and only 2 conceded across all games for Years 7-11! Our Year 8 students also attended the local school multi-skill festival at King James School on Friday, with St John's placing 1st, 2nd or 3rd in boys' and girls' football and badminton.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Wednesday 8 October- Year 12 Information Evening, 5pm. Parents and carers of Year 12 students are warmly invited to attend our Information Evening focused on the the transition into Sixth Form, expectations, opportunities and key dates for the upcoming year, as well as a chance to speak to the Head of Year and external support services.

Thursday 9 October- Sixth Form Open Evening, 5.30-7.30pm. We are looking forward to welcoming Year 10 and 11 students from both St John's and elsewhere into our Sixth Form to find out about the courses on offer, opportunities available and what makes St John's one of the best Sixth Forms in County Durham. We are also looking forward to sharing more details about our exciting Sixth Form redevelopment plan.

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.bhccet.org.uk.

High Five FRIDAY

3 October 2025

Virtues

Horia A 8R (DAT) Resilience and Self-Belief	Hassan S 11J (EST) Responsibility
Georgie J 8M (DAT) Resilience and Self-Belief	Jack R 11O (EST) Responsibility
Allan T 8M (DAT) Resilience and Self-Belief	Harrison B 11N (EST) Responsibility
Scarlett-Rose Randall 11O (EST) Resilience	Benjamin S-J 11H (EST) Responsibility
Claudia M 8J (NRO) Confidence and Responsibility	Thomas B 11N (EST) Responsibility
George B 13C (NRO) Confidence and Responsibility	Evie S 11O (EST) Responsibility
Grace J 10N (NRO) Confidence and Responsibility	Oily R 11J (EST) Responsibility
Nicole H 13E (EMU) Confidence and Responsibility	Ella M 12T (LBT) Confidence
Isobel G 13E (EMU) Confidence and Responsibility	Hanna H 12T (LBT) Confidence
Georgia F 13E (EST) Compassion	Hannah B 11R (DHA) Responsibility
Harriet F 13E (EST) Compassion	Faye G 13N (NRO) Responsibility
Emily E 9A (EST) Compassion	Katie H 13N (NRO) Responsibility
Sophie W 9A (EST) Compassion	Isobel H 13R (NRO) Responsibility
Brooklyn H 9A (EST) Resilience	Annemarie K 13E 13N (NRO) Responsibility

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

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Year 8

Kail D 8A (DAT & CCR)	Patrick S 8Y (DAT)	Wren C (CDA)
Matthew B 8Y (DAT)	Luke D 8Y (DAT)	Evelyn K 8M (AWR)
Amelia-Robyn G 8R (DAT)	Jack L 8Y (SCO)	Isia T 8M (AWR & AHA)
Jack L 8Y (DAT)	Harini T 8M (DAT)	Emily B 8M (AWR & AHA)
Ali R 8Y (DAT)	Dominic S 8M (DDE)	Sauke K 8M (AWR)
Tobias S 8Y (DAT)	Maurissa-R B 8M (DDE)	Georgie J 8M (AWR)
Evie D 8J (DAT)	Jess R 8N (DDE)	Verity D 8M (AWR)
Tanatswa M 8J (DAT)	Guru S 8A (CHA)	Kaleb C 8N (DAT)
Gabbi G 8N (DAT)	Aimee H 8O (DHA)	Thea P 8J (COS)
Hope T 8N (DAT)	Belle D 8A (DHA)	Tobias S 8Y (COS)
Amelia B 8J (DAT)	Regan W 8O (MMG)	George C 8O (DAT)
Molly J 8N (MMG)	Rosie G 8O (MMG)	Annabelle D 8O (DAT)
Charlotte W 8O (MMG)	Imogen O 8N (DAT & DDE)	

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Year 10

Aela W 10O (ACH & CJO)	Sophie B 10A (DHA)	Brooke T 10R (EST)
Tejawi S 10A (EST & HHA)	Clara J 10R (MMG)	Eve B 10R (EST)
Taylor-Mae F 10R (DDE & GMC)	Tyler S 10R (LCU)	Millie W 10M (EST)
Lucie H 10M (DPA & MMG)	Faye M 10R (HHA)	Dylis B 10Y (EST)
Thomas K 10M (DNI & NRO)	Kohl T 10 Y (HHA)	Nathan K 10M (EST)
Harrison M 10M (EST & LCU)	Nicholas R 10Y (HHA)	Rosie R 10M (EST)
Charlie B 10O (JKE & NRO)	Grace G 10N (DPA)	Macey B 10Y (EST)
Tia-Rose S 10J (AWR & NRO)	Harry W 10N (AWR)	Millie B 10R (EST)
Amelia C 10Y (EST & AWR)	Aidan C 10O (AWR)	Alfie W 10A (EST)
Brooke W 10M (EST & AWR)	Charlie G 10A (AWR)	Yi Qi C 10N (JHL)
Esther L 10J (EMU & AHA)	Sienna T 10A (DDE)	Rishon T 10O (JHL)
Harry M 10M (EMU & AHA)	Cruz J 10Y (GMC)	Lucas W 10J (CSW)
Manny R 10N (PJR & NRO)	Nathanael A 10 J (CSW)	Alexi P 10R (CJO)
Matthew W 10R (EST & SLO)	Georgia C 10R (CSW)	
Jessica B 10A (CCR & MMG)		
Kristian K 10J (CCR & CSW)		

High Five FRIDAY

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Year 12 and 13

April G 12S (EST & JHL & HHA & VNI & NRO)	Anna T 12S (HTH & VNI & DPA)	Milan A 13C (CLI & PJR)
Abi T 12T (DDE)	Yasmin W 12S (MMG & VNI & DPA)	Jonny L 13C (CLI & PJR)
Hanna H 12T (DPA)	Harmon S 12S (MMG & HTH & VNI)	Eve C 13C (EST & JHL)
Levi J 12T (MMG & SLO)	Lucy O 12S (SLO & NRO)	Georgia F 13E (HTH & VNI)
Daniel H 12S (CLI & SLO)	Jess B 12T (LBT & DPA)	Ryan W 13C (NHI & VNI)
Jamie R 12S (DAT & LBT)	Ruby H 12T (EST & LBT)	Victoria R 13C (NHI & VNI)
Vincent T 12S (DAT & NRO)	Joe M 12S (SLO)	Hannah B 13E (HTH)
Julia W 12S (EST & DAT)	Alicia M 12T (SLO)	Isabel G (EMU)
Lucas E 12S (DAT)	Emilie P 12T (SLO)	Jessica B (EMU)
Kelsey S 12S (EST)	Sophie C 12T (HHA)	Imogen C 13C (PJR)
Finn H 12S (EST)	Max B 12T (DAT)	Harry S 13R (SMC)
Beth K 12T (EST)	Joshua C 12T (LBT)	Logan E 13R (HTH)
Ethan R 12S (DAT & VNI)	Isaac C 12T (LBT)	Alfie J 13R (HTH)
Poppy W 12T (DAT)	Elia M 12T (LBT)	Evie L 13A (HTH)
Adam W 12S (DAT)	Emilia P 12T (MMG)	Maddison R 13E (HTH)
Isia D 12S (MMG & VNI)	Spencer V 12T (LBT)	Lily H 13C (CLI & ALI & PJR & NRO)
Isaiah P 12T (MMG)	Niamh C 12T (NRO)	Nicole H 13E (EST & EMU & VNI & NRO)
Emily S 12T (MMG)	12 Health and Social Care class (VNI)	Enri H 13R (HTH & VNI & NRO & LBT)
Lucy J 13C (NRO)		Laksh S 13C (NHI & CLI & NRO)
Poppy D 13A (NRO)		Gabrielle F (EMU & NRO)
Lily D 13A (NRO)		

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Year 7

Alfie W 7N (DAT & LCU)	Ada A 7N (SCO)	Martha B 7H (LCU)
Kimberley C 7O (DAT)	Annie B 7J (SCO)	Ellis W 7H (LCU)
Eli L 7H (DAT)	Teddi D 7J (SCO)	Christopher B 7M (HHA)
Betsy W 7N (DAT)	Nikodem F 7R (SCO)	Ella H 7M (HHA)
Vogue T 7H (DAT)	Jason L 7O (SCO)	Eleanor S 7M (HHA)
Bella B 7O (DAT)	Jorja-Anne M 7H (SCO)	Marie M 7M (EST)
Constance A 7R (HHA)	Lucy W 7O (SCO)	Cerliena-Rose T 7Y (COS)
Haroon S 7R (MHA)	Olivia R 7R (MHA)	Constance A 7R (COS)
Pippa S 7R (MHA)	Daisy G 7R (MHA)	Amalie W 7M (SCO)
Olivia R 7R (MHA)	Jason L 7O (CLI)	Darcie-M L 7A (DHA)
Michael R 7H (ALI)	Michael R 7H (ALI)	Isia W 7O (DHA)
Clinton S 7Y (NPA)	Francesca H 7J (CCR)	7Y (MGI)
Nola C 7Y (NPA)	Thomas H 7M (KAL)	

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Year 9

Tyler W 9N (DAT)	Anthony H 9Y (ACH)	Isaac B 9O (KBE & HHA)
Sam E 9O (DAT)	Eva McN 9R (ACH)	Ellie-Rose F 9J (RCA & NRO)
Sienna J 9H (DAT)	Oli K 9O (CCR)	Olivia B 9J (NRO)
Alfie D 9Y (DAT)	Joshua Z 9N (CCR)	Sarah R 9J (KBE)
Laila K 9J (DAT)	Tyler W 9N (CCR)	Lorna B 9R (HHA)
Emily R 9M (DAT)	Aimee A 9Y (CCR)	Isia S 9M (HHA)
Aimee-Lee R 9O (DAT)	Caitlyn H 9O (CCR)	Zak H 9O (SBA)
Christopher R 9O (DAT)	Ella H 9O (DDE)	Kensie JJ 9H (RCH)
Eliza B-M 9M (DAT)	Loma B 9R (DDE)	Abigail H 9R (HHA)
Loma B 9R (DDE)	Leland M 9Y (DDE)	Oliver B 9A (EST)
Neve O 9J (DAT & CHA)	Lily W 9H (DDE)	Thomas H 9A (EST)
Lily W 9H (DDE)	Isaac Bu 9H (DDE)	
Isaac Bu 9H (DDE)	Dylan SB 9R (DHA)	

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Year 11

Maebh S 11R (EST & NRO & SLO)	Hannah S 11H (DAT)	Charlotte J 11H (ACH)
Ava R 11H (ACH & CSW & MMG)	Megan D 11O (DAT)	Lilly J 11H (PJR)
Oliver C 11A (EST & CSW)	Willow H 11J (CLI)	Libby S 11R (PJR)
Chloe H 11A (DAT & NRO)	Henry S 11O (KXB & PJR)	Lewis A 11N (PJR)
Bobby E-A 11A (KXB & NRO)	Daniel B 11R (CLI)	Lexi B 11R (SLO)
Eden W 11Y (ACH & SLO)	Eden S 11J (AWR)	Finley T-S 11A (SLO)
Skye H 11O (HHA & SLO)	Ava W 11Y (AWR)	Logan H 11J (SLO)
Benjamin SJ 11H (HHA)	Eva N-D 11H (AWR)	Paige A 11N (LDV)
Alfie S 11H (DAT & LCU)	Brody M 11R (AWR)	Charlotte J 11H (LDV)
Antelina B 11Y (DAT & ACH)	Neve E 11O (AWR)	Hannah S 11H (SBH)
Freddie C 11A (DAT & ACH)	Vanessa N 11O (AWR)	Chloe D 11A (NRO)
Simone B 11R (EST & AWR)	Thea C 11Y (EMU)	Nadia I 11M (NRO)
Chloe C 11A (AWR & NRO)	Megan D 11O (EMU)	Luci B 11Y (NRO)
Eve M 11R (AWR & NRO)	George E 11M (AJA)	Kaela H 11R (NRO)
Nelle R 11R (NRO & CHA)	Oliver H 11R (KXB)	Jack P 11R (NRO)
		Olivia B-M 11M (NRO)

Department Stars of the Week- 4/10

Philosopher of the Week: Eva McNaughton 9R

Reader of the Week: Jonah Ranyard 7Y and Grayson Groves 7Y

Mathematician of the Week: Luke Dodd 8Y

Scientist of the Week: Hannah Keddlity 8A

Linguist of the Week: Annie Ballan 7Y and Dolabambi Olusimbo 9H

Historian of the Week: Ethan-James O'Brien 8R

Geographer of the Week: Harry Machin 8M

Sportsperson of the Week: Ethan Whales 7M

Designer of the Week: Georgie Jackson 8M

Artist of the Week: Jonnie Thexton 8Y

Musician of the Week: Tanatswa Muchena 8J

Computer Scientist of the Week: Natalia Tyers 8J

ClassCharts

Year 7 Top Achievers

Constance A 7R
Willow D 7R
Richie M 7M
Ellie S 7R
Isia H 7R

Year 8 Top Achievers

Belle D 8A
Tommy S 8N
Kai D 8A
Hannah K 8A
Tommy-Lee C 8O

Year 9 Top Achievers

Eva M 9R
Bokani N 9O
Grace N 9N
Tylor S 9Y
Lucy D 9M

Year 10 Top Achievers

Matthew W 10R
Michelle E 10R
Tejaswi S 10A
Thomas K 10R
Esther L 10J

Year 11 Top Achievers

Hassan S 11J
Zoe A 11M
Chloe C 11A
Eve M 11R
Nadia I 11M



I Heard a Whisper...

Sometimes the smallest of actions can have the biggest impact on those around us. All of last week's nominations were for things that may not have seemed big or significant to the person doing them, but to others they made a huge difference; small acts of kindness, consistency and relentless dedication. Well done to Mr Oxberry (Head of Year 7), Mrs Higgins (Maths), Mrs Lawson (RE), Miss Johnston (English), Miss Hankey (English), Mr Johnson (English), Mrs Smith (Head of RE) and Mrs Langford (MFL) who all received a sweet treat. Drop us an email to pass on your special thanks to a member of staff.

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Artist of the Week



Kristen R, 8A



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