ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

17 November 2025
Week A



On Tuesday we honoured all who have lost their lives in the line of duty with our special Remembrance Service which was held in the Chapel and streamed across the school to all classes. It was wonderful to see our cadets, guides and scouts in their uniforms and they were joined at the service by our Duke of Edinburgh students and our wonderful musicians who played The Last Post. Well done to all of our students for their respect shown, especially during the two minute silence.



Last year our U14 Netball Team were nominated for a Durham Young People Award. Last week, Cat from the Durham Youth Council came to school to announce that our girls had won the award and to present them with their trophy. This is an amazing achievement, with lots of students nominated in the category across all of County Durham. Well done to Beaux, Miylee, Indi, Isla, Elise, Evie, Grace, Emme and Lydia who are not only fantastic netballers, but also wonderful ambassadors for St John's. A special thanks also to Mrs Widdowson who champions the girls and accompanies them to all their matches.



On Friday we celebrated strength, courage and the power of sharing your story on World Diabetes Day. Emilia, one of our incredible Year 7 students, stood in front of her entire year group in assembly and spoke about living with Type 1 Diabetes. Her bravery and honesty helped everyone understand what life with diabetes really means and reminded us that challenges don't define us, they make us stronger. Emilia, and all those students and staff in our school living with Type 1 Diabetes, are an inspiration to us all. Let's keep raising awareness and supporting those living with diabetes every day.

A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Spotlight on...Literacy

At St John's, we believe that reading is not just a skill, it's a doorway to imagination, knowledge, and lifelong curiosity. That's why we place a strong emphasis on reading for pleasure across all year groups.

Open to all students at break and lunchtime, our LRC is a welcoming space filled with a fantastic range of fiction and non-fiction. Whether students want to escape into a gripping novel or explore new ideas through factual texts, there's something for everyone. Any student can borrow a book and discover their next great read.

Every week in PREP, students enjoy dedicated reading time with their tutor group. At Key Stage 3 this is in the form of a class reader. This regular routine helps foster a love of stories and builds confidence in reading aloud and sharing ideas. At Key Stage 4, our PREP reading shifts towards non-fiction, encouraging students to engage with real-world issues and current affairs. This not only broadens their understanding but also develops critical thinking skills that will serve them well beyond school.

We are also thrilled to share the incredible progress our Year 7 students have made in their reading journey. Whether it's silent Reading Lessons in the LRC or lively book chats with friends, it's clear to see that Year 7 are becoming passionate readers. Not only has the amount of reading skyrocketed, with 1356 books read this month so far already, but their enthusiasm and passion for reading is truly inspiring. From graphic novels to gripping adventures, fact books to fantasy, our students are diving into books with curiosity and joy.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 17 November- House Christmas card competition deadline, 3.20pm. We have received some incredible entries so far so keep them coming until the end of the day!

Tuesday 18 November- Year 9 Creative Carousel. 30 of our Year 9 students are attending a Creative Careers event at Ushaw College, focused on careers in Art, Music, Drama and Design to help with their option choices.

Tuesday 18 November- Year 7 Meet the Tutor. Appointments are still available to be made via SchoolCloud for our online Meet the Tutor event for Year 7. We look forward to discussing your child's start to St John's.

Wednesday 19 November- We were delighted to share the cast list for our 2026 production of Little Shop of Horrors on Friday, and a huge well done to all who auditioned and to our lead cast. The first rehearsal for everyone is on Wednesday until 4.30pm. Anyone wanting to be involved should come along!

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.

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Virtues

Resilience Isabelle P 11O (SDE)
Beth K 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Isaac C 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Lexi J 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Emilie P 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Sophie R 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Hamna H 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Rosa J 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Jess B 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Niamh 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Niamh C 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Sophie C 12T Responsibility (ERA)
Freya F 13E Responsibility (EST)
Amelia W 13E Responsibility (EST)
Lexi W 12T Responsibility (EST)
9A RE Class Resilience and Responsibility (EST)
Jessica B 13E Resilience and Responsibility (EST)

Grayson G 7Y Resilience (JHL)
Samuel H 7Y Responsibility (JHL)
Nola C 7Y Resilience (JHL)
Hannah S 10H Responsibility (SLO)
Ethan B 8J Respect (ERA)
Daniel W 8O Respect (ERA)
Joseph R 7M Respect (ERA)
Boaz F Respect (ERA)
Harry M 9J Respect (ERA)
Athena A 7J Respect (ERA)
Iona S 7O Respect (ERA)
Samuel H 7Y Respect (ERA)
Jonathan B 7N Respect (ERA)
Henry SJ 10A Respect (ERA)

Joel H 10J Respect (ERA)
Queenmercy A 9N Respect (ERA)
Alysha M 11M Respect (ERA)
Sarah M 9J Respect (ERA)
Evie M 10Y Respect (ERA)
Grace M 10J Respect (ERA)
Mylee A 10Y Respect (ERA)
James T 8A Respect (ERA)
Chase N 8A Respect (ERA)
Matthew W 10R Respect (ERA)
Harley H 9Y Resilience (SCO)
Tom B 8N Confidence (CJO)
Little Shop of Horrors callback auditionees- Self-Belief, Confidence and Respect (NRO & ALI)
All of Year 11- Resilience and Responsibility during mock exams

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

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Year 7

Isla H 7R (JKE)
Riley L 7R (JKE)
Naomi D 7A (ERO)
Emily L 7A (ERO)
Sofia G 7A (ERO)
Jan H 7A (ERO)
Isaac S 7A (ERO)
Sadie G 7A (ERO)
Grace C 7Y (NPA)
Oliver W 7Y (NPA)
Cerliena- Rose T 7Y (NPA)
Isla T 7Y (NPA)
Neave F 7Y (NPA)
Nola C 7Y (NPA)
Willow Dolan 7R (KRE)
Amalie W 7M (CHA)
Lucy E 7M (CHA)
Mary C 7M (CHA)

Emily M 7Y (JHL
Jonah R 7Y (JHL)
Kamsi O 7Y (JHL)
Kosi G 7Y (JHL)
Ethan P 7H (ESM)
Harry S 7H (ESM)
Macy H 7H (ESM)
Pippa B 7H (ESM)
Eden T 7H (ESM)
Thomas-James C 7H (ESM)
Isaac S 7A(SCO)
Jessyka D 7A(SCO)
Richie M 7M (SCO)
Sadie G 7R (SCO)
Cerliena-Rose T 7S (SCO)
Jan H 7A (SCO)
Jack J 7A (SCO)
Daniel S 7J (CHA)
Ellis W 7A (DHA)
Bobby C 7O (DHA)

Larnie-Rose B 7Y (MGI)
Lotti P 7R (SGO)
Roman T 7A (SGO)
Jonathan B 7N (SGO)
Sienna C 7N (SGO)
Jimmy-Joe Y 7M (CJO)
Clinton S 7Y (CJO)
Thomas H 7M (CJO)
Lexi-Mae H 7A (CJO)
Emily M 7Y (CJO)
Dinny A 7M (CJO & EST)
Haroon S 7R (SCO)
Isobel M 7Y (SCO)
Sofia G 7A (SCO)
Connie A 7R (SCO)
Eva P 7Y(SCO)
Reuben C 7J (SCO)
Martha B 7H (SCO)
Lucca Z 7J (SCO)
Toby H 7J (SCO)

Francesca B 7M (EST)
Lucy E 7M (EST)
Boaz F 7M (EST)
Sofia H 7M (EST)
Richie M 7M (EST)
Elijah O 7M (EST)
Archie P 7M (EST)
Eleanor S 7M (EST)
Laurianne S 7M (EST)
Honey T 7M (EST)
Esmae U 7M (EST)
Amalie W 7M (EST)
Eden T 7H (CLI)
Lily B 7O (CLI)
Meggan W 7N (SCO)
Oscar S 7J (SCO)
Jason L 7O (SCO)
Ada A 7N (SCO)

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Year 8

Beau W 8O (JKE)
Finley H 8O (JKE & CCR)
Jessica R 8N (NPA)
Gabby G 8N (NPA)
Isabella G 8N (NPA)
Isaac T 8A (NPA)
Heidi M 8A (NPA)
Markas P 8A (NPA)
Horia A 8R (SGO)
Harry D 8R (SGO)
Filney H 8R (SGO)
Ethan OB 8R (SGO
Amelia G 8R (SGO)

Francesca S 8O (SGO)
Yeva T 8O (SGO
Heidi R 8O (SGO)
Madisyn D 8M (AWR)
George G 8M (AWR)
Georgie J 8M (AWR)
Gabriel M 8M (AWR)
Harini T 8M (AWR)
Emmie E 8Y (MWI & KAL)
Willow M 8N (MMG)

Kai D 8A (CLI)
Kristen R 8A (CLI)
Adam R 8J (COS)
Tanatswa M 8J (COS)
Olivia S 8J (COS)
Elliot M 8R(SCO)
Evan C 8R (JHL)
Rosie G 8R (JHL)
Charlotte W 8R (JHL)
Artem K 8J (DHA)
Ali R 8Y (DHA)
Thea P 8O (JKE & SGO)
Daniel K 8O (JKE)
Lawrence J 8O (JKE)

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Year 9

Lexi K 9M (COS)
Mea T 9N (COS)
All of 9A Maths! (MHA)
Amelia P 9R (SCO)
Poppy S 9Y(SCO)
Constance C 9N (SCO)
Ella W 9N (SCO)
Ruby M 9H (SCO)
Sally B 9J (SCO)
Tommy-Steven K 9J (SCO)
Dolabomi O 9H (ESM)
Ava T 9H (ESM)
Belle 9H (ESM)

Noah G 9H (ESM)
Jacob M 9H (ESM)
Ruby M 9H (ESM)
Robbie O 9H (ESM)
Gracie H 9H(ESM)
Poppy W 9H (ESM)
Summer B 9H (ESM)
Jessica N 9H (ESM)
Sienna J 9H (ESM)
Edie-Grace C 9H (ESM)
Noah S 9H (ESM)
Joe McG 9H (ESM)

Michalina G 9R (MHA)
Luke I 9J (MHA)
Zak H 9O (MHA)
Sonny J 9O (MHA)
Sally B 9J (MHA)
Isobel H 9J (MHA)
Lexie H 9J (MHA)
Isla H 9R (MHA)
Isaac B 9H (MHA)
Gracie H 9H (DHA)
Amelia P 9R (DHA)
Isaac Bu 9H (ASP)

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Year 10

Harry W 10N (AWR)
Maddison R 10N (AWR)
Chloe B 10Y (AWR)
Mason G 10Y (AWR)
Ava W 10O (GMC)
Joey R 10O (GMC)
Taylor F 10R (GMC)
Thomas T 10A (GMC)
Iris C 10J (GMC & HHA)
Amber W 10R (MMG)
Grace I 10N (MMG)
Hollie D 10A (CHA)
Isabella E 10A (CHA)
Maddison S 10A (CHA)
Aidan C 10O (CHA)

Leah W 10A (CHA)
Jessica B 10A (CHA)
Kohl T 10Y (HHA)
Esther L 10J (ESM & CLI)
Joel H 10J (ESM & CLI)
Oliver J 10J (ESM)
Grace M 10J (ESM)
Isla S 10J (ESM)
Robyn S 10N (ESM)
Grace I 10N (ESM)
Milly H 10N (ESM)
Evangeline E 10J (ESM)
Olivia S 10J (ESM)
Trevor B 10J (ESM)
Freya H-F 10O (ESM & DHA)

Chloe W 10O (JHL)
Grace G 10N (JHL & NRO)
Sophie H 10J (JHL & NRO)
Rishon T 10O (JHL)
Lucy S 10A (LBT)
Oliwia S 10J (LBT)
Tia-Rose S 10J (NRO)
Phoebe W 10O (NRO)
Maya W 10J (NRO)
Macey A 10J (NRO)
Grace M 10J (NRO)
Charlie B 10O (NRO)
Elpida B 10O (EBA)
Tanisha A-M 10N (AWR)

Eve B 10R (EST)
Macey B 10Y (EST)
Amelia C 10Y (EST)
Mason G 10Y (EST)
Rosie C 10M (EST)
Clara J 10R (EST & MMG)
Thomas K 10R (EST & CLI)
Nathan K 10M (EST)
Harrison M 10M (EST)
Sophie R 10M (EST)
Tejaswi S 10A (EST)
Brooke T 10R (EST)
Sienna T 10A (EST)
Millie W 10M (EST)
Matthew W 10R (EST)
Alfie W 10A (EST)
Brooke W 10M (EST)

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Year 11

Zuzanna W 11J (JKE)
Oscar B 11J (JKE)
Reuben S 11J (JKE)
Grace B 11O (JKE)
Hannah S 11J (AWR)
Ava S 11N (AWR)
Joshua W 11M (AWR)
Robert B 11R (CJO)
Eve M 11R (CJO & NRO)
Molly M 11O (CJO)
Lewis W 11A (CJO & NRO)
Jack T 11A (CJO)

Bobby M 11Y (LDV)
Danae H 11H (LDV)
Calean H 11H (LDV)
Michael E 11M (LDV)
Ryan D 11Y (LDV)
Jack B 11J (LDV)
Posi A 11N (CLI)
Molly D 11A (CLI)
Hassan S 11J (CLI)
Benjamin S-J 11H (CLI)
Reuben S 11J (CLI)

Mrs Osborn's and Mrs Hale's GCSE French class
Maebh S 11R (NRO)
Madelyn A 11N (HRO)
Hassan S 11J (HRO)
Charlotte J 11H (LDV)
Katie W 11O (LDV)

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Year 12 and 13

Yasmin W 12S (HTH)
Anna T 12S (HTH)
Ethan R 12S (HTH)
Joshua C 12S (HTH)
Kate B 12T (CJO)
Ryan D 12T (CJO)
Ruby H 12S (CJO)
Lilith U 12S (CJO)
April G 12S (ESM & JHL)
Finn H 12 (ESM)
Julia W 12S (ESM & JHL)
Beth K 12 (ESM)

Alicia M 12T (LBT)
Imogen McW 12S (LBT)
Emily C 12S (LBT)
Jaimee R 12S (LBT)
Olivia F 12S (LBT)
Max B 12S (LBT)
Joshua C 12S (LBT)
Year 12 Lang/Lit (NRO)
Yullia S 12T (KXB)
Durga SM 12T (KXB)
Eason Z 12T (KXB)

Emily C 13A (LBT)
John J 13A (LBT)
Isaac S 13R (LBT)
Savannah L 13E (LBT)
Leah H 13E (LBT)
Mika McF 13A (LBT)
Lucie P 13A (LBT)
Myrren S 13A (LBT)
Harry S 13R (LBT)
Emmie C 13A (LBT)
Anna S 13A (LBT)
Evan B 13C (LBT)

Logan M 13C (HTH)
Sofia M 13E (HTH)
Andrei E 13A (HTH)
Freya F 13E (HTH)
Isaac S 13R (HTH)
Eve C 13C (EST)
Jessica P 13C (EST)
Summer T 13C (EST)
Sarah T 13A (EST)
Beth T 13A (EST)
Harriet F 13E (EST)
Jack R 13C (NRO)

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Department Stars of the Week- 14/11

Philosopher of the Week: Oliver Davies 8N
Reader of the Week: Esmae Urch and Lucas Kinvig 7M
Mathematician of the Week: Isaac Burey 9H
Scientist of the Week: Charlotte Wilson 8R
Linguist of the Week: Archie Dixon 7N
Historian of the Week: Jenson Cullen 8J
Geographer of the Week: Katherine Jones 7J
Sportsperson of the Week: Markas Popendikis 8A
Designer of the Week: Brooklyn Hopper 9A
Artist of the Week: Emmie Elwood 8Y
Musician of the Week: Thomas-James Chalk 7H
Computer Scientist of the Week: Jessie-Leigh Crow 8O

MFL Stars of the Week: Archie Dixon (7N), Artem Kozak (8J), Lexi King (9M), Finley Haigh (8O), Amelia Prince (9R)

ClassCharts

Year 7 Top Achievers
Emilia O 7Y
Willow D 7R
Kamsie O 7Y
Richie M 7M
Betsy W 7N

Year 8 Top Achievers
Tommy S 8N
Nathan P 8J
Oliver D 8N
Hope T 8N
Artem K 8J

Year 9 Top Achievers
Constance C 9N
Lilly J 9N
Mea T 9N
Caleb H 9O
Maisy N-H 9N

Year 10 Top Achievers
Nathan K 10M
Zachary P 10J
Tejaswi S 10A
Kohl T 10Y
Matthew W 10Y

Year 11 Top Achievers
Hannah S 11H
Molly D 11A
Eva N-D 11H
Freddie C 11A
Monica M 11O

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❑ **Tuesday 25 November-** Christmas Market, 6pm
- ❑ **Friday 28 November**- Disaggregated INSET Day- School closed
- ❑ **Thursday 4 December-** Year 11 Progress Eve
- ❑ **Wednesday 10 December-** Parishioner Christmas Lunch-
- ❑ **Thursday 11 December-** Year 10 Progress Eve
- ❑ **Monday 15 December-** Christmas Celebration
- ❑ **Thursday 18 December-** Student Christmas Lunch
- ❑ **Friday 19 December-** Break up for Christmas
- ❑ **Monday 5 January**- Return to school
- ❑ **Tuesday 13 January-** Year 9 Options Evening
- ❑ **Tuesday 20 January-** Whole School Careers Da
- ❑ **Thursday 29 January-** Sixth Form Progress Eve
- ❑ **Thursday 5 February-** Year 9 Progress Eve

I Heard a Whisper...

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind!"

Well done this week to Mrs Barnham (Head of Year 11), Mr Hutchinson (Head of Humanities), Mr Walker (LSA) and Bernadette, Danielle and Anna (Main Reception) who allreceive a sweet treat in recognition of the kindness they have shown towards students, parents and colleagues recently. If you would like to let us know of the kindness a member of staff has shown, drop us an email and help to spread some joy and gratitude.

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Artist of the Week



Evelyn K, 8M