



What a wonderful final day we had to end the term, and 2025 at St John's. Our staff and students embraced the Christmas spirit and sported some superb Christmas jumpers and accessories. We continued our reward assemblies for each year group, celebrating the many successes of our students this term including attendance, improvement, Duke of Edinburgh and Enrichment Champions. We also awarded our final Good Puds of December, recognising students for their contributions in making our school a lovely place. Our lovely Hand Chime ensemble journeyed around the school spreading some festive cheer to our wonderful support staff and we ended the day with our annual wave-off of the buses to say goodbye to our students

Earlier in the week, our Performing Arts department created pure festive magic as they brought the glitz and the glamour of the silver screen to St John's. From The Snowman to The Grinch, The Polar Express to Love Actually, and every Christmas film in between, our sell-out audience were taken on a cinematic tour of Christmas with music, dance and poetry. A huge well done to our Orchestra, Choir, Chamber Choir, Handchime Ensemble, Little Shop of Horrors Cast, KS3 Drama Club and soloists who showed such confidence and talent, and to everyone involved in organising the evening.



What a fantastic day we had for our silent disco whole school reward. All of our students danced and sang their hearts out, making memories and having fun with their friends. The atmosphere was wonderful and the dancing was a sight to behold, and that was just the staff! There were prizes for the best dancers, lots of laughter and even a pair of split trousers!! We were so impressed with how all of our students got into the spirit of things and shook off their inhibitions to have fun. We know it is events like this that our students will remember in years to come, and it was the perfect end of term treat!



## A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

We wish everyone a Happy New Year at the start of this new term. We hope you have enjoyed a lovely time with family and friends and have found the time to rest and relax. The beginning of a new year brings with it hope and anticipation, but it is also the chance to make a fresh start and lay out new commitments.

As we begin this new term, we remind our parents and carers of our high expectations and standards to ensure that our learning community continues to grow and flourish. By working in partnership with our families, and by being consistent in what we expect and do, we are supporting all of our young people to fulfil their potential and realise their dreams. By wearing the correct uniform, being punctual and having good attendance, and adhering to our clear rules regarding mobile phones and behaviour in lessons and on corridors, our students are able to become the very best version of themselves.

As we begin 2026 we also reflect on the fantastic end to last term and look forward to many more wonderful opportunities, experiences and successes for our learning community.

This year's Christmas liturgies at St Mary's church were themed around the important Advent message of hope. This annual tradition is a highlight of our run-up to Christmas and it was wonderful to see our students engaging with the services and the real meaning of Christmas. A very special mention to our wonderful Choir who sang so beautifully, and to our Chaplain, Emma, Miss Bell and Miss Liddle for leading the liturgies.



## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Monday 5-** We are looking forward to welcoming all of our students back to school on Week B timetable. A reminder that students should be in their congregation areas by 8.50am.

**Monday 5-** There are some changes to lunch time arrangements to accommodate the Year 11 Intervention timetable. Year 11 will now have their lunch in the MFL area before intervention begins at 12.50pm. Year 7 will now move to the Dining Hall for lunch and will queue down the Science corridor, as practised before Christmas. Year 10 will now queue down the main corridor.

**Wednesday 7-** Little Shop of Horrors rehearsal for all cast until 4.30pm. This is the last chance for anyone who would like to be involved, even if they did not audition, to come along and be part of this year's production.

**Looking Ahead:** Our Year 9 Options Drop-in evening will be held on Tuesday, 13 January 4-6pm. This will be an opportunity for students and parents/carers to find out more about the courses on offer at Key Stage 4.



# 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

19 December 2025

### Virtues

Isla W 70 (Confidence (SGO))  
Anna T 12S (Compassion and Responsibility (EST))  
Yasmin W 12S (Compassion and Responsibility (EST))  
Isabel W 12S (Compassion and Responsibility (EST))  
Lexi W 12T (Compassion and Responsibility (EST))  
Archie P 7M (Compassion (EBA))  
Lucy B 7J (Honesty (NRO))

Members of the Choir, Orchestra, Hand Chime Ensemble, Production Cast, KS3 Drama Group, soloists and readers in this week's Christmas Concert, Advent Liturgies and care home visits - Self-Belief, Confidence and Compassion (RBE, ALI & NRO)

Sixth Form Students who organised and donated to the Toy Collection as part of the Core RE 'Make a Difference' appeal: Compassion and Responsibility (EST)  
Bishop College Students: Confidence and Respect (NRO)

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

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### Year 8

Guru S 8A (HCO)  
Hannah K 8A (HCO)  
Chase N 8A (HCO)  
Chukwunenye O 8A (HCO)  
Kai D 8A (HCO & NRO)  
Belle D 8A (HCO)  
Benjamin W 8A (HCO)  
Ethan OB 8R (SGO)  
Regan W 8R (SGO)  
Aimee H 8O (SGO)  
Beau W 8O (SGO)  
Daniel K 8O (SGO)  
Thea P 8O (SGO)

Nathan M 8M (DDE & AWR)  
Isla T 8M (AWR)  
Emily B 8M (AWR)  
George G 8M (AWR)  
Beau W 8O (JKE)  
Carolena A 8O (EBA)  
Oliver D 8N (DDE)  
Josh R 8N (DDE)  
Caleb R 8Y (NRO)  
Tommy S 8N (NRO)  
Ethan B 8J (NRO)

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## High Five FRIDAY

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### Year 10

Mason G 10Y (AWR)  
Macey A 10J (AWR)  
Lacey M 10J (AWR)  
J-Lucas W 10J (HCO)  
Lincoln B 10N (HCO)  
Charlie T 10N (HCO)  
Maddison R 10N (HCO)  
Sophia C 10R (HCO)  
Alesha Z 10O (HCO)  
Millie B 10R (HCO)  
Kyrre N 10N (HCO)  
Tanisha A 10N (HCO)  
Ryan D 10A (SLO)  
Jake O 10Y (SLO)  
Oscar B-M 10Y (SLO)  
Anyia A 10M (SLO)

Kohl T 10 (SGO)  
Thomas T 10 (SGO)  
Sophie T 10 (SGO)  
Ruby S 10 (SGO)  
Max A 10M (CLI)  
Nathan K 10M (CLI)  
Emmanuel R 10N (DDE)  
Sienna Todd (DDE)  
Chloe B 10Y (LBT)  
Millie B 10R (LBT)  
Hollie D 10A (LBT)  
Ella G 10R (LBT)  
Jessica M 10N (LBT)  
Molly N 10R (LBT)  
Ruby S 10O (LBT)  
Brooke T 10R (LBT)

Harrison M 10M (EST)  
Brooke W 10M (EST)  
Phoebe W 10O (LBT)  
Daisy H 10R (LBT)  
Lacey M 10J (HHA)  
Finley P 10M (HHA)  
Aiden G 10O (RBE & ALI)  
Charlie B 10O (RBE & ALI)  
Lincoln B 10N (RBE & ALI)  
Kate T 10Y (RBE & ALI)  
Matthew W 10R (RBE & ALI)  
Olivia J 10J (JKE)  
Isabella E 10A (JKE)

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## High Five FRIDAY

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### Year 12 and 13

Beth K 12T (EST)  
Julia W 12S (EST)  
Finn H 12S (DDE)  
All of 12T (LBT)  
Rory B 12S (LBT)  
Spencer V 12T (LBT)  
Joshua C 12S (LBT)  
Jess B 12T (LBT)  
Max B 12S (LBT)  
Isaac C 12T (LBT)  
Ruby H 12S (LBT)  
Ella M 12T (LBT)  
Jaimee R 12S (LBT)

Summer T 13C (EST)  
Sarah T 13A (EST)  
Hanna N 13A (LBT)  
Emily C 13A (LBT)  
George B 13C (LBT)  
Anna S 13A (LBT)  
Evan B 13C (LBT)

Year 12 Criminology (LBT, RCA & NPA)

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### Year 7

Ellis W 7A (ERO)  
Jan H 7A (ERO & DDE)  
Pippa S 7Y (SGO)  
Annie B 7J (DDE)  
Rhuben C 7J (DDE)  
Sophie R 7O (DDE)  
Erin M 7R (DDE)  
Jonah R 7Y (NRO)  
Katherine J 7J (NRO)  
Lucy B 7J (NRO)  
Willow D 7R (NRO)  
Eleanor S 7M (NRO)  
Sadie G 7A (MAI & NRO & ERO)

Joseph H 7J (CLI)  
Leo R 7J (CLI)  
Joseph H 7J (CLI)  
Archie R 7H (CLI)  
Teddy D 7J (CLI)  
Miles M 7A (MAI)  
Cameron W 7O (MAI)  
Niko F 7O (MAI)

Elizabeth C 7N (SCO)  
Martha B 7H (SCO)  
Archie P 7M (SCO)  
Jimmy-Joe Y 7M (SCO)  
Richie M 7M (SCO & CSW)  
Nola C 7M (SCW)  
All of 7M (HHA)  
Jack R 7A (NRO)  
Mary C 7M (NRO)  
Mya P 7M (NRO)  
Lucy E 7M (NRO)  
Eliza B 7R (NRO)  
Lily B 7O (NRO)

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## High Five FRIDAY

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### Year 9

Jack B 9A (ERO)  
Oliver B 9A (ERO)  
Jenson B 9A (ERO)  
Tom C 9A (ERO)  
Isla C 9A (ERO)  
Emily E 9A (ERO)  
Harley G 9A (ERO)  
Finley G 9A (ERO)  
Noah H 9A (ERO)  
Thomas H 9A (ERO)  
Rowan N 9A (ERO)  
Evie P 9A (ERO)  
Ivy R 9A (ERO)  
Craig R 9A (ERO)  
Eveline S 9A (ERO)

Lydia S 9A (ERO)  
Tom S 9A (ERO)  
Aela S 9A (ERO)  
Sophie W 9A (ERO)  
Elena W 9A (ERO)  
Leon W 9A (ERO)  
Ellie R 9M (HCO)  
Nancy T 9R (HCO)  
Julia B 9R (HCO)  
Sam E 9 (SGO)  
Grace R 9 (SGO)  
Jack R 9 (SGO)  
Leland M 9 (SGO)

Leon W 9A (EBA)  
Sally B 9J (DDE)  
Brooke C 9J (DDE)  
Annalise M 9Y (DDE)  
Brooke W 9Y (DDE)  
Belle G 9H (DDE)  
Robbie O 9H (DDE)  
Constance C 9N (DQU)  
Lily S 9N (DOU)  
Ella W 9A (DOU)  
Brooke W 9Y (HHA)  
Lorna B 9R (HHA)  
Chloe M 9J (JKE)

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## High Five FRIDAY

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### Year 11

Mazie H 11M (AWR)  
Ava W 11Y (AWR)  
Molly B 11H (AWR)  
Chloe D 11A (AWR)  
James K 11H (SLO)  
Hannah B 11R (SLO)  
Robert B 11R (SLO)  
Madelyn A 11N (SLO)  
Brooke W 11N (SLO)  
Logan H 11J (SLO)  
Isabelle P 11O (DDE & HHA)  
Monica M 11O (DDE)  
Chloe D 11H (DDE)  
Imogen P 11N (DDE)  
Jack N 11N (EST)  
Hannah M 11N (EST)  
Simone B 11R (EST)  
Molly W 11M (EST)

Jorgia P 11A (LCU(KXB))  
Ryan D 11Y (LCU(KXB))  
Loia N 11O (LCU(KXB))  
Paige A 11N (LCU(KXB))  
Alfie S 11H (LCU(KXB))  
Charlie L 11M (LCU(KXB))  
Connor H 11H (LCU(KXB))  
Dylan S 11H (LCU(KXB))  
Teddy M 11H (LCU(KXB))  
Ethan W 11R (LCU(KXB))  
Evan B 11A (LCU(KXB))  
Jack P 11R (LCU(KXB))  
Louise W 11A (LCU(KXB))  
Scarlett H 11R (RBE & ALI)  
Rachel M 11Y (RBE & ALI)  
Eden W 11Y (RBE & ALI)  
Nicole S 11O (RBE & ALI)  
Chloe D 11H (RBE & ALI)

Aidan D 11J (LCU(KXB))  
Bobby M 11Y (LCU(KXB))  
Bobby E-A 11A (LCU(KXB))  
Finlay C 11N (LCU(KXB))  
Finlay W 11N (LCU(KXB))  
Freddie N 11R (LCU(KXB))  
Henry S 11O (LCU(KXB))  
Jacob B 11Y (LCU(KXB))  
Liam B 11R (LCU(KXB))  
Jack B 11Y (LCU(KXB))  
Matthew L 11N (LCU(KXB))  
Noah L 11R (LCU(KXB))  
Oliver H 11R (LCU(KXB))  
Lloyd W 11H (LCU(KXB))  
Thomas T 11N (LCU(KXB))  
Tom M 11J (LCU(KXB))  
Kristian W 11R (LCU(KXB))  
Bradley R 11A (LCU(KXB))

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## Advent Attendance Adventure

Well done to our final  
Advent Attendance  
Adventure winners:

### Week 2 Winner

(£50 voucher):

Dylan S, 11H

### Week 2 Parent

Winner:

(£50 voucher)

Narelle M, 7N



### Week 3 Winner:

(£100 voucher)

Ajay H-N, 9Y

### Week 3 Parent

Winner:

(£50 voucher)

Oliwia S, 10J

Well done to all of our  
winners and to  
everyone on their  
excellent attendance  
efforts throughout  
December.



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Tuesday 13 January**- Year 9 Options Evening, 4-6pm
- **Friday 16 January**- World Faith Day Celebration
- **Tuesday 20 January**- Whole School Careers Day
- **Monday 26 January**- Turing Scheme Trip to Geneva
- **Thursday 29 January**- Sixth Form Progress Eve
- **Thursday 5 February**- Year 9 Progress Eve
- **Monday 9 February**- Year 11 and 13 mocks
- **Friday 20 February**- Break up for half term
- **Monday 2 March**- School reopens
- **Monday 23 March**- Year 10 and 12 mocks
- **Wednesday 25 March**- Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts



## I Heard a Whisper...

I Heard a Whisper encourages us to show appreciation, when so often we can take things for granted. To all of our incredible staff who work tirelessly to nurture, guide, support and inspire our young people: thank you! The amazing achievements and opportunities we saw in 2025 would not be possible without them. Well done to Amy Lawson (Catering Manager), Jayne Summerbell (Admin), Emma Ramsey (Chaplain), Mrs Kipling (Art), Miss Bell (Head of Performing Arts), Miss Liddle (Performing Arts), (Mr Smith (Head of Year 8, Steph Anderson (Admin), Danielle Lawson (Admin), Sara Nevin (Finance), Bernadette Giblin (Admin) and Mrs Balmer (LSA) who all received the final Wispas of 2025. We look forward to sharing more nominations in 2026.

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## Artist of the Week



Amelia Guy, 11A



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