

# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

12 JANUARY 2026

WEEK A



St John's Enrichment Programme 2025-26

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
STEM	Board Game Club, NHI, M44	Coding Club, LCU, IT2	Masterminds Club, RMO, MA7	STEM Club, EDO, Lab 5	Creative Writing Club, EMO, E6
Cultural Capital	The Arc	Japanese Culture Club, DHA, LRC	Wordy Wednesdays, HHA/CMC, E2	Teen Tech Project, CLJ, Lab 1 (Year 10 and 11)	Care in the Community, ERA, Chapel
Community and Catholic Life	Language and Culture Club, (Years 7-9), CCR, MF3	Environment Awareness, CHA, HU2 (All years welcome, 50 mins)	Escapes Room Club, CLJ, Lab 1	Debate and Politics Club, CST, HU3	Philosophy and Ethics Club, EST, RE1 (Year 9 and 10)
Wellbeing	Year 7 Art Club (invitation only) DDE, ART1	Gardening Club, NKI, ART2	Wellbeing Wednesdays, LHE, LRC (50 mins)	Student Voice Drop-in, Main Hall, NRO/ Student Leadership Team	The Arc
The Arts	Badminton, ATU, Sports Hall	Creative Colouring, CSW, HU6	Crochet and Crafts, KIB, MA3	Bring and Brag, Main Hall, NRO/ Heads of House	Karaoke Club, IAI/NRO, Main Hall
Active Lifestyle	Football, 3G, DPA/GMC 12.30- Year 8/10 12.55- Year 9/11	The Arc	The Arc	CAFOO Young Leaders (Year 12 only), ERA, Chapel	Just Dance, NIS, Gym
Academic Enrichment	Year 10 Sports Science Coursework Catch-up, DSM, PE4	Drama Club, ALI, Main Hall	Project Ensemble (invitation only), RBE, MU2	Chamber Choir (invitation only), RBE/ALI, MU2	Badminton, ATU, Sports Hall
Unless otherwise stated, clubs will run for the last 25 minutes of lunchtime, starting at 12.55pm, with the exception of any sports clubs (green) which will run at the start of lunch until 1.10pm. Please be prompt to your club as it will be first come, first served.	Homework Club, LSAs, IT3 (all lunchtime)	Football, 3G, DSM/GMC 12.30- Year 7/8 12.55- Year 9/11	Sixth Form Glee Club, LBT/IAI, Lecture Theatre (Year 12 and 13 only)	Board Game Club, NHI, M44	Football, 3G, DPA/GMC 12.30- Year 7/8 12.55- Year 10/11
		Health and Social Care Coursework Support, LCU, Lab 11	Year 7 and 8 Netball, MMG, Sports Hall	FIFA Club, DMI, IT1	
		GCSE 3D Design Intervention (Year 11), PWA, T4	Football, 3G, GMC 12.30- Year 7/10 12.55- Year 9/11	The Arc	
			Year 7 and 8 Netball, MMG, Sports Hall	Table Tennis, ATU, Gym	
			Football, 3G, GMC 12.30- Year 7/8 12.55- Year 9/10	Darts Club, LCU, Main Hall	
			Homework Club, LSAs, IT3 (all lunchtime)	Football, 3G, GMC/DSM 12.30- Year 7/8 12.55- Year 9/10	
				Homework Support (Year 7), LHE, LRC	



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

## Spotlight on... Enrichment

We are extremely proud to offer over 70 clubs to our students across lunchtime and after school, with something for everyone. Under the categories of STEM, Community and Catholic Life, The Arts, Cultural Capital, Wellbeing, Active Lifestyle, Academic Enrichment, we ensure all of our students have access to a wide range of opportunities for every talent, hobby and passion. We encourage our students to attend as much enrichment as they can throughout the week, particularly at lunchtime. Not only can they have the chance to develop a new skill or hone an existing talent, they will also meet new people and develop interests in new things. Every week our newsletter features the exciting opportunities and achievements enrichment can bring, and a brand new year and term is the perfect time to try something new.

Before Christmas we celebrated the amazing achievements of our Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh groups who received their certificates for completing their awards. As well as learning a new skill and keeping fit, the students showed real determination, resilience and great contributions to volunteering establishments, giving up a minimum of 1 hour every week to volunteer their time at places such as schools, allotments, churches, charity shops, team coaching, dance classes, stables and many more. We are incredibly proud of them all, especially for coping with the dreadful weather conditions they had during their expeditions and for approaching the process with positivity and just a few moans! We look forward to seeing these students progress to their Silver and Gold Awards, and for a new cohort of Year 9 students to begin their Bronze Award this year. Watch this space for news on our amazing Gold Award achievements within Sixth Form.



Tuesday 20 January is our Careers Day within school. If any of our parents or carers would be willing to speak to some groups of students about their career, or know someone who would, please contact [jsomers@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk](mailto:jsomers@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk)

Also before Christmas, 230 of our students across Years 8, 9 and 10 had the opportunity to attend Bishop Auckland College to take part in some exciting enrichment sessions there. Our students took part in a range of amazing activities including E-Sports, Hairdressing, festive art, cooking up festive treats in Catering, making their own lip scrubs and face masks in Beauty, learning how to change a tyre in Motor Vehicles, learning how to build a wall in Construction, taking and developing their own photographs in the designated Photography studio and recording their own songs in the Music studio. Our students had a fantastic time, and we are so grateful to the wonderful staff at the College for allowing us to use their amazing facilities and give our students the chance to learn new skills and enrich their experiences. We look forward to more sessions later on in the year.



## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Tuesday 13-** Year 9 Options Drop-In Evening, 4-6pm. We look forward to welcoming our Year 9 students into school along with their parents and carers to find out more about the subjects on offer for GCSE.

**Wednesday 14-** Little Shop of Horrors rehearsal for all cast until 4.30pm.

**Friday 16-** World Faith Day. World Religion Day takes place on Sunday 18 January. To mark this day, throughout this week students from Years 7-10 will study different religions within RE lessons and the week's Celebration of the Word will be focused on promoting the values of tolerance and respect. The week will culminate on Friday with a group of Year 10 students visiting Bishop Auckland College to experience firsthand Jewish practices through the use of their Immersive Suite.

**Looking Ahead:** Appointments will soon go live for our Year 12 and 13 Progress Evening on Thursday 29 January and Year 9 Progress Evening on Thursday 5 January. More information will be sent via MCAS.



# LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Virtues**

Jimmy-Joe Y 7M Compassion (RBE)  
April G 12S Confidence (NRO)  
Olivia F 12S Confidence (NRO)  
Daisy J 12S Confidence (NRO)  
Emily C 12S Confidence (NRO)  
Bobby E-A 11A Confidence (NRO)  
Lewis W 11A Confidence (NRO)  
Scarlett-Rose R 11O Responsibility (NRO)  
Nadia I 11M Responsibility (NRO)

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

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**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 8**

George G 8M  
Kian H 8M  
Isaac T 8A  
Evelyn K 8M  
Hannah L 8Y  
Charlotte W 8R  
Imogen O 8N (CMC)  
Harrison B 8R (CMC)  
Lexi D 8N (DDE&D)  
Tommy S 8N (DDE&D)  
Ethan O 8R (CSW)  
Charlotte W 8R (CSW)  
Rosie G 8R (CSW)  
Jonni L 8Y (CSW)  
Ali R 8Y (CSW)  
Emilia K 8Y (CSW)

Horia A 8R (DHA)  
Tom B 8N (MHA)  
Kaleb P 8O (MHA)  
Katie G 8U (MHA)  
Clayton N 8N (MHA)  
Ellie-Rose N 8J (MHA)  
Jessica R 8N (MHA)  
Heidi H 8N (MHA)  
Zac B 8U (MHA)  
Ethan P 8O (MHA)

Oliver D 8N (DHA & DAT)  
Belal Q 8A (IAI)  
Nathan M 8M (NHI)  
Daniel W 8O (IAI)  
Allan T 8M (AWR)  
Freya A 8M (AWR)  
Verity D 8M (AWR)  
Saulie K 8M (AWR)  
Harini T 8M (AWR)  
George J 8M (AWR)

Hannah L 8Y (CSW)  
Luke D 8Y (CSW)  
Francesca S 8O (CHA)  
Nathan P 8J (COS & IAI)  
Sam M 8A (CLJ)  
Emily S 8A (CLJ)  
Kai D 8A (PBA)  
James T 8A (PBA)  
Heidi D 8O (SGO)  
Thea P 8O (SGO)  
Rosie G 8R (SGO)  
Finlay H 8R (SGO)  
Victoria B 8H (DHA)  
Savannah S 8H (DHA)  
Lexi-May H 8H (DHA)

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**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 10**

Iris C 10J (NRO & CSW)  
Tia-Rose S 10J (NRO)  
Charlie B 10O (NRO)  
Manny R 10N (NRO)  
Harry C 10O (NRO)  
Macey A 10J (NRO)  
Damon C 10R (CMC)  
Viva-Rose P 10A (CMC)  
Georgia C 10R (CSW)  
Mylee A 10Y (CSW)  
Oscar BM 10Y (CSW)  
Max A 10M (CSW)  
Nathan K 10M (CSW)  
Tejaswi S 10A (CSW & CLJ)

Anyia A 10M (CSW)  
Aleasha Z 10O (EDO)  
Ava W 10O (EDO)  
Harry M 10M (EDO)  
Evangeline E 10J (EDO)  
Robina K 10M (LDV)  
Aidan C 10O (LDV & AWR)  
Bradley B 10J (LDV)  
Phoebe W 10O (LDV & NRO)  
Oily S 10A (LDV & AWR)  
Thomas T 10A (SGO)  
Isabelle D 10Y (SGO)  
Lily H 10A (IAI)  
Bridie-Leigh R 10M (CHA)

Daisy L 10R (AWR)  
Macey B 10Y (AWR)  
Michelle E 10R (AWR)  
Maddison R 10N (AWR)  
Alesha Z 10O (AWR)  
Sophia C 10R (AWR)  
George L 10J (NHI)  
Ryan B 10O (NHI)  
Elise G 10O (NHI)  
Lily M 10J (DDE)  
Amber W 10R (DDE)

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**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 12 and 13**

Kate B 12T (LOU)  
Lexi W 12T (LOU & VNI)  
Olivia E 12S (LOU & VNI)  
Isabel W 12S (LOU & VNI)  
Abi T 12T (DDE)  
Lucas E 12S (LBT)  
Zak S 12T (LBT)  
Amy May H 12T (VNI)  
Molly W 12T (VNI)  
Anna T 12S (VNI)  
Yasmin W 12S (VNI)  
Summer Rose S 12S (VNI)

Julia W 12S (JHL & NRO)  
Loran C 12S (VNI)  
Amelia A 12S (VNI)  
Jess B 12T (LBT)  
Lucas E 12S (LBT)  
Daisy J 12S (NRO)  
April G 12S (NRO)  
Alicia M 12T (LBT)  
Isaac C 12T (LBT)  
Max B 12S (LBT)  
Niamh C 12T (NRO)

Lily A 13R (LOU & VNI)  
Jessica B 13E (LOU & VNI)  
David C 13C (LOU & VNI)  
Leah-Brooke D 13E (LOU)  
Chloe H 13E (LOU)  
Mika M 13A (LOU)  
Ella P 13A (LOU)  
Lucie P 13A (LOU)  
Madison R 13E (LOU)  
Katie R 13E (LOU)  
Myrren S 13A (LOU)  
Amelia W 13E (LOU)

Hannah A 13C (LBT)  
Katie H 13E (LBT)  
Evan MP 13R (LBT)  
Isaac S 13R (LBT)  
Logan E 13R (LBT)  
Leo B 13R (LBT)  
Jacquie W 13E (LBT)  
Daniel W 13E (LBT)  
Amelia W 13E (LBT)  
Abigail H 13E (LBT)  
Evan B 13C (LBT)  
Jonny L 13C (NHI)  
Jack L 13A (NHI)  
Ryan W 13C (NHI)

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**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 7**

Sienna C 7N (RCA)  
Ada A 7N (RCA)  
Naomi D 7A (CMC)  
Macy M 7H (COS)  
Isobel M 7Y (COS)  
Max E 7O (EDO)  
Bobby C 7O (EDO)  
Martha B 7H (EDO)  
Cassey M 7R (EDO)  
Vogue T 7H (PBA)  
Leon D 7H (PBA)  
Ethan P 7H (PBA)

Laila G 7M (NHI)  
Richie M 7M (NHI)  
Cameron W 7O (CLI)  
Cerliana R 7Y (HRO)

Ava M 7Y (SGO)  
Oscar I 7R (SGO)  
Charles O 7Y (IAI)  
Ella H 7M (IAI & NHI)  
Esmee U 7M (IAI)  
Kamsi O 7Y (IAI)  
Kosi O 7Y (IAI)  
Cameron W 7O (DHA)  
Emily L 7A (DHA)  
Tommy H 7M (CSW)  
Jimmy-Joe Y 7M (CSW)  
Eleanor S 7M (CSW)  
Dinny A 7M (CSW)

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**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 9**

Dylan S-B 9R  
Noah G 9H  
Millie B 9M  
Poppy S 9Y (DDE)  
Ava W 9Y (DDE)  
Kole S 9H (CHA)  
Evoline S 9A (CCR)  
Maks F 9J (KXB)  
Harry M 9J (KXB)

Leland M 9Y (SGO)  
Lexi K 9M (SGO)  
Sam E 9O (SGO)  
Amira S 9J (IAI)  
Affie O 9N (IAI)  
Constance C 9N (IAI)  
Poppy S 9Y (IAI)  
Pippa H 9R (DHA)  
Lily S 9N (DHA)

Leo B 9R (NHI)  
Lara S 9M (NHI)  
Ellie R 9M (HRO)  
Poppy Y 9M (HRO)  
Alistair M 9J (CHA)

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**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 11**

Lewis W 11A (NRO)  
Bobby E-A 11A (NRO)  
Olivia B 11J (DDE)  
Imogen P 11M (DDE & CSW)  
Thea C 11Y (MHA)  
Ryan S 11Y (MHA)  
Jacobi C 11H (MHA)  
Heidi S 11M (MHA)  
Elliot 11H (MHA)  
Alex U 11J (MHA)  
Ava R 11H (MHA & CSW)  
Jorgia P 11A (MHA)  
Maeve H 11M (MHA)  
Finlay T-S 11A (MHA)  
Ava W 11Y (MHA & AWR)  
Ellie-Mae H 11O (MHA)  
Ellie B 11R (CSW & NRO)  
Eva ND 11H (AWR)

Phoebe H 11H 11R (CSW)  
Jack B 11N (CSW)  
Monica M 11O (CSW)  
Jack R 11O (CSW)  
Spencer S (CSW)  
Hannah M 11N (CHA)  
Robert B 11R (COS & NHI)  
Eden W 11Y (NRO)  
Alicia W 11Y (VNI)  
Scarlett H 11 (JHL)  
Danae H 11L (LDV)  
Michael E 11M (LDV)  
Evie C 11N (LDV)  
Terry N 11A (LDV)  
Evie S 11O (COS)  
Liam B 11R (KXB)  
Aiden D 11J (KXB)  
Harriet D 11A (IAI)

Molly C 11Y (AWR)  
Jamie-Leigh C 11O (AWR)  
Zuzanna W 11J (AWR)  
Joel A 11N (AWR)  
Oliver H 11R (AWR)  
Eve M 11R (NRO)  
Skye H 11O (NRO)  
Brihanna J 11M (NRO)  
Scarlett H 11 (NHI)  
Nadia I 11M (NRO)  
Nelle R 11R (NRO)  
Lily W 11M (NRO)  
Jacob B 11A (NHI)  
Josh W 11M (NHI)  
Marko V 11M (NHI)  
Reuben S 11J (NHI)  
Ali C 11M (NHI)

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**Department Stars of the Week- 9/1**

**Philosopher of the Week:** Brayden Ngata 7R

**Reader of the Week:** Charlie Thompson 7R

**Mathematician of the Week:** Lara Sawyer 9M

**Scientist of the Week:** Savannah Storey 8H

**Linguist of the Week:** Cameron Weir 7O

**Historian of the Week:** Annie Ballan 7J

**Geographer of the Week:** Joni Lapinskas 8Y and Ethan-James O'Brien 8R

**Sportsperson of the Week:** Isaac Brown 9O

**Designer of the Week:** Jack Relton 7A

**Artist of the Week:** Tommy Smith 8N

**Musician of the Week:** Francesca Saunders 8O and Megan Walker 7M

**Computer Scientist of the Week:** Frankie Simpson-Jones 7H



## ClassCharts

### Year 7 Top Achievers

Richie M 7M  
Eleanor S 7M  
Cassey M 7R  
Joseph C 7R  
Daniel S 7J

### Year 8 Top Achievers

Tommy S 8N  
Emily S 8A  
Kai D 8A  
Carolena A 8O  
Tommy-Lee C 8O

### Year 9 Top Achievers

Belle G 9H  
Lexi K 9M  
Dola O 9H  
Poppy S 9Y  
Lara S 9M

### Year 10 Top Achievers

Oilly S 10A  
Oscar B-M 10Y  
Tejaswi S 10A  
Callie T 10R  
Bridie-Leigh R 10M

### Year 11 Top Achievers

Skye H 11O  
Nadia I 11M  
Kristian W 11R  
Joshua W 11M  
Jack P 11R

*MFL Stars of the Week: Horia Anghel (8R), Lily Smith (9N),  
Teni Ashiru (8N), Evoline Scott (9A), Isobel Mundell (7Y)*

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](mailto:nrose@stjohns.bhccet.org.uk).



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 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
- Wednesday 18 February**- Ash Wednesday Liturgies
- Friday 20 February**- Break up for half term
- Monday 2 March**- School reopens
- Thursday 19 March**- Year 8 Progress Eve
- Monday 23 March**- Year 10 and 12 mocks
- Wednesday 25 March**- Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts
- Thursday 19 March**- Year 8 Progress Eve



## I Heard a Whisper...

We had our first 'I Heard a Whisper' of 2026 last week, and we started the year with gratitude.

Well done to Ann Wake (Chair of Governors) and Fr David Coxon (Parish Priest), and Miss Allaway, Miss Bell and Mrs Balmer (LSAs) who were the recipients of last week's sweet treats.

We look forward to sharing many more nominations throughout the year, so drop us an email at if you would like to put forward a member of staff for a shout-out and treat.

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## Artist of the Week



Chloe Diaz, 11H



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