



As part of February's Love Your Library Month, we were blown away by the incredible competition entries from our students. A huge congratulations to our winners whose entries really stood out: Jack, Jorga-Anne and Lucy. It's so refreshing to see how many of our students have a genuine love for books, using reading as a way to escape, imagine and explore new worlds. We'd also like to show our appreciation for Miss Heads and our wonderful LRC; students say it is a safe, calm and tranquil space where they can relax, focus and enjoy the magic of reading.



Playing an instrument takes a lot of hard work and practice. Durham Music Service's new Secondary Framework rewards students who show dedication to their studies and we are proud to announce that 12 of our students have earned their one-star certificate, meaning they have achieved 5 out of the 15 statements in their category. Congratulations to Neave, Sophie, Cameron, Archie, Zaak and Isabella, who have all achieved their One-Star Bronze award; Tobias, who has achieved his One-Star Silver Award; and Evoline, Edie-Rose, Melissa and Anthony, who have all achieved their One-Star Gold Award. We can't wait to hear where your music lessons will take you next, as you work towards your Two-Star Awards.



On Friday, our principal cast for this year's school production of Little Shop of Horrors were invited along to watch Sunderland University's performance of the musical. Not only was this an excellent chance to see the show brought to life on stage to help our cast with their own characterisation and vocals, but we also got to see alumni and former A Level Drama student Zach take to the stage as part of his Performing Arts degree. As an extra bonus, we got the chance to chat to Zach afterwards and got invited onto the stage to explore the set, and the plant, first hand. A huge thank you to Sunderland University for this opportunity and for helping us with our own set and props for our upcoming show in July.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Spotlight on... Literacy

Last week was all about celebrating the joy of reading and the power of stories to spark imagination, build empathy and bring us together as a community. At St John's, we're passionate about fostering a lifelong love of reading- whether that's diving into new worlds, discovering new perspectives or simply enjoying a quiet moment with a great book. As well as the fantastic celebrations which took place in the LRC,, our students took part in a whole school Reading Relay. Throughout the day, students spent time in each lesson reading a section of the same story, before passing the baton onto their next teacher. By the end of the day, all students had read the same short story, creating a shared reading experience that connected us all. By reading for this additional time during the course of the day, we helped our students to:

- ★ Develop their vocabulary use
- ★ Improve their writing skills, including their use of punctuation
- ★ Foster a love of reading
- ★ Develop their oracy skills through discussion
- ★ Build empathy
- ★ Spark their imagination
- ★ Consider new perspectives

If you would like to get involved and share in this same story and continue the discussions at home, the story and tasks for last week's Reading Relay can be found below:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1L7PyUGOqdxyMSNcQ3W4sDOh9PfcveUFd/view?usp=drive_link

And watch this space for an exciting creative writing House Competition directly linked to our Reading Relay coming soon.

We are thrilled to announce that we are now generating clean energy from our new solar panels, helping power our classrooms and cut energy bills! We are one of 250 schools across the country who are now benefiting from an up to £255m investment from Great British Energy and the government which means we're not only reducing costs but also inspiring our students to lead the way in sustainability.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 9- A reminder that the Arbor Parent Portal and App will be live from tomorrow, Monday 9 March at 8am. Please ensure you have completed your login and downloaded the app and contact us if you are having any issues. Please note that correspondence from school will now be sent via Arbor and messages sent to MCAS will no longer be monitored.

Looking Ahead: Appointments are now live for Year 8 Progress Evening on Thursday 19 March and can be made via School Cloud. Appointments for Year 7 Progress Evening on Thursday 26 March will go live on Thursday.

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.

High Five FRIDAY
6 March 2026

Virtues

Leah W 10A Responsibility (VNI)
Brooke W 10M Responsibility (VNI)
Jessica B 10A Confidence & Self Belief (LHE)
Grace M 10J Confidence & Self Belief (LHE)
Milly H 10N Confidence & Self Belief (LHE)
Max A 10Y Confidence & Self Belief (LHE)
Jake O 10M Confidence & Self Belief (LHE)
Jonah R 7Y Confidence (NRO)

Oscar I 7R Confidence (CJO)
Haroon S 7R Confidence (CJO)
Richie M 7M Confidence (CJO)
Katherine J 7J Confidence (CJO)
Tanitswa M 8J Confidence (CJO)
Horia A 8R Confidence (CJO)
Belal Q 8A Confidence (CJO)
Ava J 9N Confidence (CJO)
Kea-Shenell W 9N Confidence (CJO)
Grace N 9N Confidence (CJO)

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

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Year 7

Jonah R 7Y (COS & SCO)
Rose D 7N (COS)
Ava O 7R (JKE)
Daisy G 7R (JKE)
Lainey-May J 7R (JKE)
Luca C 7R (JKE)
Constance A 7R (JKE)
Riley L 7R (JKE)
Isia D 7R (JKE)
Joseph C 7R (JKE)
Oscar I 7R (SGO)
Lexi-Mae H 7A (JKE)
Jack Re 7A (JKE)
Emily L 7A (JKE)
Sadie G 7A (JKE)

Macy H 7Y (HMO)
Charlie H 7Y (HMO)
Ada A 7N (LHE)
Willow D 7R (LHE)
Richie M 7M (LHE)
Lily B 7O (LHE)
Naomi D 7A (LHE)
Ethan P 7H (CLI)
Toby H 7J (CLI)
Archie R 7H (CLI)
Bella L 7N (RCA)
Izaak D 7Y (HRO)
Jack J 7A (HRO)

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High Five FRIDAY
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Year 8

Luke T 8O (SGO)
Evelyn K 8M (ASP)
Heidi M 8A (ASP)
Scarlet R 8R (ASP)
Emily B 8M (ASP)
Harry F 8M (ASP)
Jessie-Leigh C 8O (CHA)
Samuel M 8A (CHA)
Belle D 8A (LHE)
Kristen R 8A (LHE)
Verity D 8M (AWR & LHE)
Saula K 8M (AWR & LHE)
Harini T 8M (AWR & LHE)

Jessica B 8J (LLA)
Isabella G 8N (LLA)
Molly J 8N (LLA)
Thomas A 8A (LLA)
Lousha H 8A (LLA)
Ben A 8A (LLA)
Ben W 8A (LLA)
Kai D 8A (LLA)
Kairon H 8A (LLA)
Francesca S 8O (HMO)
Daniel W 8O (HMO)

Guru S 8A (CLI)
Jenson C 8J (SMG)
Tommy S 8N (DAT)
Oliver D 8N (DAT)
Roman H 8O (DAT)
Tommy-Lee C 8O (DAT)
Lawrence J 8O (DAT)
Imogen O 8N (DAT)
Jenson C 8J
Daniel W 8O (SGO)
Finlay K 8J (LLA)
Victoria B 8H(LLA)
Evie D 8J (LLA)
Jenson C 8J (LLA)
Illia K 8J (LLA)

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High Five FRIDAY
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Year 9

Heidi D 9R (SGO)
Charlie B 9H (SGO)
Jack S 9A (HMO)
Emily E 9A (HMO)
Frankie B 9J (HMO)
Harry M 9J (HMO)
Oli K 9O (LHE & SMG)
Bokani N 9O (SMG)
Poppy Y 9M (HRO)
Dola O 9H (HRO)

Tylor S 9Y (ACH)
Chloe M 9J (SCO)
Imogen K 9J (SCO)
Caitlyn H 9O (ACH)
Ruby M 9H (ACH)
Ella W 9N (ACH)
Jack S 9A (ACH)
Tom S 9A (ACH)
Sophie W 9A (ACH)

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Year 10

Megan P 10Y (VNI)
Madison R 10N (VNI)
Thalia A 10Y (VNI)
Kibbi M 10O (SGO)
Kieran W 10R (SGO)
Charlie G 10A (AWR)
Brooke W 10M (AWR)
Sophie B 10A (AWR)
Iona A 10N (LLA)
Elise G 10O (LLA)
Rishon T 10O (LLA)
Bradley B 10J (LDV)
Hollie D 10A (LDV)
George L 10J (VNI & AWR)
Lacey M 10J (VNI & LDV)

Grace G 10N (HMO)
Luke F 10J (HMO)
Finbar H 10R (HMO)
Matthew W 10R (LHE)
Sophie R 10M (CLI)
Dexter M 10N (ASP)
Yu Qi C 10N (ASP)
Max A 10M (CCR)
Milly H 10N (CCR)
Grace M 10J (CCR)
Amber W 10R (ASP)
Joey R 10O (ACH)
Harry C 10O (NRO)
Iris C 10J (NRO)
Esther L 10J (NRO)

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Year 11

Jamie-Leigh C 11O (CHA)
Hannah B 11R (COS)
Eve S 11O (COS)
Tom M 11J (AWR)
Eve M 11R (AWR)
Ava S 11N (AWR)
Jacob B 11A (AWR & NRO)
Grace M 10J (CCR)
Liana A 11O (AWR)
Jack B 11N (HRO)
Maiya J 11J (HRO)

Isaac C 11O (CLI)
Harry B 11Y (CLI)
Lewis W 11A (NRO)
Maebh S 11R (NRO)
Eve M 11R (NRO)

Hannah S 11J (AWR)
Ellie-Mae H 11O (AWR)
Ava W 11Y (AWR)
Freddie N 11R (AWR)
Mia P 11A (SMG)
Lexi B 11R (SMG & NRO)
Nadia I 11M (NRO)
Chloe C 11A (NRO)
Lily W 11M (NRO)
Nelle R 11R (NRO)

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High Five FRIDAY
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Year 12

Kate B 12T (LQU)
Olivia E 12S (LQU)
Molly W 12T (LQU)
Amy H 12T (LQU)
Beth K 12T (HTH)
Sophia O 12S (HTH)

Rosa J 12T (LBT)
Niamh T 12T (LBT)
Sophie R 12T (LBT)
Emilie P 12T (LBT)
Alicia M 12T (LBT)

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Year 13

Myrren S 13A (LQU)
Neve R 13C (LQU)
Lily A 13R (LQU)
George B 13C (NRO)
Eve C 13C (NRO)

Emily C 13A (HTH)
Katie C 13R (HTH)
Leah H 13E (HTH)
Anna S 13A (HTH)

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ClassCharts Year 7 Top Achievers



Jonah R 7Y
Toby H 7J
Richie M 7M
Katherine J 7J
Constance A 7R
Bella L 7N
Athena A 7J

Year 8 Top Achievers

Jenson C 8J
Harini T 8M
Allan T 8M
Rosie S 8O
Louis W 8N
Daniel W 8O
Horia A 8R

Year 9 Top Achievers

Harry M 9J
Sally B 9J
Neve O 9J
Milana D 9J
Riley H 9M
Jack S 9A
Olivia B 9Y

Year 10 Top Achievers

Sienna T 10A
Luke F 10J
Dexter M 10N
Layton H 10Y
Matthew W 10R
Sophie B 10A
Isabella E 10A

Year 11 Top Achievers

Madelyn A 11N
Chloe C 11A
Freddie C 11A
Jamie-Leigh C 11O
Liana A 11O
Chloe D 11A
Anna B 11R



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ☐ **Thursday 19 March-** Year 8 Progress Eve
- ☐ **Monday 23 March-** Year 10 and 12 mocks begin
- ☐ **Wednesday 25 March-** Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts
- ☐ **Thursday 26 March-** Year 7 Progress Eve
- ☐ **Tuesday 31 March-** Whole school Lenten liturgies
- ☐ **Thursday 2 April-** Break up for Easter
- ☐ **Monday 20 April-** School reopens
- ☐ **Monday 5 May-** External exams begin
- ☐ **Monday 18 May-** Year 10 Work Experience week
- ☐ **Thursday 25 June-** Virtue Awards
- ☐ **Tuesday 30 June-** Year 11 Prom
- ☐ **Thursday 2 July-** Year 6 Welcome Eve



1 Heard a Whisper...

In a world that at times is filled with so much negativity and hate, we want to ensure we are spreading positivity and gratitude within our learning community... enter I Heard a Whisper!

Well done last week to Mrs Robertson (Science), Miss Aisbitt (Maths), Mr Rolston (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Morley (Maths), Mr McIntyre (Deputy Headteacher) and Miss Allaway and Miss Bell (LSAs) who all received nominations from parents or colleagues and received a chocolate treat.

Please continue to send your nominations to help us continue to spread gratitude and joy.

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Artist of the Week



Chloe Diaz, 11H