



What an incredible response we had to our World Book Day Competition. As part of the National Year of Reading, students were challenged to design a National Book Token themed "Go All In" – and they certainly did! We received over 200 fantastic entries, each showing amazing creativity, imagination and a love for reading. It was incredibly difficult to choose, so Miss Heads picked out not one, but twelve winners, who will each receive a £10 Amazon voucher.

Well done to:

Eila B, Katherine J, Emily L, Lois L, Pippa S, Isobel C, Neave F, Miles M, Naomi D, Ava C, Eleanor S and Olivia R.

Every single entry will now be submitted to the national competition, giving our talented students the chance to win book tokens for themselves and school and to have their design made into an actual book token. A huge well done to everyone who took part– your creativity truly shows that when it comes to reading, at St John's we really do GO ALL IN!



Two of our Sixth Form students, Caitlin and Lily, were recently awarded the team volunteering award 2025/26 at the Bishop Auckland Town Council Awards, for organising Christmas gift donations for the Children's ward at Darlington Memorial Hospital. The girls said that they were "inspired to do this by our core RE programme where the topic was to 'make a difference to your local community'. We emailed charity workers who were a part of the County Durham and Darlington Foundation Trust Charity who helped us with our project and emailed us back a wish list of gifts the children on the ward had asked for off Santa. We shared this list with the entire Sixth Form and within a short period of time both staff and Sixth Formers had filled our collection table with all of the children's wishes. We delivered the gifts to the ward personally which was both inspiring and rewarding and the gifts were delivered to the children on Christmas morning." Well done, girls- what an inspiration!



Last week, our Year 11 Drama students had a wonderful trip to Sunderland Empire to see Blood Brothers, their set text for their GCSE written exam. Students thoroughly enjoyed the performance and picked up on some fantastic set, costume and performance ideas for revision.



## A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

### Spotlight on... Virtues

Each week, our learning community continues to shine through the virtues that sit at the heart of our school: compassion, self-belief, confidence, resilience, justice, honesty, respect, and responsibility. These values are not just words on a page, they are lived out daily by our students and staff.

We see compassion when students support one another, offering kindness and encouragement both in and out of the classroom. Their self-belief and confidence grow as they take on new challenges, embrace feedback and celebrate their own and others' achievements. Resilience is shown in abundance, particularly during times of pressure- whether navigating exams, overcoming personal difficulties or simply pushing through a tough day with determination.

Our students demonstrate justice and honesty by standing up for what is right, showing integrity in their actions and making thoughtful choices even when no one is watching. Acts of respect and responsibility shine through in the way they treat our school environment, take ownership of their learning and contribute to the wider community through charity events, fundraising and volunteer work.

These everyday moments- both big and small- are what make our school a place where values come to life. We are incredibly proud of the way our students embody these virtues and inspire one another to do the same.



## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Monday 23-** Year 10 and Year 12 mocks begin. We keep our students in our thoughts and prayers as they begin their first set of mock exams.

**Wednesday 25-** Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts, 6pm. We cannot wait for this event which promises to be another celebration of the amazing talent within St John's. All are warmly invited and tickets are still available via [www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school](http://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school)

**Thursday 26-** Year 8 British Council Event- Where will Languages Take You? All of Year 8 will be taking part in this event during Period 1.

**Thursday 26-** Year 7 Progress Evening. We look forward to welcoming Year 7 parents and carers into school for their first Progress Evening at St John's. Appointments still available via SchoolCloud.

*The Friends of St John's are pleased to invite you to take part in our Easter Raffle, with lots of Easter Egg prizes to be won. Tickets are 50p and are available now to buy on Arbor by clicking on the School Shop icon (minimum spend £1). Tickets will also be on sale in school from Monday, 23 March. Many thanks for your support with our fundraising.*



# 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**  
20 March 2026

**Virtues**

Savannah L 13E Compassion (EST)  
Danny W 13E Compassion (EST)  
Jacay W 13E Compassion (EST)  
Nicole H 13E Compassion (EST)  
Brooklyn H 9A Resilience (EST)  
Jessica P 13C Responsibility (EST)  
Summer T 13C Responsibility, Resilience and Self-Belief (EST)  
Ella D 11N Responsibility (VNI)  
Lexi W 10J Responsibility (LHA)  
Lucy Cor. 9J Resilience and Self-Belief (NRO)

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

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**Year 7**

Lee F 7H (MHA)  
Callum H 7C (MHA)  
Alfie W 7N (MHA)  
Oscar H 7H (MHA)  
Charlie T 7R (MHA)  
Joseph C 7R (MHA)  
Only J 7R (MHA)  
Zach M 7J (MHA)  
Lucas B 7H (MHA)  
Leo R 7J (MHA)  
Macy H 7Y (HMO)  
Ava M 7Y (HMO)  
RIO B 7Y (HMO)

Isaac W 7Y (HMO)  
Isobel M 7Y (HMO)  
Emilia O 7Y (HMO)  
Jack 7A (DHA)  
Jason L 17O (DHA)  
Darlie-May L 7Y (DDE)  
Sophie H 7Y (DDE)

Dinny A 7M (EST)  
Priya B 7M (EST)  
Francesca B 7M (EST)  
Lucy E 7M (EST)  
Bosch F 7M (EST)  
Sofia H 7M (EST)  
Tommy H-H 7M (EST)  
Ella H 7M (EST)  
Elliott M 7M (EST)  
Archie P 7M (EST)  
Eleanor S 7M (EST)  
Honey T 7M (EST)  
Esmee U 7M (EST)  
Amalie W 7M (EST)

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**Year 8**

Francesca S 8O (JKE)  
Luke T 8O (JKE)  
Aimee H 8O (JKE)  
Heidi R 8O (JKE)  
Tommy-Lee C 8O (JKE)  
Holly A 8O (JKE)  
Finley H 8O (JKE)  
Thea P 8O (JKE)  
Kaleb P 8O (JKE)  
Carollena 8O (JKE)

Thomas D 8O (JKE)  
Callum S 8O (JKE)  
Emmy T 8O (JKE)  
Josh R 8N (DDE)  
Seth L 8N (DDE)  
George A 8M (HMO)  
Evelyn K 8M (HMO)  
8Y (VNI)

Matilda T 8J (DHA)  
Harry M 8M (DHA)  
Isabella G 8N (MWI)  
Maisie C 8N (MWI)  
Elliott M 8M (AWR)  
Bailee H 8H (AWR)  
Claudia M 8O (JKE)  
Sophie S 8O (JKE)  
Beau W 8O (JKE)  
Rosie S 8O (JKE)

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**Year 9**

Nicholas S 9J (JKE)  
Cobie G 9J (JKE)  
Lexie H 9J (JKE)  
Laila K 9J (JKE)  
Luke I 9J (JKE)  
Neve O 9J (JKE)  
Alistair M 9J (HMO)  
Olivia B 9J (HMO)  
Chloe M 9J (HMO)  
Lucy C 9J (HMO)  
Sally B 9J (HMO)  
Rowan N 9A (HMO)

Amelia P 9R (DHA)  
Olivia B 9J (DHA)  
Abigail H 9R (HRO)  
Harvey T 9Y (DDE)  
Emme R 9Y (DDE)

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**Year 10**

Charlie T 10N (LLA)  
Harry W 10N (LLA)  
Faye M 10R (LLA)  
Millie B 10R (LLA)  
Kyrath N 10N (LLA)  
Joe W 10A (DDE)  
Sienna T 10A (DDE)  
Asha W 10O (HMO)  
Maddison R 10N (HMO)  
Chloe B 10Y (HMO)  
Sophie B 10A (HMO)  
Connor A 10Y (HMO)  
Cruz J 10Y (JKE)  
Eve B 10R (EST & AWR)  
Brooke W 10M (EST)

Harry C 10O (NRO)  
Iris C 10J (NRO)  
Charlie B 10O (NRO)  
Esther L 10J (NRO)  
Aidan C 10O (NRO)  
Grace M 10J (NRO)  
Maya W 10J (NRO & HMO)  
Sophie H 10J (NRO)  
Robyn S 10N (NRO & DHA)  
Ava A 10M (EST)  
Oliver B 10Y (EST)  
Daisy L 10R (EST)

Macey B 10Y (EST)  
Amelia C 10Y (EST)  
Mason G 10Y (EST)  
Rosie G 10M (EST)  
Clara J 10R (EST)  
Thomas K 10R (EST)  
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)

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**Year 11**

Eve B 11O (DDE)  
Anna B 11R (JKE)  
Alysha M 11M (JKE)  
Finley T-S 11A (EST)  
Molly W 11M (EST)  
Evan B 11A (EST)  
Ella D 11N (VNI)  
Molly D 11A (DHA)  
Nelle R 11R (AWR & NRO & EST)  
Joel A 11N (AWR)  
Eden S 11J (AWR)  
Eve M 11R (NRO)  
Lexi B 11R (NRO)  
Freddie C 11A (NRO)  
Lewis W 11A (NRO)  
Eden W 11Y (NRO)

Ahmed A-L 11J (EST)  
Jack B 11N (EST & NRO)  
Thomas B 11N (EST)  
Finley C 11N (EST)  
Skye H 11O (EST & NRO)  
Charlotte J 11H (EST)  
Hannah M 11N (EST)  
Will O 11N (EST)  
Jenson R 11J (EST)  
Benjamin S-J 11H (EST)  
Hannah S 11J (EST)  
Eve S 11O (EST)  
Chloe C 11A (EST)  
Maebh S 11R (EST)  
Casi S 11Y (EST)  
Spencer S 11R (EST)

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**Year 12**

Yasmin W 12S  
Jess B 12T (LBT)  
Jaimie R 12S (LBT)  
Max B 12S (LBT)  
Niamh T 12T (LBT)  
Josh C 12S (LBT)  
Julia W 12S (EST)  
Beth K 12T (EST)  
Finn H 12S (EST)  
Ruby H 12S (EST)

Beth K 12T (HTH)  
Anna T 12S (HTH)  
Yasmin O-W 12S (HTH)  
Durga M 12T (HTH)  
Niamh C 12T (HTH & NRO)  
Adam W 12S (NRO)  
Daisy J 12S (NRO)  
Klaudia T 12T (NRO)

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**Year 13**

Emily C 13A (HTH)  
Faye G 13E (HTH)  
Eva R 13E (HTH)  
Harry S 13R (HTH)  
Anna S 13A (HTH)

Savannah L 13E (LBT)  
Ezri H 13R (LBT)  
George B 13C (LBT)  
Alfie J 13R (LBT)  
Jack R 13C (NRO)  
Eve C 13C (NRO)  
Lily D 13A (NRO)

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## ClassCharts Year 7 Top Achievers



Ethan M 7Y  
Luca C 7R  
Katherine J 7J  
Constance A 7R  
Emilia O 7Y  
Isobel M 7Y  
Isla T 7Y

## Year 8 Top Achievers

Kai D 8A  
Belle D 8A  
Jenson C 8J  
Ava R 8Y  
Guru S 8A  
Verity D 8M  
Noah R 8J

## Year 9 Top Achievers

Noah H 9A  
Ollie A 9Y  
Craig R 9A  
Bokani N 9O  
Oli K 9O  
Emily E 9A  
Isla C 9A

## Year 10 Top Achievers

Maya W 10J  
Zea L 10Y  
Thomas K 10R  
Chloe W 10O  
Connor A 10Y  
Tejaswi S 10A  
Joel H 10J

## Year 11 Top Achievers

Skye H 11O  
Kristian W 11R  
Molly D 11A  
Chloe D 11H  
Danae H 11H  
Hannah S 11J  
Libby S 11R



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❑ **Tuesday 31 March-** Whole school Lenten liturgies
- ❑ **Thursday 2 April-** Break up for Easter
- ❑ **Thursday 16 April-** Year 10 Turing Scheme Trip to Singapore
- ❑ **Monday 20 April-** School reopens
- ❑ **Monday 5 May-** External exams begin
- ❑ **Monday 18 May-** Year 10 Work Experience
- ❑ **Wednesday 20 May-** Year 7 Retreat
- ❑ **Friday 22 May-** Break up for half term
- ❑ **Monday 1 June-** School reopens
- ❑ **Thursday 25 June-** Virtue Awards
- ❑ **Tuesday 30 June-** Year 11 Prom
- ❑ **Thursday 2 July-** Year 6 Welcome Evening
- ❑ **Monday 6/ Tuesday 7 July-** Little Shop of Horrors school production
- ❑ **Thursday 9/ Friday 10 July-** Year 6 Induction Days



## 1 Heard a Whisper...

"Show appreciation generously- you never know who's surviving on small signs of kindness."

We should never underestimate the power of thank you, and I Heard a Whisper allows those quiet and personal moments of gratitude for our staff to be shared aloud and celebrated.

Well done this week to Miss Springhall (Maths), Mr Hutchinson (Head of Humanities) and Mrs Davis (LSA) whose efforts we are appreciating generously with a chocolate bar today!

Continue to help us spread gratitude, joy and kindness- if you feel gratitude, share it!

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## Artist of the Week



**Molly Neilson 10R**