

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

20 APRIL 2026

WEEK B



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON,
HEADTEACHER

We had a fantastic end to the term celebrating the achievements of our students across every year group. From outstanding attendance and impressive academic progress to remarkable improvement, impeccable behaviour and top achievement points, our young people truly shone. A huge well done to all of our Subject Award winners and to the recipients of our Good Egg Awards, recognising those who have acted as positive role models within our school community.



We're so proud to share that two of our students, Maya and Destiny, helped raise funds for over 200 Easter eggs which were all awarded to Year 7 before Easter. Through their Royal Sapphire pageant journey, and with the amazing support of Supportive Spaces, the girls worked incredibly hard to make this happen. Year 7 student Destiny and her Year 10 sister Maya have used their platform to support children and young people with barriers to learning, showing true leadership at such a young age. They've organised and taken part in many events to raise funds, including family events and bonus balls.

We are so proud of everything they've achieved and Year 7 were especially delighted with their Easter treats!



The Year 11 football team played their final game before Easter in the BASFA League Cup Final. The same fixture as last year's final once again saw the boys take on Durham Johnston. After going behind in the first half the boys battled hard and Oscar Bright's brilliant shot managed to bring us back to 1-1 which led to penalties, again! Unfortunately, it just wasn't our day from the spot and we finish the year as runners up. The boys have been a fantastic group throughout their time at St John's and Mr Turnbull wants to thank all the students and parents who have helped support the team. Well done, boys- we are very proud of you!

We are delighted to announce that St John's are the Under 13s South West Durham Netball Tournament Champions. It was an amazing result for our Year 8 Netball teams, and another year of winning the South West Durham tournament. The students were a credit to St John's throughout the tournament, showing excellent teamwork and practical skills. St John's A team came 1st in the tournament after playing against none other than St John's B team in the final game, with the A team winning 2-0 in what was a very tight game. St John's B team place joint 2nd with King James in the tournament. A fantastic outcome all round!



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 20- We look forward to welcoming all staff and students back after the Easter break

Wednesday 22- All cast members needed for Little Shop of Horrors rehearsal until 4.30pm

Thursday 23- We look forward to welcoming back staff and students from our Turing Scheme trip to Singapore. As we enter a new term, we appreciate your support in upholding our high standards. Please ensure your child does not come to school wearing jewellery (except a wristwatch), leggings, trainers, false nails or false eye lashes. A reminder also that mobile phones must remain switched off in students' bags while on school site.

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

3 April 2026

Virtues

All members of the choir-
Confidence & Self-Belief (RBE)
Performers at the Gala Theatre Drama Festival-
Confidence & Self-Belief (ALI)
Daniel S 7J- Confidence and Self-Belief (NRO)

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

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Year 7

Amelie A 7N (COS & LCU)	Jack R 7A (JKE)	Eleanor S 7M (EST)
Isobel M 7Y (NPA)	Grace C 7H (COS)	Laila G 7M (EST)
Ava M 7Y (NPA)	Charles O 7Y (COS)	Laurianne S 7M (EST)
Macy H 7Y (NPA)	Annie B 7J (DLA)	Boaz F 7M (EST & HHA)
Emilia O 7Y (NPA)	Rhuben C 7J (DLA & CSW)	Diony A 7M (EST)
Christopher B 7J (EMO)	Charlie T 7U (OWA)	Lotti P 7R (JKE)
Katherine J 7J (EMO & MST & DLA)	Erin M 7U (OWA)	Francesca H 7J (MHA)
Toby H 7J (EMO & DLA & SCO)	Darcie-Mae 7Y (LLA)	Eddie DS 7N (MHA)
Daniel S 7J (EMO & DLA)	Isobel M 7Y (LLA)	Bella L 7N (GMC)
Athena A 7J (EMO)	Oscar I 7R (MST)	Isia W 7O (GMC)
Teddi D 7J (EMO & DLA)	Krystyn J 7J (MST)	Tia D 7O (GMC)
Athena A 7J (EMO)	Lucca Z 7J (LCU)	Logan-Leigh B 7N (GMC)
Molly R 7A (SCO)	Elijah O 7M (LCU & EST & HHA)	Jaxon L 7N (SCO)
Olivia R 7R (SCO)	Keel O 7Y (SCO)	Martha B 7H (SCO)
Riley L 7R (SCO)	Kamsi 7Y (SCO)	Esmee U 7M (SCO)
	Ethan W 7M (SCO)	Laurianne S 7M (SCO)
	Isaac W 7Y (SCO)	

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Year 8

Tommy-Lee C 8O (JKE)	Natalia T 8J (OWA)	Ali R 8Y (CST)
Caleb S 8H (HCO)	Matilda T 8J (OWA)	Ewen P 8Y (CST)
Jayden C 8H (MHA & LCU)	Emilia K 8Y (CST & SCO)	Luke D 8Y (CST)
Emily M 8J (MHA)	Poppy S 8Y (CST)	Joel L 8Y (CST)
Maisie C 8N (MHA)	Julia A 8M (AWR)	Lillie A 8M (AWR)
Kaleb P 8O (MHA)	Noah D 8Y (CST)	Guru S 8A (MST)
Katie C 8U (MHA)	Jon L 8Y (CST)	Illa K 8J (MST)
Ethan P 8O (MHA)	Olivia S 8A (MST)	Olivia S 8J (LCU)
Clayton N 8N (MHA)	Olivia S 8J (LCU)	Tyler C 8N (SCO)
Alex T 8O (MHA)	Imogen O 8N (SCO)	Belal C 8A (SCO)
Molly J 8N (NPA)	Evelyn K 8M (SCO)	Kai D 8A (SCO)
Imogen O 8N (NPA)	Darcys L 8O (SCO)	Amelia-Robyn G 8R (SCO)
Pola K 8N (NPA)	Aimee H 8O (SCO)	Yana H 8R (SCO)
Leo C 8R (SCO)	Isabella G 8N (SCO)	Verity D 8M (SCO)
Hinari T 8M (SCO)	Teni A 8N (SCO)	Henry B 8Y (SCO)
Maurissa B 8A (NPA)	Francesca S 8O (SCO)	
Harrison B 8A (NPA)		

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Year 9

Nancy T 9R (HCO & DLA)	Holly H 9R (DLA)	Eliza B-M 9M (LLA)
Ella W 9M (HCO)	Grace R 9R (DLA)	Alicia H 9M (LLA)
Julia B 9R (HCO & DLA)	Lydia R-H 9R (DLA)	Lucy J 9M (LLA)
Holly R 9Y (HCO)	Leon D 9H (SCO)	Tom R 9M (LLA)
Ella M 9M (HCO)	Noah S 9H (SCO)	Millie B 9M (LLA)
Clevaria C 9O (EMO & HHA)	Oli K 9O (SCO)	Tom C 9A (LLA & HHA)
Olivia B 9J (EMO)	Sarah M 9J (SCO)	Isia C 9A (LLA)
Caitlyn H 9O (EMO)	Abigail H 9R (DLA)	Emily E 9A (LLA)
Zi Xuan L 9O (EMO)	Milana D 9J (COS)	Finley G 9A (LLA)
Harriet D 9R (DLA)	Lydia H 9A (LLA)	Noah H 9A (LLA)
Lorna B 9R (DLA)	Loah S 9A (LLA)	Evie P 9A (LLA)
Vito M 9R (DLA)		

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Year 10

Zachary P 10J (EMO)	Grace I 10N (MMG)	James D 10M (LCU & SLO)
Macey A 10J (HHA)	Grace M 10J (MMG)	Harrison M 10M (LCU)
Lacey M 10J (EMO & HHA)	Jessica M 10N (MMG)	Karol O 10N (LCU)
Mylee A 10Y (OWA & CSW)	Alex P 10R (GMC)	Maks W 10A (LCU)
Tejaswi S 10A (OWA & CSW)	Joey R 10O (GMC)	Ryan D 10A (LCU)
Chloe B 10Y (AWR)	Ellis W 10N (GMC)	Airen S 10A (CDA)
Anna M 10M (AWR)	Max A 10M (CSW)	Isabella E 10A (SLO)
Tia-Rose S 10J (AWR & GMC)	Harry S 10Y (CSW)	Ryan O 10A (SLO)
Thomas T 10A (MST & LCU)	Anya A 10M (CSW)	Nathan A 10J (CSW)
Henry S-J 10A (LCU)	Nathan A 10J (CSW)	Georgia C 10R (CSW)
Harry W 10N (LCU)	Jacob D 10J (CSW)	Krystian K 10J (CSW)
Matthew W 10R (CHA)	Nathan K 10M (CSW)	Silver N 10M (CSW)
James D 10M (CHA)		
Ewan R 10M (CHA)		

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Year 11

Sofia A 11O (JKE)	Ava A 11Y (CDA)	Nelle R 11R (EST)
Hannah S 11J (ASP)	Ava T 11R (LDV)	Evan B 11A (EST)
Eden S 11J (ASP)	Rachael M 11Y (LDV)	Maebh S 11R (EST & NRO)
Millie D 11N (ASP)	Jack B 11N (EST)	Finley T-S 11A (EST)
Eden W 11Y (ASP & NRO)	Evie S 11O (EST)	Thomas T 11N (HHA)
Issy G 11N (ASP)	Hannah M 11N (EST)	Hannah M 11N (HHA)
Jamie M 11J (ASP)	Skye H 11O (EST & NRO)	Oilly R 11J (HHA)
Simone B 11R (ASP & MST)	Lola N 11O (EST)	Chloe C 11A (NRO)
Stephanie A 11O (ASP)	Charlotte J 11H (EST)	Eve M 11R (NRO)
Robert B 11R (COS)	Thomas S 11O (EST)	Keala H 11R (NRO)
Olaf E 11M (AWR)	Reuben S 11J (SLO)	Rosie C 11R (NRO)
Mazie H 11M (AWR)	Stephanie A 11O (SLO)	Jacob B 11A (NRO)
Terry N 11A (MST)	Hannah B 11R (SLO)	Lewis W 11A (NRO)
Brihanna J 11M (CHA)	Bon B 11H (SLO)	Harry B 11Y (NRO)
	Evie S 11O (SLO)	Freddie C 11A (NRO)

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Year 12

Issac C 12T (MDU)	Emilie P 12T (SLO)
Ella M 12T (MDU)	Ethan R 12S (CPU)
Donald B 12S (SLO)	Yulia T 12T (CPU)
Daniel D 12S (SLO)	Yasmin W 12S (HTH)
Lexi J 12T (SLO)	Niamh C 12T (HTH & NRO)
Joe M 12S (SLO)	Daisy J 12S (HHA & NRO)
Alicia M 12T (SLO)	Olivia F 12S (HHA)
Lucy O 12S (SLO & CPU)	
Eason Z 12T (OWA & LDV & CPU)	

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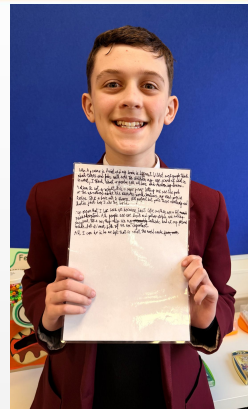
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Year 13

Emily C 13 A (HTH)
Lily A 13C (HTH)
Freya F 13E (HTH)
Eva R 13E (HTH)
Daniel W 13E (MDU)
Faye C 13E (MDU)
13 Lang/Lit (NRO)

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Before Easter we were very proud to share something truly special from one of our own, in celebration of Autism Awareness Day. Daniel, a talented and thoughtful Year 7 student, wrote a powerful poem that opens a window into his world and what life with autism means to him. His words remind us that every voice matters, every perspective enriches our community and every student brings something unique and brilliant to our school. Daniel hopes his poem will help others understand, appreciate and embrace the diversity that makes us who we are. Thank you, Daniel, for your courage, creativity and honesty.



My name is Daniel and my brain is different. Whilst most people think about taxes and jobs, even the children my age are scared for what is to come. I think about a garden full of bees and random daydreams.

Autism is not a weight, it's a super power, letting me see the good or the unnoticed about the curious world. Sometimes my mind goes in circles, like a bee's path to flowers. Not perfect but gets there eventually, and that is just how I see the world.

The reason that I love bees is because, just like me they are a bit misunderstood. All people see are black and yellow stripes and nothing else. Just like me, they only see my outside and not my personality inside. But at least both of us are important.

All I can do is be me, but that is what the world needs.

📅 DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- 📌 **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
- 📌 **Friday 22 May-** Year 13 Leavers' BBQ
- 📌 **Monday 1 June-** School reopens
- 📌 **Monday 15 June-** Year 5 Week 1
- 📌 **Monday 22 June-** Year 5 Week 2
- 📌 **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
- 📌 **Tuesday 14 July-** Whole school end of year liturgies
- 📌 **Friday 17 July-** Break up for Summer
- 📌 **Wednesday 2 September-** School reopens for all students



1 Heard a Whisper...

"Be an encourager. The world has plenty of critics already"

This quote serves as a powerful reminder to prioritise gratitude and uplifting others over offering judgment. By choosing kindness, we fuel growth, build confidence and combat the negativity that often surrounds us. In the final week of term, our Celebration of the Word was focused on celebrating our students and rewarding them for all of their efforts last term. We want to take this opportunity to thank all of our staff for all of the support, guidance and encouragement they give our students every day. A special shout-out to Emma Ramsey (Chaplain), Miss Heads (LRC Manager) and Mrs Pullen (Assistant Headteacher) who all received the final week's sweet treats.

We love to receive parent and student nominations, as well as those from our staff, so please drop us an email to help spread some gratitude and uplift others.

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