

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

14 SEPTEMBER 2026

WEEK A



A huge well done to those students who regularly attended Gardening Club last year and managed to provide all the evidence we needed to gain our RHS Level 3 School Gardening Award.

A special thank you also to Mrs Kipling who has given so much time and effort into supporting students with this.



Our school garden is really coming together with lots more exciting plans in store for this year. You can have a sneak peek at it in our [new school video](#), as well as some of the incredible students who made it happen.

Gardening Club is just one of over 60 clubs on our Autumn Enrichment Programme which is now well underway. It has been lovely to see our students making the most of the wide range of clubs and activities on offer, designed to help develop students' skills and enable them to pursue their passions, all whilst making new friends.

St John's Enrichment Programme 2026-27 Autumn				
	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
STEM	KS3 STEM Club, CU, Lab 1 (12.30-1pm)	Coding Club, LCU, IT2	Masterminds Club, RMO, MA9 (Week 8 only)	Chemistry Research Project, SLO/EMU, Lab 6 (Year 12 only)
Cultural Capital	Board Game Club, NHI, MA4	Debate and Politics Club, CST, HU3	Tech and VR Club, Bishop College Lecturer, Lecture Theatre (coming soon)	CAFOD Young Leaders (Year 12 only), ERA, Chapel
Community and Catholic Life	The Arc	Philosophy and Ethics Club, EST, RE1 (Year 9 and 10)	Wellbeing Wednesday, LHE, LRC (all lunchtime)	Chamber Choir (invitation only), RBE/ALI, MU2
Wellbeing	Craft Club, ECH, E5	Environment Awareness, CHA, HU2 (All years welcome, 50 mins)	The Arc	Bracelet Making Club, NHI, MA4
The Arts	Champions League of Linguists, (Years 7-9), CCR, MF3	Bingo Club, ERO, RE5 (Year 7 and 8 only)	Learn to play Piano, HHA, MU2	Lego Club, LHE, LRC (all lunchtime)
Active Lifestyle	Girl's Rugby, DSM, Sports Hall (Year 7-9-12.30-1pm)	Gardening Club, NHI, Art 2	KS3 Drama Club, ALI, Main Hall	FIFA Club, DMI, IT1
Academic Enrichment	Football, 3G	Creative Colouring, CSW, HU6	Badminton, ATU, Sports Hall, (all lunchtime)	The Arc
	Homework Club, LSAs, IT3 (all lunchtime)	Sculpture Club, DQU, Art 3	Football, 3G	Darts Club, LCU, Main Hall/Lab 12
		Art Club, ODE, Art 1	Homework Club, LSAs, IT3 (all lunchtime)	Football, 3G
		Hand Chimes, RBE, MU2 (Years 9-13 only)	Trampoline, MW, Gym (Year 9-11: all lunchtime)	
		Badminton, ATU, Sports Hall (all lunchtime)		
		Football, 3G		

St John's Enrichment Programme 2026-27 After School - Autumn			
Choir, RBE/ALI, MU2, 3.20-4.20pm	Games Club, MST/TYO, The Arc, 3.20-4.20pm	Musical Theatre Club, NRO/ALI, Main Hall	Sixth Form Theatre Company, ALI, Main Hall
	Lego Club, MST/TYO, The Arc, 3.20-4.20pm	Year 9-11 Netball, MWI, Sports Hall (Years 9-11), 3.20-4.20pm	Orchestra, RBE, MU2
	Swim Club, CAI, Swimming Pool, 3.20-4pm	Girls' Football, JSO, 3G, 3.20-4.20pm	Film Club, MST/TYO, LRC, 3.20-5pm
	Week A - Water Polo		KS4 International Film Club, DHA, MF1
	Week B - Learn to Swim (starts week 14 September)		Year 7/8 Netball, MMG, Sports Hall (Years 7-8), 3.20-4.20pm



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Communication between school and home is very important to us here at St John's, and our Weekly News was first introduced to ensure parents and carers remain well-informed each week. We hope you continue to find this a useful form of communication and enjoy seeing the fantastic events, opportunities and achievements which take place each week.

The Arbor Parent App is also the best way to keep up-to-date with your child's attendance, behaviour, clubs and assignments, and to send direct messages to the school office.

We have also now launched the Arbor Student App which allows students to take more ownership over their own learning by accessing their timetable, checking behaviour points and attendance and receive important notices from staff. Parents and carers and all students have been emailed instructions for how to access the Student Portal and App and over 60% of students have now successfully logged in. We will be supporting remaining students with doing this during Pastoral and Computing lessons this week.

OPEN EVENT

Tuesday 29 September
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Headteacher talks at 5.30pm and 6.30pm

- ✓ Explore our dynamic school
- ✓ Meet our inspiring staff
- ✓ Discover our wide range of subjects
- ✓ Learn about our extracurricular activities
- ✓ Join our thriving community

St John's Catholic School & Sixth Form College
Woodhouse Lane, Bishop Auckland, DL14 6JT

Ofsted
Outstanding

St John's Sixth Form Open Evening

Tuesday 6 October 2026,
5.30pm - 7.30pm

Headteacher Presentations at 5.30pm and 6.30pm

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We are excited to share details of our upcoming Open Evenings for prospective students looking to join our learning community in September 2027 or 2028, and for students looking to continue their educational journey in our wonderful Sixth Form. Come along and see our fantastic facilities, including our brand new Performing Arts facilities and Sixth Form areas, meet our wonderful staff and find out about all we can offer.



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Wednesday 16- Year 11 Information Evening- 5.15pm refreshments, 5.30pm start. We look forward to welcoming our Year 11 students and their parents and carers into school to find out more about what Year 11 has in store, key revision approaches and exam tips and important dates for the coming year. Please enter via the Sixth Form entrance.

Thursday 17- Year 11 English Beamish Trip. Over 60 of our Year 11 students are taking part in a special trip to Beamish to complement their study of An Inspector Calls for GCSE English Literature. Students will be leaving school at approximately 9.30am and will return before the end of the school day. They should attend in normal uniform and may need a coat depending on the weather. Students will need to bring their own packed lunch or a payment card to purchase food at Beamish. As per our new policy, student phones will remain locked in pouches throughout the visit and will be unlocked on return to school. If a student needs to use their phone to buy lunch, an unlocker will be available to do this.

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 prose@stjohns.bhcet.org.uk.

High Five FRIDAY
11 September 2026

Virtues

Imogen W 7R (RCA) Resilience	Imogen K 10N (NGO) Resilience
Katherine J 8J (ERA) Confidence	Chloe D 12T (ERA) Confidence
William W 8Y (CSW) Responsibility	Kate T 11Y (ERA) Confidence
Lexi W 11N (LHE) Responsibility	Belle D 9A (ERA) Confidence
Elpida B 11O (LHE) Responsibility	Verity D 9M (ERA) Confidence
Henry W 7J (KNO) Resilience	Kristen R 9A (ERA) Confidence
Ellie-Rose F 10J (DLA) Resilience	Daniel W 9A (ERA) Confidence
Ella W 10N (DLA) Responsibility	Ada A 8N (ERA) Confidence

11X2 Mrs Sturdy's RE Class (EST) Resilience, Respect and Responsibility
Year 7- Resilience and Self-Belief

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

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Year 8

Molly R 8A (CMA)	Martha B 8H (ESM)
Jack R 8A (CMA)	Frankie S 8H (ESM)
Isla T 8Y (ASP)	Michael R 8H (ESM)
Tiliana T 8J (ASP)	Destiny W 8H (ESM)
Archie P 8M (COS)	Alyssa M 8H (ESM)
Jessyka 8A (CLI)	Archie R 8H (ESM & ACH)
Jack C 8M (CLI)	Eden T 8H (ESM)
Francesca H 8J (EMO)	Oscar S 8H (ESM)
Katherine J 8J (EMO)	Thomas JC 8H (ESM)
Daniel S 8J (EMO)	Abbie C 8H (ESM)
Oliver W 8J (EMO)	Joseph C 8R (AWR)
Lily B 8O (EMO)	Haroon S 8R (AWR)
Niko F 8O (EMO & DLA)	Willow D 8R (AWR)
Isabella K 8O (EMO)	Miles M 8A (AWR)
Cameron W 8O (EMO)	Jack J 8A (AWR)

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Year 10

Rowan N 10A (SEB)	Neave W 10Y (AWR)	Oil K 10O (LDV)
Pippa H 10R (SEB & RBE)	Mollie S 10R (AWR)	Riley H 10M (LDV)
Frankie B 10J (RBE)	Melissa B 10Y (AWR)	Tom C 10A (LDV)
Lucy C 10O (RBE)	Poppy S 10Y (AWR)	Ellie-Rose F 10J (ACH)
Constance C 10N (RBE)	Lucy D 10M (CMA)	Isaac B 10O (DDE)
Ellie-Rose F 10J (RBE & EST)	Grace N 10N (CMA & DLA)	Millic B 10M (DDE)
Ava Mae J 10N (RBE)	Chloe M 10J (CMA & DLA)	Grace N 10N (DHA)
Lexi K 10M (RBE)	Tommy-Steven K 10J (CMA)	Christina J 10N (DHA)
Evie P 10A (RBE & AWR)	Oliver B 10A (CMA)	Nicholas S 10J (EST)
Leon W 10 A (RBE)	Vito M 10R (LDV)	Laila K 10J (DLA)
Lorna B 10R (CSW)	Grace N 10N (COS)	Lily J 10N (DLA)
Olivia B 10J (CSW)	Sally B 10J (NRO & DDE)	Sam E 10O (DLA)
Nancy T 10R (CSW)	Neve O 10J (NRO)	Sienna J 10H (DLA)
Beaux A 10M (CSW)	Queenmercy A 10N (NRO & ACH)	Mia T 10N (DLA)
Ivy R 10A (AWR)	Christopher R 10O (NRO)	Lucy C 10J (DLA)
Noah G 10N (NRO)	Grace R 10R (EMO)	Tyler W 10N (DLA)
Eli F 10O (NRO)	Sienna N 10Y (EMO)	Ella W 10N (DLA)
Lexi A 10O (NRO)		

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Year 12

Lexi B 12S (LBT)	Ali C 12J (EST)
Molly C 12T (LBT & EST)	Ellie S 12S (EST)
Molly D 12S (LBT)	Zoe A 12S (EST)
Dakota H 12T (LBT & NRO)	Hannah M 12T (EST)
Willow H 12J (LBT & NRO & HHA)	Sam C 12S (CLI)
Maiya J 12T (LBT & HHA)	Ben B 12T (CLI)
Megan M 12S (LBT)	Hassan S 12T (CLI)
Ava R 12T (LBT)	Isaac C 12T (CLI)
Jack R 12T (LBT)	Isabelle K 12S (DHA)
Cohen R 12J (LBT)	Will OH 12J (HHA)
Fearne R 12S (LBT)	George E 12S (HHA)
Lewis W 12J (LBT & EST)	Amelia G 12J (HHA)
	Robert B 12J (LBT & EST & NRO & HHA)

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Year 7

Lola D 7R (SEB)	Penny M 7N (HHA)
Amelie H 7R (SEB)	Tommy R 7N (HHA)
Braxton H 7O (MST)	Beatrice B 7N (HHA)
Philip B 7R (MST)	Danny J S 7Y (DHA)
Joshua C 7O (MST)	Luca M 7O (DHA)
Nieve W 7O (DDE)	Jake L 7J (ACH)
David A 7O (DDE)	Theo C 7J (ACH)
Charlie N-H 7A (DDE)	Harris G 7J (ACH)
Emmie C 7A (DDE)	Dre W 7O (RCA)
Martha L 7M (RCA)	
Lucas S 7M (COS)	

All of Year 7 for having such a great start to St John's

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Year 9

Violet S 9R (RBE)	Kristen R 9A (MHA)
Horia A 9R (RBE)	Charlotte W 9R (MHA)
Callum B 9R (RBE)	Emily S 9A (MHA & EMO)
George C 9O (RBE)	Daniel W 9O (MHA & HHA)
Ellie S 9J (CSW)	Belle D 9A (MHA & EMO)
Nathan P 9J (CSW)	Aimee H 9O (COS)
Tanatswa M 9J (CSW)	Katie G 9J (EMO)
Jenson C 9J (CSW)	Nathan P 9J (EMO)
Ethan B 9J (CSW)	Maggie W 9Y (DDE)
Emily M 9J (CSW)	Caleb R 9Y (DDE)
Artem K 9J (CSW)	Dominik S 9M (DDE)
Daniel W 9O (CMA)	Seth L 9N (DDE)
Emily S 9A (CMA)	Isabella G 9N (DDE)
Belle D 9A (CMA)	Ethan-James C 9R (RBE)
Ben W 9A (CMA)	
Guru S 9A (CMA)	

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Year 11

Oscar K 11M (AWR)	Jacob D 11J (EMO)	Ryan D 11A (SRO & DLA)
Leon B 11M (AWR)	Trevor B 11J (EMO)	Layton H 11Y (SRO)
Macey A 11J (AWR & LDV & NRO)	Evangeline E 11J (EMO)	Oilly S 11A (ACH)
Lacey M 11J (AWR & LDV & EMO)	Rishon T 11O (EMO)	Isabella E 11A
Tia-Rose S 11J (AWR & NRO)	Chloe W 11O (EMO)	Airen S 11A (DDE)
Harry W 11N (AWR)	Charlie T 11N (EMO)	Faye M 11M (HHA)
Eve B 11R (LDV)	Joe W 11A (SRO)	Kohl T 11Y (HHA)
Aidan C 11O (LDV & NRO)	Jessica A 11A (SRO)	Nicholas R 11Y (HHA)
Iris C 11J (NRO)	Isabella E 11A (SRO)	Oscar B-M 11Y (DLA)
Charlie B 11O (NRO)	Lexi W 11N (SRO)	Jessica B 11A (DLA)
David I 11J (COS)	Amelia D 11M (SRO & HHA)	Millic B 11R (LBT)
Robina K 11M (COS)	Tyler S 11R (SRO)	Molly N 11R (LBT)
Frankie T 10H (CLI)		Kibbi M 11O (LBT)
Lexi K 10M (CLI)		
Lexi A 10O (CLI)		

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Year 13

13T (LBT)	Beth 13T (EST)
Jaimee R 13S (LBT & EST)	Lexi J 13J (EST)
Spencer V 13T (LBT & EST)	Emilia P 13J (EST)
Joshua C 13S (LBT)	Abi T 13T (EST)
Max B 13S (LBT)	Poppy W 13T (EST)
Jess B 13T (LBT)	Julia W 13J (EST & HHA)
Isaac C 13T (LBT & EST)	Olivia F 13S (HHA)
Ella M 13T (LBT)	Daisy J 13S (HHA)
April G 13S (LBT & EST)	
Donald B 13S (CLI)	

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Tuesday 29 September**- Open Evening
- Tuesday 6 October**- Sixth Form Open Eve
- Friday 9 October**- Trust PD Day- School closed
- Wednesday 14 October**- Year 13 Info Eve
- Thursday 22 October**- Sixth Form Trip to Boston
- Friday 23 October**- Break up for half term
- Monday 2 November**- School reopens
- Monday 2 November**- Year 11/Year 13 mocks
- Wednesday 4 November**- Year 8 Retreat



I Heard a Whisper...

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Staff Member
The Staff of St John's

Nominated By
Parents
Reason

This nomination goes to all the wonderful teachers that supported my child through his journey at St John's. He worked very hard at school but it was his teachers that encouraged him to be his best, gave him confidence when he had none and guided him into the fine young man he has become. Being a teacher isn't easy, so from the bottom of my heart I'd like to thank all of his teachers for doing what they do day in and day out and to tell them all their hard work and dedication is appreciated more than they will ever know.

Thank you for everything you do!

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Artist of the Week



Ivy Reed, 10A



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