

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

21 SEPTEMBER 2026

WEEK B



On Thursday, 65 Year 11 students enjoyed a fantastic trip to Beamish Museum, where they took part in an engaging An Inspector Calls carousel of activities. Students immersed themselves in the world of Priestley's play, developing their understanding of characters, themes and context in a unique and interactive setting. They were a credit to the school throughout the day, behaving impeccably and demonstrating enthusiasm and excellent engagement. Well done to all involved and thank you to Miss McAdam for organising this fantastic trip for the second year.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON,
HEADTEACHER

Spotlight on... Opportunities

At St John's, we are dedicated to broadening students' horizons, offering a wide range of national and international trips throughout the academic year. Our exciting Soar and Explore initiative opens the door to a world beyond the classroom.

Following the launch of our trips to Paris, London and Barcelona for Years 8-10, we recently launched our Year 7 trip to London. We have been overwhelmed by the amazing response to the trip and it is wonderful

seeing our new Year 7 students embracing the opportunities offered to them as part of St John's. The ethos behind Soar and Explore is to give as many students as possible the chance to explore new places and expand their cultural capital. With this in mind, we are delighted to be able to offer every student who applied for London a place on one of two trips now running in June 2027.

This has now taken the total of students attending a Soar and Explore trip in 2027 to almost 300!

But the opportunities don't end there. Our continued success in partnership with the Turing Scheme will enable 20 Year 13 students to visit Boston, USA next month and a further 20 Year 12 students to visit Iceland later this year.

And as if that isn't enough, watch this space for news of our 2028 Soar and Explore trips and how you can get involved.



We are delighted to introduce some of our Year 7 football team, proudly showing off their new strip courtesy of our kind sponsor Cre8ive Graphics. The team kick off their season campaign in the County Cup against Emmanuel College on Monday; let's hope the new strip brings the very best of luck and they get off to a winning start!



Thank you to our Year 11 parents and carers who attended our Information Evening on Wednesday. It was great to see so many come along to find out how best to support their child through this crucial year. The PowerPoint from the evening has been shared with all parents and carers for those unable to attend. Our Parent Information Evenings continue with Year 10 this week. See our Key Dates for details of subsequent evenings for other year groups which will take place between now and Christmas.



**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**
Good



**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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COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 21- Year 11 and Year 13 students will be receiving their 6 Week Plans this week for each of their subjects. This marks the countdown to their mock exams which begin straight after half term on the 2 November and provides students with focused revision material for their own independent study.

Wednesday 23- Year 10 Information Evening- 5.15pm refreshments, 5.30pm start. We look forward to welcoming our Year 10 students and their parents and carers into school to find out more about the crucial GCSE years, key dates for Year 10 and independent study and exam tips. Please enter via the Sixth Form entrance. If you have not already, please complete the form sent via Arbor / email to notify us of attendance.

We now have 82% of our students using the Arbor Student App. This continues to be the best way for students to access their assignments and timetable and track their attendance and behaviour points. Students can create their Arbor log-in by following the link and instructions sent to them via their school emails. If they are still having trouble doing this, they can come along to IT3 during PREP on Monday or Tuesday for support.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



**Arbor
Top Scorers**

Year 7

Lucas Stewart
Flynn Robertson
William Redhead
Arun Uppal
Oliver Ainsworth
Beatrice Barker
Harris Grainger
Jack Robinson

Year 8

Ella Hoyle
Bella Lindeman
Richie Matthews
Annie Loudon
Athena Ademeso
Evan Irwin
Jack Johnson
Dinny Amos

Year 9

Christopher Bowden
Dominik Szabat
Nathan Pallister
Gabriel McCourt
Olivia Sneddon
Ellie Rose Ssentumbwe
Finley Haigh
Noah Robertson

Year 10

Christopher Reynolds
Bokani Ndlovu
Alycia Ceponas
Sienna Newell
Harry Mather
Ben Ramsey
Lily Smith
Ella Hildon

Year 11

Nathan Keenlyside
Tejaswi Shivakumaram
Sienna Todd
Tia Rose Shoulder
Alfie White
Thailia Adams
Chloe Birch
Aiden Davy

High Five FRIDAY
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Virtues

Chloe D 12T (ERA) Confidence
Kate T 11Y (ERA) Confidence
Belle D 9A (ERA) Confidence
Kristen R 9A (ERA) Confidence
Daniel W 9O (ERA) Confidence
Ada A 8N (ERA) Confidence
Katherine J 8J (ERA) Confidence
Bella L 8J (ERA) Confidence
Alicia W 8J (ERA) Confidence

Y13 Law (DLA) Resilience and Self-belief
Harrison M 11M (EST) Honesty and Responsibility
Mrs Sturdy's Core RE Classes (EST) Responsibility
Finley B 12J (EST) Confidence
Madelyn A 12J (EST) Confidence
Lewis W 12J (EST) Confidence
Henry B 9Y Confidence
Matthew B 9Y Confidence
Tommy-Lee C 9O Responsibility
Imogen K 10N (NRO) Resilience

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

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Year 7

Jude M 7Y (HRO)
Stephanie K 7Y (HRO)
Grace H 7Y (HRO)
Edwin R 7Y (HRO)
Charlie D 7M (HBA)
Martha L 7M (HBA)
India F 7O (HBA)
Angel A 7O (HBA)
Nancy-Ann S 7R (JKE)
William A 7Y (DHA)
James E 7Y (DHA)
Oliver A 7J (CHA)

Katie W 7A (ERO)
Kaiden H 7A (ERO)
Ivy G 7A (ERO)
Jameliah-Rose A 7J (ERO)
Hannah-Jayne F 7J (ERO)
Oliver A 7J (ERO)
Angel A 7O (ERO)
Ellie F 7O (ERO)
Danielle S 7O (ERO)
Anyia B 7N (DDE)
Louie T 7N (DDE)

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Year 8

Christopher B 8J (DHA)
Evie P 8N (DHA)
Emily L 8A (AWR)
Isia W 8O (EMO)
Iona S 8O (EMO & DLA)
Colby S 8J (EMO)
Athena A 8J (EMO)
Amelia D 8A (AWR)
Harry G 8A (AWR)
Zoe C 8A (AWR)
Jessyka D 8A (AWR)
Jack J 8A (AWR)
Annie L 8R (AWR)

Cameron W 8O (DLA)
Adelaide W 8O (DLA)
Ella H 8M (NHI)
Esmee U 8M (NHI)
Aurora P 8A (NHI)
Elijah O 8M (NHI)
Dinny A 8M (NHI)
Emilia O 8Y (HBA)
Isaac W 8Y (HRO)
Sam H 8Y (HRO)
Thomas H 8Y (ASP)
Jack C 8M (CLI)
Archie D 8M (CLI)

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Year 9

Natalia T 9J (DHA)
Francesca S 9O (DDE)
Daniel W 9O (DDE)
Bailee H 9M (DDE)
Allan T 9M (DDE)
Molly J 9N (DDE)
Jack O 9N (DDE)
Ava D 9R (HBA)
Lincoln L 9Y (HBA)
Caleb R 9Y (HBA)
Evie D 9Y (EMO)
Belal Q 9Y (EMO)
Tyler C 9A (CDA)
Belle D 9A (CHA)
Claudia M 9O (CHA)
Beau W 9O (ERO)

Hannah K 9A (ERO)
Gabriel 9M (ERO)
Heidi B 9J (ERO)
Tom B 9N (ERO)
Belle D 9A (ERO)
Lynne M 9N (EST)
Imogen D 9N (EST)
Noah R 9J (EST)
Tommy-Lee C 9O (EST)
Thomas D 9O (EST)
George A 9M (NHI)
Jenson C 9J (NHI)
Ethan P 9O (NHI)
Amelia F 9R (NHI)

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Year 10

Evie P 10A (ASP)
Christopher R 10O (ASP & NRO)
Gracie H 10H (ASP)
Jack R 10R (ASP)
Ivy R 10A (ASP)
Shay M 10H (ASP)
Annabelle H 10M (ASP)
Poppy Y 10M (ASP)
Nicholas S 10J (ASP)
Constance C 10N (HBA & DLA)
Rebecca J 10Y (EMO)
Harriet D 10M (EMO)
Ellie R 10M (AWR)
Ajay H-N 10Y (AWR)

Lucy C 10O (NHI)
Emily E 10A (NHI)
Cobie G 10J (NHI)
Harley G 10A (NHI)
Bokani N 10O (EST)
Harry M 10J (EST)
Ellie-Rose F 10J (CHA)

Noah H 10A (JKE)
Grace N 10N (CLI)
Tyler S 10Y (CLI)
Noah G 10N (NRO)
Eli F 10O (NRO)
Olivia B 10J (NRO)
Neve O 10J (NRO)
Sally B 10J (NRO)
Lucy C 10J (NRO)
Alistair M 10J (NRO)
Ben R 10N (NRO)
Milana D 10J (NRO)
Queenmercy A 10N (NRO)
Lily S 10N (NRO)

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Year 11

Chloe B 11Y (AWR)
Anna M 11M (AWR)
Tia-Rose S 11J (AWR & NRO)
J-Lucas W 11J (AWR)
Kibbi M 11O (LBT)
City S 11A (LDV)
Molly N 11R (LBT)
Silver N 11M (LDV)
Millie B 11R (LBT & EST)
Kobe C 11M (NHI)
Hollie D 11A (LBT)
Tilly W 11R (NHI)
Sophie H 11J (LBT & NRO)
Callie T 11R (NHI)
Luke F 11J (EMO)
Logan P 11N (EMO)
Niall B 11N (EMO)
Joel H 11J (DHA)

Aidan G 11O (LBT)
Amber W 11R (CLI)
Noah-B R 11M (CLI)
Damon C 11R (HBA)
Taylor F 11R (HBA)
Ryan D 11A (HBA)
Tilly W 11R (HBA)
Lexi W 11N (NRO)
Manny R 11N (NRO)
Aiden D 11N (NRO)
Phoebe W 11O 11J (NRO)
Macey A 11J (NRO)
Charlie B 11O (NRO)
Rishon T 11O (NRO)
Jacob D 11J (NRO)
Krystian K 11J (NRO)

Rosie G 11M (EST)
Brooke W 11M (EST)
Sophie R 11M (EST)
Macey B 11Y (EST)
Amelia C 11Y (EST)
Nathan K 11M (EST)
Amelia D 11M (EST)
Sienna T 11A (EST)
Oliver B 11Y (EST)
Matthew W 11R (EST)
Thomas K 11R (EST)
Tejaswi S 11A (EST)
Joe W 11A (EST)
Alfie W 11A (EST)
Jessica M 11N (CHA)
Iona A 11N (ERO)
Dexter M 11N (ERO)
Kyrab N 11N (ERO)

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Year 12

Willow H 12J (HTH & NRO)
Daniel B 12J (HTH)
Hassan S 12T (CLI)
Liana A 12 (HTH)
Anna B 12 (HTH)
Eve B 12 (HTH)
Evie C 12 (HTH)
Tianna D 12 (HTH)
Monica M 12 (HTH)
Zuzanna P 12 (HTH)
Nicole S 12 (HTH)
Laycie W 12 (HTH)
Madelyn A 12J (HBA)

Joel J 12S (HBA)
Grace B 12S (HBA)
James K 12T (HBA)
Lewis W 12J (HBA)
Ferre R 12S (HBA)
Lillie C 12J (HBA)
Lexi B 12S (HBA)
Megan M 12S (DDE)
Year 12 Maths (NHI)
Louis W 12S (LBT)
Dakota H 12S (LBT & NRO)
Cohen R 12J (LBT)
Ava R 12T (LBT)
Joshua W 12S (LBT)

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Year 13

April G 13S (LBT)
Jainee R 13S (LBT)
Imogen M 13S (LBT)
Zak S 13T (LBT)
Olivia E 13S (LBT)
Vincent T 13J (LBT & NRO)
Joshua C 13S (LBT)
Isaac C 13T (LBT)
Beth K 13T (LBT)
Niamh T 13T (LBT)
Sophie R 13T (LBT)
Rosa J 13T (LBT)
Jess B 13T (LBT)
Spencer V 13T (LBT)
Max B 13S (LBT)
Ella M 13T (LBT)

Ethan R 13J (HTH)
Isia D 13S (HTH)
Olivia F 13S (HTH & NRO)
Jake C 13J (HTH)
Lucas E 13T (HTH)
Max B 13T (HTH)
Sophie C 13C (HTH)
Rosa J 13S (HTH)
Finn H 13S (DDE)
Eason Z 13T (CLI)
Julia W 13J (NRO)

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- **Tuesday 29 September-** Open Evening
- **Tuesday 6 October-** Sixth Form Open Eve
- **Wednesday 7 October-** Year 12 Info Eve
- **Friday 9 October-** Trust PD Day- School closed
- **Wednesday 14 October-** Year 13 Info Eve
- **Tuesday 20 October-** Year 7 Welcome Mass
- **Tuesday 20 October-** Year 8 Info Eve
- **Thursday 22 October-** Year 13 Boston trip
- **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
- **Wednesday 4 November-** Year 9 Info Eve
- **Tuesday 8 December-** Year 11 Progress Eve



1 Heard a Whisper...

In a world that often highlights negativity, let's take a moment to shift our focus. Expressing gratitude not only uplifts our spirits but also creates a ripple effect of positivity around us. Whether it's a small thank you to a friend, acknowledging the beauty in everyday moments, or appreciating the people that make each day that little bit easier, every expression of gratitude counts.

Well done this week to Miss Hankey (English), Miss Hayes (Assistant Headteacher/ Head of English) and Mr Harwood (Maths) who received the first Wispas of this academic year.

Help us continue to cultivate an attitude of thankfulness and spread positivity by dropping us an email at

ihheardawhisper@stjohns.bhcert.org.uk



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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.bhcert.org.uk