ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

16 November 2026
Week A

On Wednesday, our school community came together for a special Remembrance Service, taking time to reflect, remember and honour all those who have served and sacrificed for our freedom. The service was made even more special by the presence of Former Colour Sergeant David Haines, who served with the 2nd Battalion, Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. David, who is the proud grandfather of Sixth Form student Dakota, accompanied our cadets as they paraded into the service. Afterwards, he kindly spent time speaking with them, sharing his personal experiences of serving in the Armed Forces and offering a valuable insight into life in the military. A special thank you to Joseph, Harry and Ethan, whose beautiful rendition of The Last Post provided a particularly poignant moment during the service. As we continue through the month of November, we take the time to honour those we have lost and our special poppy display and soldier silhouettes in Main Reception are a reminder of this.
We will remember them ❤️







Focus on... Performing Arts

Following two rounds of auditions of the highest standard we have ever seen, we were delighted on Friday to officially announce our Mary Poppins the Musical cast for our Summer 2027 production. A huge well done to all of our students. To be able to double cast yet another show is testament to the incredible talent in St John's. We cannot wait to get started on another wonderful St John's musical!



We were delighted to welcome back former St John's Sixth Form student, Amelie Smith to talk to our GCSE and A Level Art students about her career journey so far and share tips and advice. Having studied her degree at The Northern School of Art where she is now also doing a Masters, Amelie is now an illustrator and graphic designer and it was wonderful to see some of her fantastic work and hear all about her amazing achievements so far. Amelie encouraged students to be brave and bold in their art, to seek inspiration in the environments around them and in the everyday, and to experiment with a wide range of artistic approaches to hone their craft. Amelie was also incredibly generous with her time, spending time after school with some of our students to offer 1:1 support with their coursework.





A group of Year 10 students attended an Engineering and STEM event at South West Durham Training on Monday, where they had the opportunity to network with local employers, such as Blue Diamond and Octric, and learn about career pathways within their companies. Students also took part in a range of hands-on activities, including plumbing, welding and CAD, while developing valuable teamwork and communication skills that will support them in their future education and employment journeys. Well done to our students for being great ambassadors for St John's.

COMING UP THIS WEEK

Tuesday 17 November- All of Year 9 will be taking part in a Build my Skills career session during Pastoral.
Wednesday 18 November- Mary Poppins rehearsal, 3.20-4.30pm. Following a fantastic round of auditions and the announcement of our final cast on Friday, we are looking forward to our first full cast rehearsal this week where we will be having a read through of the whole show. All cast members should attend, along with anyone else wanting to be involved.
Wednesday 18 November- Year 8 Parent Information Evening, 5.30pm. We look forward to welcoming our Year 8 students along with their parents and carers into school to find out about what to expect from Year 8, key dates and how best to support your child at this stage in their school journey.
Thursday 19 November- Humanutopia workshops. Our Year 9 and Year 10 girls will be taking part in workshops all day focused on self-esteem, relationships and wellbeing.
Thursday 19 November- Auckland Project Visit. The first of our Christmas at the Palace events for students in 7M.
Thursday 19 November- Hooked on Attendance Evening, 5.30pm. We are inviting our parents, carers and students to join us for an evening of fish, chips and top tips focused on attendance, wellbeing and support.
Friday 20 November- Alumni Performing Arts Workshop. We look forward to welcoming back former student, Natalie Durkin, to deliver a special Billy Elliot themed Performing Arts workshop for our GCSE Drama students and our Mary Poppins cast. Natalie is currently starring in the UK tour of Billy Elliot and will be sharing her career journey so far with our students as well as leading them in some Billy Elliot themed activities.

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
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Virtues

All who contributed to the Remembrance Service- Respect (ERA)
Thomas H 10A (DSM) Responsibility & Justice
Louie W 12S (DSM) Responsibility
Jack I 12T (DSM) Responsibility
Evan G (9Y) DHA – Confidence
Carollena A 9O (ERO) - Respect
Joni L 9Y (ERO) - Respect
Hannah L 9Y (ERO) - Respect
Gabriel M 9M (ERO) - Respect
Nieve M 9M (ERO) - Respect
Nathan M 9M (ERO) - Respect
Joey Ray R 9M (ERO) - Respect

Mary Poppins callback students (NRO & ALI)- Confidence and Self-Belief
Tobias S 9Y (ERO) - Respect
Rosie S 9O (ERO) - Respect
Savannah S 9O (ERO) - Respect
Emmy T 9O (ERO) - Respect
Isla T 9M (ERO) - Respect
Luke T 9O (ERO) - Respect
Alex T 9O (ERO) - Respect
Regan W 9R (ERO) - Respect
Emilia W 9Y (ERO) - Respect
Beau W 9O (ERO) - Respect

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

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Year 7

Flynn R 7A (SGO)
Florence H 7A (SGO)
Katie W 7A (SGO)
Justin F 7A (SGO)
Melody M 7Y (NGO)
Flavja B 7M (NGO)
Kaiden H 7A (NGO)
Lucas K 7A (KIB)
Iyla M 7Y (KIB & JKE)
Joey D 7A (KIB)
Stephanie K 7Y (KIB & JKE)
Charlie C 7M (RCA)
Charlie D 7M (RCA)
Evie R 7M (RCA)
Flavja B 7M (RCA)
Hugo M 7J (EFA)

Matthew R 7Y (JKE)
William A 7Y (JKE)
Scarlett R 7Y (JKE)
Zak A 7Y (JKE)
Alvina S 7R (JKE)
Arabella C 7J (DDE)
Layla P 7J (DDE)
Florence H 7A (SEB)
Emmie C 7A (SEB)
Amelie H 7R (SEB)
Layton N 7R (SEB)
Frankie K 7Y (DHA)
Cameryn Lee S 7O (DHA)
Emily A 7R (MMG)
Jake L 7J (CHA)
Archie S 7J (CHA)

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Year 8

Jack Ri 8A (AWR)
Jack Re 8A (AWR)
Connie A 8R (AWR)
Layla W 8R (AWR)
Lotti P 8R (AWR)
Joseph C 8R (AWR)
Lottie P (MWI)
Pippa S (MWI)
Grace C 8Y (HRO)
Cerliena T 8Y (HRO)
Neave F 8Y (HRO)

Sadie G 8A (MMG)
Una C 8A (MMG)
Eleanor S 8M (MMG)
Eila B 8A (MMG)
Amelia D 8M (MMG)
Jorja Anne M 8H (DHA)
Daniel S 8J (DHA)
Poppy H 8A (DHA)
Amelia D 8A (DHA)
Lois L 8O (CHA)
Cameron W 8O (CHA)
Toby H 8J (CHA)

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Year 9

George G 9M (LWI)
Harini T 9M (LWI & EMU)
Charlotte W 9R (LWI & MMG)
Beau W 9O (LWI)
Maggie W 9S (EST & LWI & EMU)
Aimee H 9O (MWI)
Darcey L 9O (MWI)
Josh R 9N (DDE)
Tommy F 9N (DDE)
Aimee H 9O (DDE)
Holly A 9O (DDE)
Lexi-M C 9Y (DDE)
Joni L 9Y (DDE)
Noah R 9J (EMU & CSW)
Charlie E 9J (DHA)
Hannah K 9A (DHA)

Patrick S 9Y (EMU)
Verity D 9M (EMU)
Emily S 9A (EMU)
George C 9O (EMU)
Jaxon C 9Y (EMU)
Daniel W 9O (EMU)
Kristen R 9A (EMU)
Hannah L 9Y (EMU)
Thomas P 9A (EMU)

Precious I 9J (EST)
Violet S 9J (EST)
Lillie A 9S (EST)
Evie D 9J (CSW)
Nathan P 9J (CSW)
Katie G 9J (SEB)
Noah D 9Y (SEB)
Evelyn K 9M (SEB)
George A 9M (SEB)
Emily S 9A (CHA)
Heidi R 9O (CHA)
Wayne L 9R (CHA)
Ali R 9Y (MMG)
Hannah L 9Y (MMG)
Rosie G 9Y (MMG)

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Year 10

Olivia B 10Y (SGO)
Kea-Shenell W 10J (SGO)
Harry M 10J (SGO & EST)
Lorna B 10R (LWI)
Lucy D 10M (LWI & JKE)
Tylor S 10Y (LWI)
Neave W 10Y (LWI)
Evie S 10R (AWR)
Laila K 10J (AWR)
Joe M 10H (AWR)
Shay M 10M (ASP)
Harriet S 10R (ASP)
Holly H 10R (ASP)
Jack R 10R (ASP)
Bodhi T 10R (ASP)
Harry M 10J (ASP)

Maisy N-H 10N (NRO)
Ella H 10O (NRO)
Neve O 10J (NRO)
Lily S 10N (NRO)
Milana D 10J (NRO)
Noah G 10N (NRO)
Ben R 10N (NRO)
Christopher R 10O (ASP & NRO)

Cobie G 10J (EST)
Beaux A 10M (CSW)
Alycia C 10O (COS)
Kelly-Ann C 10Y (SEB)
Rowan N 10A (SEB)
Riley TW 10M (SEB)
Holly R 10Y (SEB)
Gracie H 10H (DHA & MMG)
Sally B 10J (MMG)
Aimee R 10O (MMG)
Harriet S 10R (MMG)
Emily R 10M (MMG)
Tom R 10M (CHA)
Talia M 10 (DDE)
Alicia H 10M (DDE)

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Year 11

Evangeline E 11J (CST)
Anna R 11N (CST)
Harry C 11O (CST & NRO)
Mollie M 11M (DDE)
Aiden C 10 (DDE)
Jessica M 11N (LBT)
Phoebe W 11O (LBT & NRO)
Ella G 11R (LBT)
Sophie H 11J (LBT)
Hollie D 11A (LBT)
Milly H 11N (LBT)
Lucy S 11A (LBT)
Oliwia S 11J (LBT & NRO)
Aiden G 11O (LBT)
Raine N 11M (LBT)
Silver N 11M (LBT)

Kohl T 11Y (SGO)
Daisy H 11R (SGO)
Sophie T 11N (SGO)
Isabelle D 11Y (SGO)
Tia-Rose S 11J (AWR & NRO)
Mina S-E 11J (AWR)
Alex M 11A (AWR)
Aiden D 11N (NRO)
Charlie B 11O (NRO)
Emmanuel R 11N (NRO)
Harry D 11N (NRO)
Rishon T 11O (NRO)
Iris C 11J (NRO)
Esther L 11J (NRO)
Macey A 11J (NRO)

Brooke T 11R (LBT)
Sophie T 11N (LBT)
Kyrah N 11N (LBT)
Tanisha A 11N (LBT)
Isabella E 11A (COS)
Kibbi M 11O (SEB)
Daisy H 11R (SEB)
Raine N 11M (SEB)
Amelia C 11Y (SEB)
11B French (DHA & COS)
Thailia A 11Y (CHA)
Krystian K 11J (NRO)
Jacob D 11J (NRO)
Lexi W 11N (NRO)
Robyn S 11N (NRO)

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Year 12

Willow H 12J (HTH)
Noah L 12S (HTH)
Eve M 12 S (HTH)
Ava R 12T (HTH)
Olivia W 12T (HTH)
Laycie W 12T (HTH)
Nicole S 12S (HTH)
Zuzanna P 12T (HTH)
Monica M 12S (HTH)
Tianna D 12J (HTH)
Evie C 12J (HTH)

Eve B 12S (HTH)
Anna B 12J (HTH)
Liana A 12J (HTH)
Chloe D 12T (LBT)
Nicole S 12S (LBT)
Danae H 12J (LBT)
Mia P 12J (LBT)
Hannah B 12T (DHA)

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Year 13

Emily C 13S (HTH)
Olivia F 13S (HTH)
Jake C 13J (HTH)
Ethan R 13J (HTH)
Klaudia T 13T (HTH)
Poppy W 13T (HTH)
Jess B 13T (HTH)
Isabel W 13S (HTH)

April G 13S (HTH & LBT & EST)
Vinnie T 13J (LBT)
Max B 13S (LBT)
Jaimee R 13S (LBT)

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Arbor Top Scorers

Year 7

Braxton H
Olivier W
Patrick Y
Flavja B
Charlie C
Kayden H
Danny-Joe S
Jake F
Oliver A
Finlay B

Year 8

Sofia H
Toby H
Lily B
Bella L
Katherine J
Jessyka D
Cameron W
Lois L
Jan H
Lotti P

Year 9

Dominik S
Johnathan T D
Joni L
Christopher B
Tommy S
Allan T
Hannah L
Harini T
Maggie W
Carollena A

Year 10

Alycia C
Jessica C
Lucy D
Clevania C
Tom R
Harry M
Sienna N
Bokani N
Talia M
Lily S

Year 11

Tia-Rose S
Sophie T
Mina S-E
Charlie B
Macey A
Kohl T
Daisy H
Thailia A
Oliwia S
Harry C

Sixth Form

Hannah B
Monica M
Madelyn A
Allanah A
Sofia A
Ava S
Joel A
Liana A
Paige A
Amelia A

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- ❑ **Tuesday 8 December-** Year 11 Progress Eve
- ❑ **Monday 14 December-** Christmas Celebration
- ❑ **Tuesday 15 December-** Advent Liturgies
- ❑ **Friday 18 December-** Break up for Christmas
- ❑ **Monday 4 January-** School reopens
- ❑ **Tuesday 5 January-** Year 12/13 Progress Eve
- ❑ **Tuesday 19 January-** Year 10 Progress Eve
- ❑ **Tuesday 26 January-** Careers Day
- ❑ **Monday 1 February-** Year 11/13 Mocks 2
- ❑ **Tuesday 2 February-** Year 9 Options Eve

I Heard a Whisper...

We are very proud of the opportunities on offer to our students. But these experiences only happen because our staff give up their own time both planning and supervising them. This week's I Heard a Whisper nominations are all for the staff involved in last week's Year 8 Retreat, who gave up time away from their own lives and families to ensure our Year 8 students had a wonderful time. Well done to Emma Ramsey (School Chaplain), Miss Heads (LRC Manager), Mrs Smith (Head of RE and Catholic Life), Mrs Noon (SENDCO), Mr Parker (Deputy Headteacher), Mrs Watson (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Rolston (Assistant Headteacher), Mr Walker (LSA) and Mr Curry (Computer Studies).

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Artist of the Week

Aidan C, 11O

