

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

3 MARCH 2025

WEEK A



Our Year 7 and Year 8 Netball teams have had a fantastic start to their games and we want to take the time to celebrate their fantastic achievements so far! Year 8 have won all of their games so far this year and have shown excellent teamwork and skills, especially their shooting abilities, reflected in their superb scores of 30-0 against Staindrop, 10-2 against Bishop Barrington, 19-0 against Whitworth and 18-1 against Sedgfield! Meanwhile, Year 7 have gone from strength to strength as a team and are continuing to develop their netball skills. They have shown excellent commitment to the enrichment club and have won three out of the four games played so far: Staindrop 10-0, Whitworth 6-0, Sedgfield 4-0, with a close game against Bishop Barrington where they narrowly missed out on the win with a 5-2 score. We look forward to continuing to follow the teams' success and watching the squads compete in the South West Durham Tournament this term.



Year 8 competed in the Sportshall Athletics County Finals at Newton Aycliffe Leisure Centre. The teams completed throwing and jumping activities before their track events and relays. The students were fantastic, showing great team spirit and resilience. The girls finished the competition in third place and the boys in fourth place. Well done, all!



A huge well done to all of our students who auditioned for this year's Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts. Miss Bell and Miss Liddle were blown away by the standard of the performances on show and the confidence and self-belief from everyone. Students will be notified this week of whether or not they have made the shortlist for the evening and we look forward to a wonderful evening of talent on Wednesday 26 March. Tickets will be available soon.



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON,
HEADTEACHER

I hope all of our students, staff and families had an enjoyable half term. This week marks the start of Lent, a time for us to reflect, commit and turn our hearts towards God. Many people choose to give something up at Lent, whilst others choose to instead do something extra for someone in need or give to charity. However we choose to acknowledge the Lenten period, we are reminded that it is an important time for self-reflection and to examine our own actions and how we treat others, and our special Ash Wednesday services will encourage our students to do this and help them with ways in which they can help others this Lent. This week is also World Book Day, a day where we celebrate the wonderful world of books and encourage our students to open their minds to the wonders of reading. In the words of Dr. Seuss, "The more that you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go".

Attendance Matters

Well done to the 369 students who had 100% attendance throughout last half term. The final week's figures were:

Year 7: 94%

Year 8: 91.6%

Year 9: 92%

Year 10: 90.9%

Year 11: 89.8%



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 3- Welcome back to all of our staff and students after what we hope was a lovely half term

Wednesday 5- Ash Wednesday. All students will be taking part in special Ash Wednesday services during the course of the day to mark the beginning of Lent.

Wednesday 5- Frozen rehearsals for all cast members until 4.30pm

Thursday 6- World Book Day. We will be celebrating World Book Day in school with some special activities and competitions in the LRC. All students in Years 7-10 will also be taking part in a special Reading Relay which will involve them all reading the same story during the course of the day along with discussion tasks to help promote a passion for reading.

Thank you to our parents and carers for their excellent support in ensuring the maintenance of high uniform standards last half term. Any issues from prior to half term should have now been resolved and, unless it is a genuine medical issue, students need to be in full correct uniform on their return to school. As clearly stated in our uniform policy, students are not permitted to wear trainers, leggings or crew-neck jumpers. We do have uniform available in school, so please get in touch via MCAS if affordability is an issue.

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

21 February 2025

Virtues

Ava P 10A - Responsibility and Compassion (LHE)
Cadi S 10Y - Responsibility and Compassion (LHE)
Saula K 7M - Responsibility (LHE)
Evelyn K 7M - Responsibility (LHE)
Belal Q 7A - Resilience and Confidence (LHE)
Bailee H 7M - Responsibility (MMG)
Maurisa-Rose B 7M - Responsibility (MMG)
Emily B 7M - Resilience (MMG)
Isla S 8M - Confidence (MMG)

All who auditioned for the Jaquie Holloway Prize- Confidence and Self-Belief (RBE & ALI)

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

High Five FRIDAY

21 February 2025

Year 7

Callum B 7R (SEB)
Amelia F 7R (SEB)
Adam H-F 7A (AWR)
Johnathan T-D 7M (AWR & LHE)
Harry H 7Y (AWR)
Liam W 7Y (AWR)
Isla T 7M (AWR)
Francesca S 7O (CHA)
Finley H 7O (CHA)
Annabelle D 7O (CHA)
George C 7O (CHA)
Luke T 7O (CHA)
Daniel W 7O (CHA)
Beau W 7O (CHA)
Maurisa-Rose B 7M (SCO)

Matilda T 7J (MMG)
Beau W 7O (MMG)
Francesca S 7O (MMG)
Claudia M 7J (MMG)
Jessica B 7J (MMG)
Rosie S 7O (MMG)
Olivia S 7J (MMG)
Isabella G 7N (EST)
Lexi D 7N (EST)
Ewan P 7Y (EST)

Max L (ASP)
Lillie A 7M (CLI)
Guru S 7A (CLI)
Ali R 7Y (CLI)
Luke D 7Y (CLI)
Allan T 7M (LHE)
Samuel M 7A (LHE)
Alfie G 7R (LHE)
Verity D 7M (LHE)
Baile D 7A (LHE)
Olivia S 7J (SCO)
Beau W 7O (SCO)
Gabriel M 7M (EAS)
Isabella G 7N (EAS)

High Five FRIDAY

21 February 2025

Year 8

Olivia B 8Y (SCO)
Lydia S 8A (SCO & DSM)
Neave W 8Y (SCO & MMG)
Beaux A 8M (SEB)
Emily R 8M (SEB)
Noah S 8H (DSM)
Callan V 8N (DSM)
Ben R 8N (AWR)
Beaux A 8M (JKE & MMG)
Ella W 8Y (JKE & SLO)
Indi B 8J (JKE)
Hollie T 8N (CHA)
Grace N 8N (SCO)
Kelly-Ann C 8R (SCO)

Vito Mc 8R (DSM)
Alistair M 8N (DSM)
Taylor W V 8N (DSM)
Matty R 8O (DSM)
Craig R 8A (DSM)
Tom C 8A (DSM)
Jack R 8R (DSM)
Isla S 8M (DSM)
Isla C 8A (DSM)
Grace R 8R (DSM)
Maisy NH V 8N (DSM)
Indi B 8J (DSM & MMG)
Sienna J 8H (DSM & SCO)

Poppy Y 8M (MMG)
Christie B 8Y (MMG)
Lydia S 8A (MMG)
Sienna N 8A (MMG)
Alfie D 8Y (SLO)
Emme R 8Y (SLO & MMG)

High Five FRIDAY

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Year 9

Harvey M 9R (JKE & CJO)
Eve B 9R (CJO)
Krystian K 9J (CJO)
Nathan A 9H (CJO)
Harry W 9N (KAL)
Henry S-J 9A (KAL)

Charlie N 9H (SCO)
Prabdeep C 9H (SEB)
Finlay H 9M (JKE)
Harry M 9M (JKE)
Nathan A 9H (EAS)

High Five FRIDAY

21 February 2025

Year 10

Kristian W 10R (SEB)
Racheal M 10Y (SEB)
Olivia W 10N (JKE)
Grace B 10O (JKE)
Joel J 10J (JKE)
Post A 10N (JKE)
Megan M 10O (JKE)
Safwan R 10J (AWR)
Thomas T 10N (AWR)
Joel A 10N (AWR)
Ava T 10R (SLO)
Kaela H 10R (SLO)

Hannah S 10J (ASP)
Eden S 10J (ASP)
Ava A 10Y (ASP)
Finley B 10Y (CLI)
Hassan S 10J (SLO)
Imogen P 10N (EAS)
Madelyn A 10N (CLI & SLO)

Nelle R 10R (EST)
Maebh S 10R (EST)
Evie S 10O (EST)
Skye H 10O (EST & CHA)
Lola N 10O (EST)
Thomas S 10O (EST)
Will O 10N (EST)
Hannah M 10N (EST)
Jack B 10N (EST)
Benjamin S-J 10H (EST)
Charlotte J 10H (EST)
Teddy M 10H (EST)
Thomas B 10N (EST)
Finlay C 10N (EST)

High Five FRIDAY

21 February 2025

Year 11

Sapphire S 11N (SEB)
Harrison H 11J (SEB)
Kate M 11Y (EST)
Niamh C 11Y (EST & NRO)
Jess B 11R (EST)
Rosa J 11Y (EST)
Jenny S 11Y (EST)
Ella W 11Y (EST)
April G 11A (EST & NRO)
George B 11Y (AWR)
Alfie D 11N (LDV)
Emily C 11S (LDV)

Devina A-T 11O (CJO)
Kaden C 11A (CJO)
Phoebe C 11S (CJO & CLI)
Michael F 11R (CJO)
Chelsea H 11N (CJO)
Sophie R 11M (CJO & CLI)
Jake W 11S (CJO)
Kirstie W 11J (CJO)

Durga S 11J (CLI)
Isaac C 1J (CLI)
Ellie O 11H (CLI)
Sophia O 11N (SLO)
Alexandra Z 11M (SLO)
Finley H 11H (SLO)
Evie W 11Y (SLO)
Amirah W 11R (SLO)
Isla D 11A (NRO)

High Five FRIDAY

21 February 2025

Year 12 and 13

Summer T 12C (EST)
Eve C 12C (EST)
Jessica P 12C (EST)
Beth T 12A (EST)
Nicole H 12E (EST)
Joshua Y 12E (EST)
Georgia F 12E (EST)
Danny W 12E (EST)
Sofia M 12E (EST)

Jack L 12A (CLI)
Liam V 12R (SMC)
Max N 12R (SMC)
Logan E 12R (HTH)
Georgia F 12E (HTH)
A Level Maths Class (ASP)

Bodie D 13Y (EST)
Lucy S 13Y (EST)
Josh S 13O (SMC)
Daniel T 13Y (CLI)
Mateo R 13Y (CLI)
Ryan M 13Y (SLO)
Harry M 13Y (SLO)
Carrera J 13J (SLO)
Katie M 13J (HTH)
Molly H 13J (HTH)

Department Stars of the Week- 21/2

Philosopher of the Week: Harry Martin 9M
Reader of the Week: Evelyn Keers 7M
Mathematician of the Week: Dylis Bruce-Tagoe 9Y
Scientist of the Week: Lawrence Jimoh 7O
Linguist of the Week: Callum Brown 7R
Historian of the Week: Zac Bennett 7J
Geographer of the Week: Beau Wilson 7O
Sportsperson of the Week: Isla Smith 8M
Designer of the Week: Connor Allen 9Y
Artist of the Week: Clayton Nicholson 7N
Musician of the Week: Jack Slater 9J
Computer Scientist of the Week: Harley Gibbons 8A

MFL Stars of the Week: Caleb R (7R), Eliza B-M (8M), Maddison R (9N), Zea L (9Y)

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

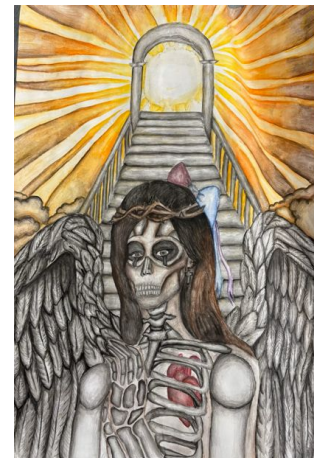
- ❑ **Thursday 13 March-** Year 11 Progress Eve (online) *Appointments available from 4/3*
- ❑ **Saturday 15 March-** FLAME Trip
- ❑ **Thursday 20 March-** Year 8 Progress Eve
- ❑ **Wednesday 26 March-** Jaquie Holloway Prize for Performing Arts
- ❑ **Thursday 3 April-** Year 10 Progress Eve
- ❑ **Friday 11 April-** Last day before Easter
- ❑ **Monday 28 April-** School reopens
- ❑ **Monday 5 May-** Bank Holiday
- ❑ **Wednesday 7 May-** GCSE Exams begin
- ❑ **Monday 12 May-** Year 7 Residential Retreat
- ❑ **Monday 19 May-** Year 10 Work Experience
- ❑ **Thursday 22 May-** Year 7 Progress Eve

I Heard a Whisper...

Our job within school is not just about teaching our students the subject knowledge needed to pass their exams, it is about offering support and encouragement, teaching them how to manage their difficulties and be resilient, and forming relationships which instill trust. Our staff do all of these things in abundance each day, and these nominations give a snippet of that. Well done to Miss Wilkinson (Assistant Headteacher), Miss Heads (LRC Manager/ Assistant Head of Year 7), Susie Denning (Parent Support Advisor), Dr Mulligan (Head of Science) and Miss Charlton (Science). If you would like to say a special thank you to a member of staff for their hard work, commitment and support, drop us an email and help to brighten someone's day.

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Artist of the Week



Josh Yorke 12E

ClassCharts
Year 7 Top Achievers
Carollena A 7O
Allan T 7M
Daniel W 7O
Isabella G 7N
Finley H 7O

Year 8 Top Achievers
Leon W 8A
Ella W 8Y
Indi B 8J
Holly H 8R
Finley G 8A

Year 9 Top Achievers
Tejaswi S 9A
Harry M 9M
Isabella E 9A
Nathan A 9H
Harvey M 9R

Year 10 Top Achievers
Evie S 10O
Imogen P 10N
Madelyn A 10N
Caelan H 10N
Skye H 10O

Year 11 Top Achievers
Evie W 11Y
Amirah W 11R
Ella W 11Y
Eason Z 11H
Michael F 11R