

# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

*A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values*

6 MAY 2025

WEEK B



Last week, 23 Year 12 students set out on their Gold practice expedition facing the rigorous challenge of the Cheviot Hills. Staying in a bunkhouse in the College Valley, the group were able to learn navigational techniques and strategies, make decisions, learn and practise river crossings and demonstrate safe and good campcraft skills. They had a very gruelling three days in variable weather covering 13 miles to the Cheviots with its challenging terrain and elevation and, despite a few blisters, the group remained positive throughout. The group were also able to cross the border into Scotland walking some part of the Pennine Way National Trail as part of their route.

We are extremely proud of the students who represented St John's at the BHCET swimming gala last week. They all performed to the best of their ability, displayed great teamwork in every event and were a credit to St John's. A special congratulations to

the junior girls who won the 4x50m medley race, demonstrating outstanding swimming strokes in both their races, but unfortunately missed out on gold by one second in the 4x50m front crawl race. We are delighted to have taken so many swimmers to represent St John's and display their talent.

Our Year 10 Turing Scheme group returned from Barcelona on Friday after a wonderful trip. Miss Heads and Mrs Noon would like to commend the amazing students on this trip - from stepping up as leaders, tackling new experiences with open minds, reading maps like pros and bringing plenty of laughs along the way, they have shown courage, curiosity and character every step of the journey. Whether it was trying something unfamiliar or stepping outside of their comfort zones, they have embraced it all with positivity, kindness and great humour.



Last half term, pupils from across the Trust took part in Bishop

Hogarth's Great MFL Lenten Challenge, setting out to learn 10 words a day for 40 days in their chosen language. Isabel Waters, Year 11, was last week presented with her prize as St John's Top Linguist in this challenge. A huge congratulations to Isabel, and well done to all of the other students who took part, showing fantastic commitment to language learning.



## A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

*We are just one week into our Summer term, and already it has been filled with achievements and opportunities. We are incredibly proud of our Year 12 Duke of Edinburgh students for their resilience and dedication shown in the completion of their Gold practice expedition. We are also delighted to see so many students showing self-belief in representing St John's in the BHCET Swimming Gala, and we are over the moon to hear about the respect, resilience and confidence our Year 10 students showed in their trip to Barcelona.*

*We are also proud to announce that, since the start of our Gardening Club last term, we have been awarded the RHS School Gardening Level 1 certificate which acknowledges our accessible gardening space and our students' contributions to this. We look forward to this club 'growing' even further!*

*This coming week marks the beginning of the GCSE written exams. I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students good luck, and remind them of how proud we are of them. You've got this, Year 11!*



## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Wednesday 7 May-** GCSEs begin. Our GCSE written exams officially begin with GCSE Drama. We wish our students lots of luck and know that their hard work will pay off. We will share details of booster sessions and exams taking place each day on our social media pages.

**Sunday 11 May-** Super Sunday Revision. All of our Year 11 students are invited and encouraged to attend a special Super Sunday Revision Day for English and RE from 9am-1pm on Sunday. Students should enter via the Link.



*We appreciate the support of our parents and carers in ensuring all students attend school in the correct uniform and with the correct equipment. We have seen a recent rise in students attending school in trainers, as well as an increase in jewellery, false nails and eyelashes. A polite reminder that these are not part of our uniform and therefore students will be asked to change or remove them if they do not have a valid or medical reason. All students should also ensure they bring an appropriate bag to school along with a pencil case (with black pens, a pencil, ruler and calculator) and their planner.*



# LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



**High Five FRIDAY**  
2 May 2025

**Virtues**

Sofia M 12E Compassion and Responsibility (EST)  
Lucy S 13Y Resilience and Responsibility (EST)  
St John's Swimming Team- Confidence and Self-Belief (MMG)  
Year 12 Gold D of E Group- Respect, Responsibility, Self-Belief and Resilience (HTH, LMD & CDA)

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

**High Five FRIDAY**  
2 May 2025

**Year 8**

Lucy C 8J (SEB & LCU)  
Alistair M 8J (SEB)  
Thomas H 8R (IAI)  
Ryan B 8M (IAI)  
Rowan N 8A (IAI)  
Sienna J 8H (LCU)  
Grace N 8N (LCU)  
Emme R 8Y (LCU)  
Lydia S 8A (LCU)  
Lewis B 8N (AWR)  
Lola M 8N (AWR)  
Brooke C 8J (MWI)

Ollie A 8Y (EDO)  
Tom R 8M (EDO)  
Lexi K 8M (EDO)  
Evie P 8A (EDO)  
Emily E 8A (EDO)  
Jacob R 8Y (SLO)  
Sophia A 8Y (SLO)  
Thomas H 8R (HRO)  
Eva M 8R (HRO)  
Craig R 8MA (ATU)  
Harry G 8MA (ATU)  
Riley H 8MA (ATU)  
Leon W 8MA (ATU)

**High Five FRIDAY**  
2 May 2025

**Year 10**

Bradley R 10A (ASP)  
Eden S 10J (ASP)  
Eden W 10Y (ASP)  
Alfie G 10H (ASP)  
Leon K 10R (ASP)  
James K 10H (MMG)  
Liam B 10R (SEB)  
Jamie-Leigh C 10O (SEB)  
Jack P 10R (AWR)  
Ava S 10N (AWR)  
Kaela H 10R (LDV)  
Katie W 10O (LDV)  
Brody M 10R (AWR)

Rachael M 10Y (TNO)  
Hannah V 10A (TNO)  
Grace P 10R (TNO)  
Jack P 10R (TNO)  
Ali C 10M (TNO)  
Jamie M 10J (HRO)  
Caelan H 10N (HRO)

10X2 RE Class (EST)  
10B Geography (CSW)  
Teddy M 10H (LCU)  
Evan B 10A (LCU & CLI)  
Caelan H 10N (CLI)  
Imogen P 10N (EDO)  
Olivia W 10N (EDO)  
Phoebe H 10H (JHL)  
Posi A 10N (JHL)  
Graham W 10R (AWR)  
Evie C 10N (SLO)  
Danae H 10H (SLO)  
Hannah S 10J (AWR)

**High Five FRIDAY**  
2 May 2025

**Year 12 and 13**

Eve C 12C (JHL)  
Beth T 12A (JHL)  
Summer T 12C (JHL)  
Jessica P 12C (JHL)  
Sarah T 12A (JHL)  
Imogen C 12C (LDV)  
Lily H 12C (LDV)  
Milandev A 12C (LDV)  
Alfie J 12R (HTH)  
Logan E 12R (HTH)  
Sofia M 12E (HTH)  
Jack R 12C (HTH)

Cameron L 13Y (NRO & ALI)  
Bethany T 13Y (NRO & ALI)  
All of Y13 Maths (NHI & LDV)  
Sophie C 13J (SLO & EMU)  
Chloe C 13J (SLO & EMU)  
Bodie D 13Y (SLO & EMU & HTH)  
Carrera J 13J (SLO & EMU)  
Ryan M 13Y (SLO & EMU)  
Harry M 13Y (SLO & EMU)  
Shannon M 13Y (SLO & EMU)  
Eleanor P 13J (SLO & EMU)  
Joe W 13J (SLO & EMU)

Katie M 13J (HTH & NRO)  
Molly A 13Y (HTH)  
Isabelle C 13O (HTH)  
Lucy G 13Y (HTH)  
Layla H 13O (HTH)  
Molly H 13J (HTH)  
Megan M 13 J (HTH)  
Cory W 13O (HTH)  
David E 13Y (HTH)  
Carmen F 13Y (HTH)  
Chloe C 13 J (HTH)  
Morgan M 13O (HTH)  
Maia S 13Y (HTH)

**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 7**

Thomas D 7N (LWR)  
Ellia S 7N (LWR)  
Belle D 7A (COS)  
Hannah K 7A (COS)  
Lincoln L 7Y (ATU)  
Evan G 7Y (ATU & AWR)  
Evan P 7Y (ATU)  
Callum B 7R (ATU)  
Allan T 7M (NHI & LCU)  
Chase N 7A (NHI)  
Poppy S 7Y (NHI)  
Christopher B 7M (NHI)  
Belal Q 7A (NHI)  
Ali R 7Y (CLI)

Michael I 7R (LCU)  
Adam R 7J (TJO)  
Jensen C 7J (TJO)  
Olivia S 7J (TJO)  
Riley R (TJO)  
Emily M 7Y (EST)  
Issac O 7R (SEB)  
Arabelle A 7R (SEB)  
Beau W 7O (MWI)  
Thea P 7O (MWI)  
Kairon H 7A (AWR)  
Hannah L 7Y (AWR)  
Charlotte W 7R (AWR)

**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 9**

Sophie T 9N (SEB)  
Lennox H 9Y (SEB)  
Mia L 9R (LCU)  
Daisy H 9R (LCU)  
Lacey M 9J (LCU)

Harvey M 9R (EDO)  
Ethan H 9R (EDO)  
Filip Z 9K (JHL)  
Robina K 9K (JHL)  
Alexi P 9K (JHL)

**High Five FRIDAY**  
2 May 2025

**Year 11**

Brooke K 11N (LDV & JHL)  
Alfie D 11N (LDV)  
Halle T 11S (LDV)  
Neve B 11R (ESM)  
Jayden B 11R (ESM)  
Amy S 11M (ESM)  
Lucy O 11M (ESM)  
Lucy C 11A (ESM)  
Zak S 11M (NHI)  
Levi H 11J (NHI)  
Kimberley G 11H (NHI)  
Olivia B 11O (NHI)  
Dylan B 11M (NHI)  
Rhys W 11A (SEB)

Farrell M 11R (LCU & NRO & EST)  
Samara T 11N (SEB)  
Olivia R 11R (AWR)  
Kaden C 11A (EST)  
Kate M 11Y (EST)  
Ella W 11Y (EST)  
Eleanor B 11A (EST)  
Daniel F 11S (CLI)  
Amy W 11S (CJO)  
Year 11 Drama (NRO)  
Isia D 11A (NRO)

Donald B 11H (JHL)  
Denzel BT 11S (JHL)  
Lucas S 11H (JHL)  
Julia W 11O (JHL)  
Amelia A 11N (SLO)  
Hollie R 11M (SLO)  
Hollie H 11M (SLO)  
Joe M 11N (SLO)  
Max P 11N (SLO)  
Sophie R 11M (CJO)  
Jake W 11S (CJO & NRO)  
Devina A-T 11O (CJO)  
Kirstie W 11J (CJO)  
Loran C 11O (CJO)  
Summer S 11H (CJO)

**Department Stars of the Week- 2/5**

**Philosopher of the Week:** Emily Morrison 7Y and Henry Bennett 7Y

**Reader of the Week:** Constance Cook 8N

**Mathematician of the Week:** Finlay Hodgson 7R

**Scientist of the Week:** Harry Mather 8J

**Linguist of the Week:** Joshua Rouse 7N

**Historian of the Week:** Oli Kwiecien 8O

**Geographer of the Week:** Isabella Evans 9A

**Sportsperson of the Week:** Rosie Grayson 7R

**Designer of the Week:** Molly Jennings 7N

**Artist of the Week:** Isla Smith 8M

**Musician of the Week:** Matthew Wherry 9R

**Computer Scientist of the Week:** Michael Igwebuike 7R

**MFL Stars of the Week: Rosie G 9A, Caleb H 8O, Daisy L 9R, Joshua R 7N**



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 12 May- Year 7 Residential Retreat
- Monday 19 May- Year 10 Work Experience
- Thursday 22 May- Year 7 Progress Evening
- Friday 23 May- Last day before half term
- Monday 2 June- School reopens
- Monday 2 June- Year 12 Work Experience
- Thursday 19 June- Virtue Awards 2025
- Monday 23 June- Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams
- Wednesday 2 July- Year 13 Peru Trip
- Wednesday 2 July- Year 9/10 Summer Festival
- Monday 7 July/ Tuesday 8 July- St John's presents 'Frozen the Musical'
- Thursday 10/ Friday 11 July- Year 6 Induction



## I Heard a Whisper...

"You can never know the ripple effect you create with one tiny gesture of kindness." A recurring theme in many of our I Heard a Whisper emails is kindness and the impact it has had. This week's nominations are no exception, focusing on the kindness and generosity of our staff, and their willingness to give their time and effort to help students, families and colleagues. Well done to Miss Charlton (Science), Mr Karaca (Cover Supervisor), Ashley Worthy (Finance and Operations Manager), David Cassidy (Network Manager), Anna Poulter (Admin- Main Reception) and Thomas Young (Learning Mentor) who all received a sweet treat in recognition of their kindness.

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## Artist of the Week



**Caelan Hodgson  
10N**



**ClassCharts**  
**Year 7 Top Achievers**  
Nathan M 7M  
Allan T 7M  
Hannah K 7A  
Isia T 7M  
Evelyn K 7M

**Year 8 Top Achievers**  
Poppy Y 8M  
Leo W 8H  
Harriet D 8M  
Lexi K 8M  
Ollie A 8Y

**Year 9 Top Achievers**  
Thomas T 9A  
Harvey M 9R  
Jake O 9Y  
Lennox H 9Y  
Madison S 9A

**Year 10 Top Achievers**  
Evan B 10A  
Jack R 10O  
Simone B 10R  
Ali C 10M  
Jack P 10R

**Year 11 Top Achievers**  
Farrell M 11R  
Parker E-B 11M  
Hollie H 11M  
Zak S 11M  
Aaron M 11M



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