

ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

19 MAY 2025

WEEK B



A huge well done to all of our Year 7 students who took part in this year's residential retreat. Their energy, teamwork and positive spirit made it a memorable experience for all. Students took part in lots of team building games, reflection time and even their own escape room. Thank you to Emma, our Chaplain, for organising the trip, our incredible staff for giving up their own time to supervise and support our students and to the amazing Youth Ministry Team who we are privileged to work with as part of our students' spiritual journey.



Last week some of our students were honoured to attend a special 'Learn with the Lords' event at Bishop Auckland College where they got the chance to hear from The Lord Shipley OBE on the workings of The House of Lords, how national legislation is shaped and wider discussions on the world of politics alongside Sam Rushworth, MP for Bishop Auckland. This was a superb opportunity for our students to broaden their political knowledge and experience and it was wonderful to see many of them contribute so thoughtfully and articulately to discussions. Our students were praised for their "top class" contributions, including Leo and Ezri, two of our Year 12 students who are very passionate about politics.



Our Year 10 football team are now into the final of the Ben Potts Cup following a 3-2 win against Parkside last week. The boys have recently been crowned as League Winners for the first time and are due to collect their trophy in the coming weeks. The team now have their sights on making it a silverware double!

Well done, boys- another fantastic sporting achievement for St John's!



A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

Our students continue to amaze us with their resilience and self-belief. Not only are our Year 11 and Year 13 students showing incredible dedication and strength through their exams, students across the school are showcasing what it means to be a St John's Eagle every single day. We are incredibly proud of our Year 7 students who attended their residential retreat last week; their respect, confidence and responsibility were shining examples of our learning community.

It is also wonderful to see so many of our students engaging in all aspects of school life, whether it be through sporting achievements, performances, trips, Duke of Edinburgh, enrichment attendance or even just fantastic engagement in lessons. Our eagle logo symbolises many things, but most notably it stands for strength, courage, independence and vision, all of which we see in our students every day.

Last week's attendance:

Year 7- 92.2%
Year 8- 91.1%
Year 9- 90.5%
Year 10- 91.2%
Year 11- 93.6%



COMING UP THIS WEEK

Monday 19 May- Tickets for our summer production of Frozen the Musical go on sale at 9am on Monday morning. This promises to be another wonderful St John's production, so don't "let it go" too long before you grab your tickets: www.ticketsource.co.uk/st-johns-catholic-school

Monday 19 May- Year 10 Work Experience. We wish our Year 10 students lots of luck as they begin their Work Experience week. We know they will find the experience informative and enjoyable.

Wednesday 21 May- Frozen rehearsals are for all cast this week until 4.30pm. As we get closer to the show it is important all cast members attend all rehearsals.

Thursday 22 May- Year 7 Progress Evening. We are looking forward to welcoming our Year 7 students along with their parents and carers into school for discussions on how their first year at St John's has gone. Appointments are still available via SchoolCloud. Contact school directly if you need any assistance.

Friday 23 May- Spring House Rewards. We will be celebrating last term's winning House with a visit from an ice cream van. All will be revealed on Tuesday.

Friday 23 May- Last day before half term. Wishing everyone a lovely week off.

Friday 23 May- Year 13 Leavers' BBQ. We look forward to a wonderful evening celebrating our Year 13 students.

The Friends of St John's

200 CLUB

HOW DOES IT WORK?

- Purchase a number for £10 via the MCAS app
- Be in with a chance to win three prizes of £100 in the summer term

No MCAS app? No problem!
Buy online:
<https://www.trybooking.com/uk/EQAZ>



It's not too late to join the Friends of St John's 200 Club. Payments can be made via MCAS or from the link above.

LAST WEEK'S ACHIEVEMENTS



High Five FRIDAY
16 May 2025

Virtues

Sarah T 12E Responsibility (EST)	Bokani N 8O Responsibility (SCO)
Eve C 12E Responsibility (EST)	Erin H 8O Responsibility (SCO)
11Y2 RE Class Resilience (EST)	Lexi A 8O Responsibility (SCO)
Lucy S 13Y Compassion (EST)	Caitlyn H 8O Responsibility (SCO)
Isla D 11A Resilience (NRO)	Zi Xuan L 8O Responsibility (SCO)
April G 11A Resilience (NRO)	Charlotte E 8O Responsibility (SCO)
Erin W 11M Resilience (NRO)	Ella H 8O Responsibility (SCO)
Emily B 7M Resilience (ALI & PTA)	Eli F 8O Responsibility (SCO)
Evie S 10O Resilience and Responsibility (EST)	Lucy C 8O Responsibility (SCO)
All Year 7 students who attended the Retreat-Resilience, Compassion & Justice (LHE & BSM & TYO)	All of Year 11- Resilience and Self-Belief (OLI K 8O Responsibility (SCO))

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

High Five FRIDAY
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Year 7

Wayne L 7R (SEB)	Madisyn D 7M (AWR)
Billy C 7A (HHA)	Harry F 7M (AWR & LCU)
Tamarah M 7R (HHA)	Henri B 7R (LCU & NHI)
Luke T 7O (HHA)	Lexi A 7A (NHI)
Holly A 7O (HHA)	Nathan M 7M (NHI)
Matthew B 7Y (ATU)	Christopher B 7M (NHI)
Harrison B 7R (ATU)	Arabelle A 7R (NHI)
Hannah K 7A (DHA)	Isabella G 7N (CHA)
Emily M 7Y (DHA)	Beau W 7O (CHA)
Emilia K 7Y (MWI)	Carollena A 7O (CHA)
Joni L 7Y (MWI)	Daniel K 7O (SCO)
	Lexi A 7A (SCO)

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Year 8

Maks F 8J (COS)	Jack S 8A (EST)
Christopher R 8O (COS)	Emily E 8A (EST)
Milana D 8J (SEB)	Evoline S 8A (EST)
Lucy Corn. 8J (SEB)	Jack B 8A (EST)
Alfie D 8Y (DHA)	Jenson B 8A (EST)
Michaelina G 8R (MWI)	Tom S 8A (EST)
Kole S 8M (LCU)	Harry G 8A (EST)
Anthony H 8H (LCU)	Tom C 8A (EST)
Roo G-B 8O (LCU)	Isla C 8A (EST)
Leyah H 8Y (LCU)	Sienna N 8A (EST)
Olivia B 8J (LCU)	Noah H 8A (EST)
Heidi D 8R (HRO)	Neve O 8J (NRO)
Kahlan S 8R (HRO)	Olivia B 8J (NRO)
	Indi B 8J (NRO)
	Josh Z 8N (DSM)
	Olivia W 8O (SCO)

High Five FRIDAY
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Year 9

Anna R 9N (ASP)	Jacob D 9J (DDE)
Tejaswi S 9A (ASP)	Anna M 9M (DDE)
Evie M 9Y (JKE)	William L 9Y (LCU)
Lennox H 9Y (SEB)	Ewan R 9O (LCU)
Millie W 9O (SEB)	Thomas T 9A (LCU)
Brooke W 9M (HHA)	Bradley B 9J (EDO)
Brooke SB 9Y (HHA)	Thomas T 9R (EDO)
Carla M 9H (DHA)	Damon C 9R (EDO)
Trevor B 9J (DHA)	Oilly S 9O (EDO)
Zea L 9Y (DHA)	Ethan L 9M (CHA)
Grace I 9N (COS)	Callie T 9R (CHA)
Georgia C 9R (MWI)	Kai W 9J (CHA)
	Finlay J 9J (SCO)

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Year 10

Kaela H 10R (RCA)	Hannah B 10R (DHA)
Olivia W 10N (EDO)	Megan D 10O (AWR)
Thomas B 10N (EDO)	Freddie N 10R (AWR)
Lewis A 10N (EST)	Jamie M 10A (HRO)
Bradley R 10A (JKE)	Lewis W 10A (HRO)
Molly B 10H (SEB)	Alicia W 10Y (HRO)
Liam B 10R (SEB)	Eve B 10O (HRO)
Jacob C 10H (EMU & HHA)	Ava T 10R (HRO & SLO & CHA)
Stephanie A 10O (EMU)	Lily J 10H (DDE)
Logan H 10J (HHA)	Freddie C 10A (NRO)
Jack P 10R (LCU)	Leon K 10R (NRO)
Libby S 10R (LCU)	Maebh S 10R (NRO)
James K 10H (ATU)	Eve M 10R (NRO)
Ava R 10A (ATU)	Lewis W 10A (NRO)
Thomas B 10N (ATU & EST)	

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Year 11

Charlie K 11R (EMU)	Sienna M 11A (NHI)
Dylan B 11M (EMU & NHI)	Kimberley G 11J (NHI)
Jaimee R 11J (LQU)	Klaudia T 11J (NHI)
Alicia M 11S (LQU)	Poppy W 11R (NRO)
Niamh C 11Y (LQU)	Jenny S 11Y (NRO)
Taylor SJ 11M (HHA)	George B 11Y (NRO)
Rhys W 11A (HHA)	Jake W 11S (NRO)
Sophie C 11Y (HHA)	Farrell M 11R (NRO)
Adam L 11M (HHA)	Jayden B 11R (NRO)
Mia H 11J (LDV)	Leah R 11O (NRO)
Luca R 11H (LDV)	Brooke K 11N (SEB)
Halle T 11S (LDV)	Harry H 11N (SEB)
	Sapphire S 11N (CHA)

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Year 12 and 13

Poppy D 12A (HHA & NRO)	Lucy M 13J (NHI)	Harry M 13Y (EMU)
Lily D 12A (HHA & NRO)	Daniel T 13Y (NHI)	Bodie D 13Y (EMU)
Emma C 12R (ATU & MWI)	Krystian K 13Y (NHI)	Ryan M 13Y (EMU)
Ruby W 12A (HTH)	Molly H 13J (NRO)	Carmen F 13Y (HTH)
Hannah S 12C (HTH)	Layla H 13O (NRO)	Robyn D 13Y (HTH)
Daniel D 12A (DDE)	Katie M 13J (NRO)	Maia S 13Y (HTH)
Erin L 12R (NRO)	Elsa J 13Y (NRO)	
Emily C 12A (NRO)	Eleanor P 13J (LDV & NHI)	
Jack R 12C (NRO)	Cory W 13O (HTH & NHI & LDV)	
Katie C 12C (NRO)	13 Lang/Lit (NRO & LHA & HHA & LWI)	
Aimee C 12C (NRO)		
Eve C 12C (NRO)		

Department Stars of the Week- 16/5

Philosopher of the Week: Edie-Rose Chen 8Y & Isabella Gibson 7N

Reader of the Week: Jonnie Thexton 7Y & Indi Bell 8J

Mathematician of the Week: Phoebe Wheatley 9H

Scientist of the Week: Issac Briddick 8H

Linguist of the Week: Callum Brown 7R & Elliott McAdams 7R

Historian of the Week: Zac Bennett 7J

Geographer of the Week: Charlie Barron 9H

Sportsperson of the Week: Gracie Bellamy 9M

Designer of the Week: Harry Foxton 7M

Artist of the Week: Ryan Lee Belshaw 8M

Musician of the Week: Emily Bell 7M

Computer Scientist of the Week: Roo Gordon-Buist 8O

ClassCharts

Year 7 Top Achievers

Hannah K 7A
Emily B 7M
Evelyn K 7M
Pola Kaszuba 7N
Carollena A 7O

Year 8 Top Achievers

Summer B 8H
Hollie T 8N
Charlotte E 8O
Olivia B 8J
Lily W 8H

Year 9 Top Achievers

Lennox H 9Y
Ryan D 9A
Leah W 9A
Zea L 9Y
Harrison M 9O

Year 10 Top Achievers

Eden S 10J
Hannah S 10J
Hassan S 10J
Lily J 10H
Evie S 10O

Year 11 Top Achievers

Mia H 11J
Sapphire S 11N
April G 11A
Jake W 11S
Yasmin W 11A

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.bhccet.org.uk.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Monday 2 June- School reopens
- Monday 2 June- Year 12 Work Experience
- Monday 16 June- Year 5 Week 1
- Thursday 19 June- Virtue Awards 2025
- Monday 23 June- Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams
- Monday 23 June- Year 5 Week 2
- Wednesday 2 July- Year 13 Peru Trip
- Wednesday 2 July- Year 9/10 Summer Festival
- Thursday 3 July- Induction Evening for incoming Year 7 students and parents
- Monday 7 July/ Tuesday 8 July- St John's presents 'Frozen the Musical'
- Thursday 10/ Friday 11 July- Year 6 Induction Days
- Friday 18 July- Last day of the school year



I Heard a Whisper...

As part of Mental Health Awareness Week last week we focused on the importance of community. A positive community means somewhere where people support one another, celebrate each others' successes and value their contributions and efforts. All of last week's I Heard a Whisper nominations were from staff to colleagues, recognising their amazing contributions to our learning community and their positive impact on our students. Well done to Mr Oxberry (Head of Year 11), Mr Robertson (Leadership Link for Year 11/ Head of MFL), Emma Ramsey (School Chaplain), Mrs Moran (Assistant Head of English), Mrs Sturdy (RE) and Miss Hayes (Assistant Headteacher/ Head of English) who we hope enjoyed their much deserved sweet treat!

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Artist of the Week



Evie Cook, 10N



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