

# ST JOHN'S WEEKLY NEWS

A Learning Community guided by Gospel Values

23 JUNE 2025

WEEK 8



Friday was all about our wonderful Year 11 class of 2025 as we held their Celebration Day. We were joined by parents, carers and family members for a wonderful celebration at St Mary's Church led by Fr Coxon and our School Chaplain, Emma. With beautiful music from our choir and Year 11 soloists, readings from some of our students, special award presentations and a celebratory guard of honour as our students



left church, it was a fitting celebration for a fantastic group of young people. A special well done to our singers, candle bearers, readers and award winners, including Anna Thompson and Lewis Langstaff-Wood who were this year's recipients of the Father Towers Award. Students then continued the celebrations back at school, coming together as a year group for the final time with a special lunch, shirt signing and a Class of 2025 video for a trip down memory lane. There were lots of laughs, some tears and plenty of memories relived and made.

On Thursday we held our second annual Virtue Awards, a celebration we introduced to reward the amazing young people who walk into St John's every day, because they are so much more than the grades they achieve. We were joined by over 60 students from across Years 7-13 along with their proud parents, carers and family members to celebrate the amazing young people they are. These students were all nominated by their Heads of Year and tutors for living out our school virtues this year, and it was wonderful to celebrate with them in style. Well done to all of our worthy winners!



Year 9 and 10 students attended the Local Schools

Athletics event at Sildon Athletics Stadium on Tuesday. The students were fantastic and could not be more highly commended for their effort and behaviour. Well done to all and a special mention to Year 9 boys and Year 10 girls who came first!



## A WORD FROM LISA BYRON, HEADTEACHER

*What a superb week of celebration last week was with our 2025 Virtue Awards, some fantastic sporting achievements and of course our Year 11 Celebration Day. This special speech from Emma our Chaplain was the perfect tribute to our Year 11 Class of 2025:*

*'When the world shut down in March 2020 you were just children in Year 6. You missed your leavers parties, your final sports days and the transition days that were meant to ease your leap into secondary school. For some, education halted entirely; no online learning, no structure, just uncertainty. You began secondary school not with the usual excitement and nerves, but through bubbles, screens and restrictions. Your Year 7 wasn't filled with team building activities, school trips or residential. You learned to work in zones and would often find yourself being removed from school having to isolate due to being in close proximity of someone who had sadly got COVID. School sports...cancelled. Drama productions...postponed. Group work...discouraged. Yet, here you are five years later, celebrating completing your GCSE exams and ready to embark on the next adventure. All of you sat here today, have already overcome one of the greatest disruptions to education in living memory. You have proven to yourself and to us, that you are resilient. You are capable. You are more than the results you will receive on your results day. You have shown great courage, persistence and strength.'*



## COMING UP THIS WEEK

**Monday 23 June-** Year 10 and Year 12 mock exams begin. Wishing our students lots of luck for this first set of mock exams which will help prepare them for next year's GCSE and A Levels.

**Monday 23 June-** Year 5 Week 2. Our Year 5 Weeks continue with Bishop Auckland feeder primaries.

**Monday 23 June-** Frozen rehearsals are for principal cast and Lead Ensemble on Monday until 5pm and Thursday until 4.30pm and for all cast on Wednesday until 4.30pm. All must attend when needed.

**Monday 23 June-** Bishop Auckland Town Council Awards. Congratulations to our students who were nominated or who have won one of these incredible awards. We look forward to sharing more details soon.

**Tuesday 24/ Wednesday 25-** Year 7 High Force Geography trips.

**Saturday 28 June-** Frozen 'Tech Rehearsal' Day for all cast, 10am-4pm.



# 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.bhct.org.uk](mailto:nrose@stjohns.bhct.org.uk).

**High Five FRIDAY**  
20 June 2025

**Virtues**

Faye M 9R Resilience - SRO  
Maddison R 12E Compassion (EST)  
Evie S 100 Resilience and Responsibility (EST)  
Lilly M 90 Resilience (MMG)

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

**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 8**

8J English (NRO)  
Imogen K 8J (NRO)  
Neve O 8J (NRO)  
Sarah M R 8J (NRO)  
Ellie-Rose F 8J (NRO)  
Brooke C 8J (NRO)  
Milana D 8J (NRO)  
Alistair M 8J (NRO)  
Nicholas S 8J (NRO & SEB)  
Lucy Con. 8J (NRO)  
Emme R 8Y (MMG)  
Sienna N 8A (MMG)  
Isia C 8A (MMG)

Christie B 8Y (MMG)  
Jess N 8H (DDE)  
Anthony H 8H (DDE)  
Lucy C 80 (DDE)  
Ruby K 80 (DDE)  
Emily M (HRO)  
Jack R (HRO)  
Sienna J 8H (CHA)  
Kai D 8N (AWR)  
Charlie M-T 8N (AWR)  
Cobie B 8J (SEB)  
Beaux A 8M (MMG)  
Neave W 8Y (MMG)  
Lydia S 8A (MMG)  
Chloe M 8J (MMG)

**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 10**

Year 9/10 Athletics team (ATU)  
Evie S 100 (SRO)  
Graham W 10R (SRO)  
Hannah B 10R (SRO)  
Ava R 10A (SRO)  
Ava P 10A (SRO)  
Hannah V 10A (SRO)  
Madelyn A 10N (CLI)  
Oliver B 10J (CLI)  
Neve E 100 (SEB)  
Seb G 10M (SEB)  
Year 10 Netball Team (MWI)  
Liam B 10R (AWR)  
Joshua W 10M (AWR)

Ahmed A-M 10J (EST)  
Jack B 10N (EST)  
Lewis A 10N (EST)  
Skye H 100 (EST)  
Hannah M 10N (EST)  
Thomas S 100 (EST & CHA)  
Eve B 100 (HRO)  
Jack B 10N (HRO)  
Benjamin SJ 10H (HRO)  
Madelyn A 10N (HRO)  
Libby S 10R (DDE)  
Isabelle P 100 (DDE)

**High Five FRIDAY**  
20 June 2025

**Year 7**

Luke D 7Y (CLI & EST)  
Kai D 7A (CLI)  
Ali R 7Y (CLI & EST)  
Tobias S 7Y (CLI & EST)  
Patrick S 7Y (CLI)  
Beau W 70 (CHA)  
Finley H 70 (CHA)  
Verity D 7M (COS)  
George J 7M (COS)  
Saul K 7M (COS)  
Gabriel M 7M (COS)  
Isabella G 7N (COS & ASP)  
Evan C 7R (SEB)  
Finlay H 7R (SEB)  
Year 7 Netball Team (MWI)

Max L 7J (ASP)  
Jessica B 7J (ASP)  
Daniel K 70 (ASP)  
Ayva D 7J (DDE)  
Ethan O 7R (DDE)  
Chuk O 7A (AWR)  
Charlotte W 7R (AWR)  
Poppy S 7Y (EST)  
Hannah L 7Y (EST & AWR)  
Heidi H 7N (DAT)  
Sophie-Anne S 70 (DAT)

Henry B 7Y (EST)  
Jaxon C 7Y (EST)  
Ava D 7Y (EST)  
Seb G 7Y (EST)  
Joni L 7Y (EST)  
Jack L 7Y (EST)  
Dakota C 7J (DAT)  
Adam R 7J (DAT)  
Amelia B 7J (DAT)  
Illa K 7J (DAT)  
Lola M-R 7N (DAT)  
Lexi D 7N (DAT)  
Tom B 7N (DAT)  
Jessie-Leigh C 70 (DAT)  
Katie G 7J (DAT)  
Isabella T 7J (DAT)

**High Five FRIDAY**  
20 June 2025

**Year 9**

Year 9/10 Athletics team (ATU)  
Oscar B-M 9Y (ASP)  
Kai W 9J (ASP)  
Anyia A 90 (MMG)  
Elise G 9H (MMG)  
Grace M 9J (MMG)  
Mylee A 9Y (MMG)  
Iyla S 9J (MMG)  
Evie M 9Y (MMG)  
Amber W 9R (MMG)

Kyra N 9N (DDE)  
Harry W 9N (DDE)  
Robyn S 9N (SRO)  
Iris C 9J (SRO)  
Thomas T 9A (SEB)  
Lexi W 9N (SEB)  
Clara J 9R (MMG)  
Macey B 9Y (MMG)  
Jessica M 9N (MMG)  
Harry W 9N (KAL)

**High Five FRIDAY**  
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**Year 12**

Sofia M 12E (EST)  
Amelia W 12E (EST)  
Georgia F 12E (EST)  
Nicole H 12E (EST)  
Savannah L 12E (EST)  
Anna S 12A (EST)  
Isabelle M 12R (EST)

Daniel D 12A (DDE)  
Ruby W 12A (NRO)  
Caitlin B 12R (EST)  
Ezri H 12R (EST)  
Lily A 12R (EST)  
Hannah A 12C (EST)

**Department Stars of the Week- 20/6**

**Philosopher of the Week:** Cobie Gaffney 8J

**Reader of the Week:** Ivy Webster 8M and Neve Oxley 8J

**Mathematician of the Week:** Finlay Hodgson 7R and Jayden Connor 7Y

**Scientist of the Week:** Jack Lawson 7Y

**Linguist of the Week:** Isabella Gibson 7N and Sally Blackett 8J

**Historian of the Week:** Louis Weighill 7J

**Geographer of the Week:** Emilia Kucharska 7Y

**Sportsperson of the Week:** Anya Allen 90

**Designer of the Week:** Elliott McAdams 7R

**Artist of the Week:** Logan Poskett 9N

**Musician of the Week:** Daniel Stephens 8R

**Computer Scientist of the Week:** Rosie Stephenson 70

**ClassCharts**

**Year 7 Top Achievers**

Nathan M 7M  
Louis W 7J  
Saule K 7M  
Carollena A 7O  
Hannah K 7A

**Year 8 Top Achievers**

Sienna J 8H  
Milana D 8J  
Lara S 8M  
Sienna N 8A  
Riley T-W 8M

**Year 9 Top Achievers**

Thomas T 9A  
David I 9J  
Mylee A 9Y  
Macey B 9Y  
Amber W 9R

**Year 10 Top Achievers**

Madelyn A 10N  
Chloe D 10H  
Logan H 10J  
Michael E 10M  
Chloe D 10A

**Sixth Form Top Achievers**

Charlie P 12C  
Liam V 12R  
Alfie J 12R  
Caitlin B 12R  
Ezri H 12R  
Nicole H 12E

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

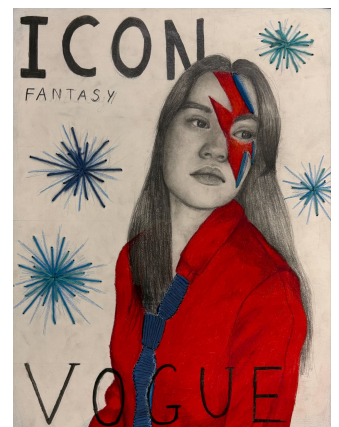
- Monday 30 June-** Year 11 Prom
- Wednesday 2 July-** Year 13 Peru Trip
- Wednesday 2 July-** Year 9/10 Summer Festival
- Thursday 3 July-** Induction Evening for incoming Year 7 students and parents
- Monday 7 July/ Tuesday 8 July-** St John's presents 'Frozen the Musical'
- Thursday 10/ Friday 11 July-** Year 6 Induction Days
- Thursday 17 July-** House Reward Afternoon
- Friday 18 July-** Last day of the school year (details to be confirmed)
- Tuesday 2 September-** New Academic Year

## 1 Heard a Whisper...

As well as receiving wonderful emails each week from parents to thank staff for their support, and comments from students who want to show appreciation to their teachers for going above and beyond, it is lovely to see our staff praising, thanking and celebrating each other. Our staff support one another, collaborate well and model respect and compassion, and this week's nominations all show our staff's appreciation for their colleagues. Well done to Mr Athey (PP Lead/ Maths), Mr Morley (Maths) and Mrs Wright, Miss Charlton, Dr Little, Mr Poots, Mr Ebberley and Miss Dordward (Science).

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## Artist of the Week



**Daisy Johnson, 11A**