

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to everyone that made last week's International Evening such a success, particularly Mrs Shobha, who organised it. The evening was so enjoyable and it is always so positive to see our different communities coming together to celebrate. There is an article on the Newbury Today website about the event.

Next week marks the beginning of assessment season for us, with Year 6 SATs tests taking place. We are always proud of the positive way that our children approach testing and are looking forward to a good week, where any worries that the children may be feeling are managed positively by our staff. In the coming weeks, we have the Year 4 multiplication check, Year 1 phonics tests and end of Reception assessments, as well as writing teacher assessment for our Year 6 children. It will be a busy time for us all!

#### **Celebration Worship Change of Time**

Because of the Year 6 SATs tests next week, celebration worship will take place at 11.10am rather than the normal 10.10am on Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May.

#### **Job Vacancy – St John's Kitchen**

We have a job vacancy for a temporary kitchen assistant at St John's. The role is available from 1<sup>st</sup> June until the end of the summer term and is for 6.25 hours per week (1.25 hours per day). If you are interested in the role, an application form and further information can be found on our federation website: <https://st-john-and-st-nicolas-schools-federation.secure-primariesite.net/vacancies/>

#### **Multiplication Check Meeting for Parents**

There will be a short online meeting for parents of children in Year 4 on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May at 6pm to provide information on the Year 4 multiplication check and how parents can help children to achieve their best in this. The link for the meeting is below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/370448907629520?p=2QceJh3JbzrsOinb89>

Meeting ID:

370 448 907 629 520

Passcode:

kS2yx2bt

## Spring Festival Opportunities Next Week

We are really lucky, as a town centre school to be offered the opportunity for free tickets for some children for Spring Festival concerts. This year, the following groups will be going to events:

- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> May: 6S will be going to Rant at the Corn Exchange at 2pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May: Year 3 will be going to the Corn Exchange for a Gilbert and Sullivan showcase
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Year 4 and 6N will be going to the Corn Exchange for a ballet performance

## SEN Coffee Morning

Please see the below message from Ellen Clinch, our new Family School Support Worker:

We would like to warmly invite you to our upcoming SEN Coffee Morning - Let's Talk Sensory.

This relaxed and friendly session will explore the different senses, how sensory needs can impact children, and practical ways we can support sensory challenges at home and in school.

It will also be a great opportunity to meet other parents/carers and professionals, share experiences, ask questions, and gain advice in an informal setting. ***Please note that no diagnosis is necessary to attend.***

Event Details

Date: Thursday 21st May

Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

Location: Community Room, St John Evangelist Infant & Nursery School



Professionals from a range of services will be attending to offer guidance and support.

We would be delighted to see you there and hope you can join us for coffee, conversation, and community support. Please email me if you want some more information.

## Attendance

Congratulations to Cherry Class at St John's with 98.8% attendance and 4S at St Nic's with 100% attendance. Both classes have won our attendance aardvarks for this week.

Attendance at each school last week was as follows:

- St John's: 95.3%

- St Nic's 95.5%

Across the two schools, there were 39 late marks last week. Every minute that a child is late can impact on their learning. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, each day.

### **Extended Day Clubs - September 2026**

If your child currently attends ASC at St John's and will be moving to St Nic's in September you need to apply for a place at St Nic's After School Club as sessions don't automatically transfer, please email Finance stating the session/s you would like. You do not need to apply for a space at Breakfast Club at St Nic's as this operates on a drop-in basis - more details will be provided nearer the time.

If you have a child joining Reception at St John's in September and would like a space at Breakfast Club and/or After School Club please email Finance with the name of your child and the session/s you would like.

If you would like a space at Breakfast Club (St John's) or After School Club (St John's or St Nic's) either in the Summer Term or from September please email Finance.

All sessions are allocated on a first come first served basis so please do this as soon as possible - [finance@stjohnandstnicolasschools.org.uk](mailto:finance@stjohnandstnicolasschools.org.uk) (if you have already emailed Finance there is no need to send another email).

### **Sports Kit Amnesty**

Please could you remember to return all items of sports kit to St Nic's as soon as possible as we are running very low on some items.

### **Writer of the Week**

Well done to Iliria in Year 5, who was this week's writer of the week. Also well done to Clemmie in Year 4 for achieving her bronze reading badge. The inspiration for next week's writer of the week is below:



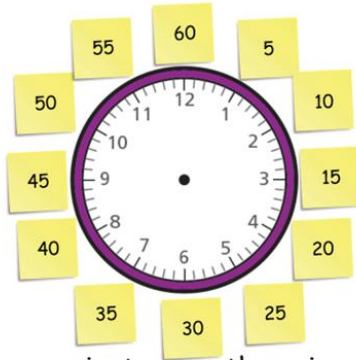
## **The unexpected guest**

One sunny afternoon, Mia found a tiny, fluffy creature with wide, sparkling eyes in her room...

## Year 2 Homework

### Maths

This week in maths we are learning to tell the time. Please refer to the information sheet sent out last week to see what we will be covering. Please encourage your child by getting them to recognise o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to. We have also been looking at telling the time to the hour.



#### Tell the time to the hour challenge

Challenge cards



|                 |  |                 |  |                 |  |
|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|--|
| 25 minutes to 7 |  | 20 minutes to 6 |  | 25 minutes to 4 |  |
| 5 minutes to 6  |  | 10 minutes to 5 |  | quarter to 3    |  |
| quarter to 8    |  | half past 12    |  | 5 minutes to 12 |  |



10 minutes to 1



20 minutes to 12



25 minutes to 11



15 minutes to 2

Below are some online games you may wish to let your child play:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/time/teaching-clock>

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/116/telling-the-time>

<https://toytheater.com/telling-time/>

### Spelling

Week 4 – /n/ sound spelt 'kn' or 'gn'  
knew know knock knife knock knives knit  
gnash gnarl gnome sign resign design gnat

## Phonics Books for the Week

Reception: [https://parents.fft.org.uk/S24\\_Too\\_Much\\_Noise](https://parents.fft.org.uk/S24_Too_Much_Noise)  
<https://vimeo.com/692012828/5b20c6aaa0>

Year 1: [https://parents.fft.org.uk/S60\\_Nan-s\\_Bright\\_Idea](https://parents.fft.org.uk/S60_Nan-s_Bright_Idea)  
<https://vimeo.com/731372401/7210cb510b>

**Year 2:**

[https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=Snow White and the Jazz Band&d=Snow%20White%20and%20the%20Jazz%20Band](https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=Snow%20White%20and%20the%20Jazz%20Band&d=Snow%20White%20and%20the%20Jazz%20Band)

**Upcoming Dates**

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| Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> May:        | Quadkids athletics for invited children      |
| Week beginning 11 <sup>th</sup> May: | Year 6 SATs Week                             |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May:        | 6S at Corn Exchange pm                       |
| Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> May:        | Multiplication Check Meeting for Parents 6pm |
| Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May:      | St John's class photos                       |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May:       | Celebration worship 11.10am                  |
| Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> May:       | Year 3 at Corn Exchange pm                   |

Yours sincerely,

Keith Harvey  
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