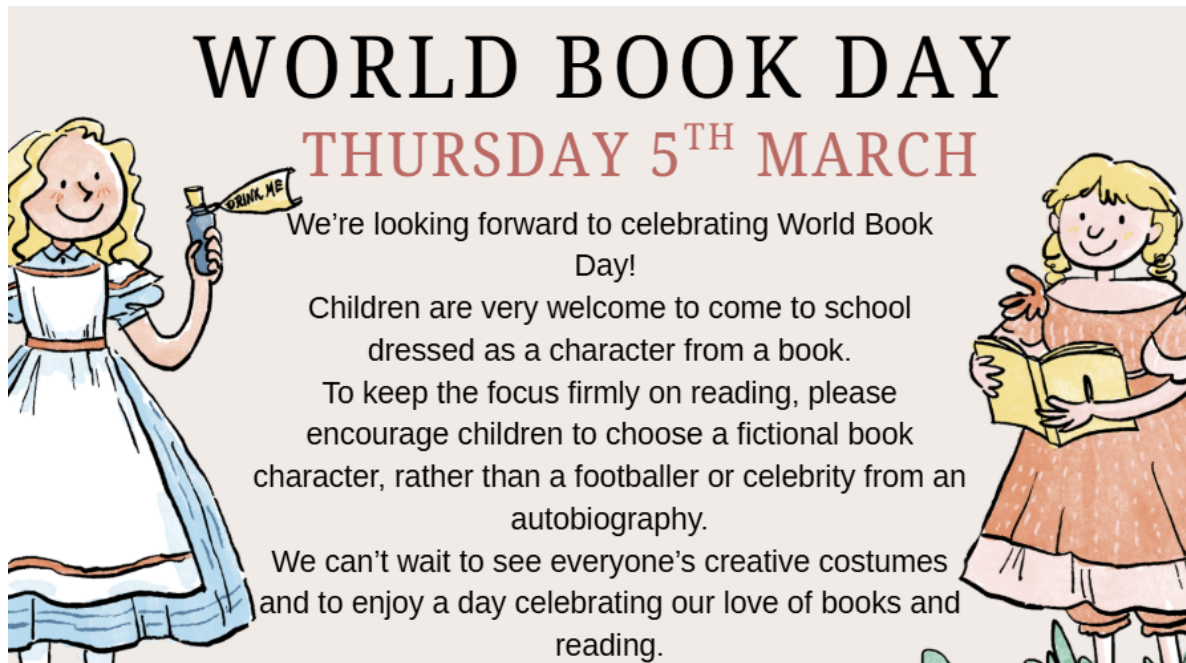


6th February 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

My highlight this week was very definitely going to Young Voices with our Year 5 and 6 children. They joined a choir of nearly 5000 children at Wembley Arena to sing some hugely enjoyable songs, along with special guest stars including Alison Limerick. The children participated with enthusiasm and were a dream to look after. Young Voices is such a special experience and from September, we will sign up the group for next year!

World Book Day



WORLD BOOK DAY
THURSDAY 5TH MARCH

We're looking forward to celebrating World Book Day!

Children are very welcome to come to school dressed as a character from a book.

To keep the focus firmly on reading, please encourage children to choose a fictional book character, rather than a footballer or celebrity from an autobiography.

We can't wait to see everyone's creative costumes and to enjoy a day celebrating our love of books and reading.

Sickness Absence

Please ensure that if your child vomits or has diarrhoea that you keep them off school for 48 hours from the last time that they have an episode of vomiting or diarrhoea.

Art Week

Thank you to those people, who have contributed towards our Arts Week. We have raised £300 so far. If you would still like to make a contribution, the link for contributing is below:

<https://app.thegoodexchange.com/project/21232/st-john-and-st-nicolas-federation-of-schools/art-week-2026>

Attendance

Congratulations to Oak Class at St John's with 95.5% attendance and 4S at St Nic's with 99.4% attendance. Both classes have won our attendance aardvarks for this week.

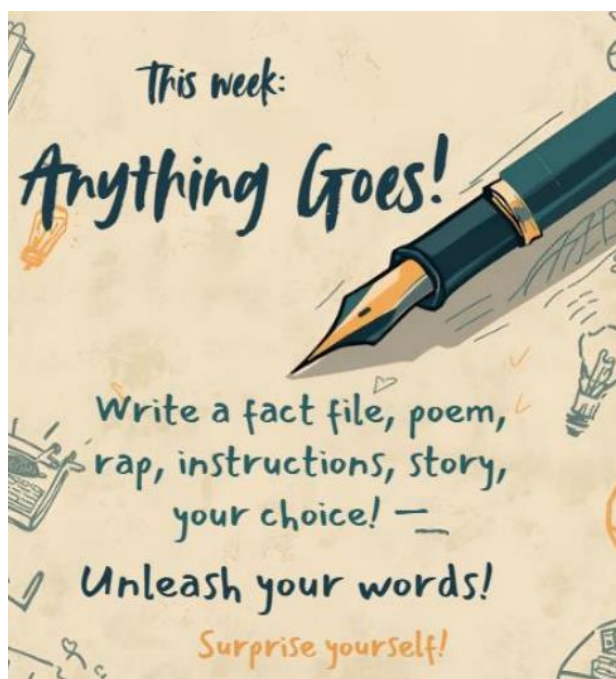
Attendance at each school last week was as follows:

- St John's: 93.8%
- St Nic's 96.3%

The attendance at St John's is currently quite low and whilst we know that there are some illnesses around, we would ask parents to try to ensure their children come into school if they possibly can. Across the two schools, there were 50 children late last week, which is an increase on the previous week. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, each day.

Writer of the Week

Well done to Prithvi in Year 6, who was this week's writers of the week. The inspiration for next week is below:

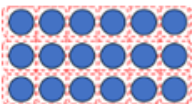


Year 2 Homework

Maths

This week we have looked at arrays.

Example



$6 + 6 + 6 = 18$
 $3 \times 6 = 18$

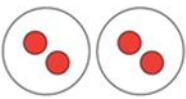
$3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 + 3 = 18$
 $6 \times 3 = 18$

Put 4 counters into groups of 2.

Draw it



There are 4 counters.
The counters are in groups of 2.
There are 2 equal groups.



The children have learnt that multiplication is commutative and should be encouraged to identify the two multiplication sentences that can be seen in an array.

We have then used their knowledge of equal groups to support them in developing their understanding of division. Children put objects into groups of a certain amount rather than sharing into equal groups.

We then moved onto sharing objects practically.

Rosie has 12 balloons.
She shares them between 4 bags.
How many balloons are in each bag?

12 3 balloons



Complete the division.

$12 \div 4 = 3$

Have a think 

Encourage your child to share objects or group objects practically at home.
Or they might like to attempt the problem-solving activities below.

Reasoning and problem solving

Tiny uses a bar model to work out $20 \div 5$



I have shared the counters into 5 equal groups, so $20 \div 5 = 5$

Do you agree with Tiny?
Why?

Write a story to match the division.

$30 \div 5 = 6$

Is your story sharing or grouping?
Compare stories with a partner.

Ann has 20 sweets and shares them between 5 friends.

Tom has 20 sweets and shares them between 10 friends.

Whose friends get more sweets?

How do you know?

Spellings

Spellings this week: Adding endings to single syllable words ending in a single consonant

Tell the children that when you add an ending to a single syllable (short) word that ends in a single consonant after a single vowel grapheme you have to double the final consonant. This does not apply to 's' ending.

Model
pat + ed (patted)
sun + y (sunny)
fat + er (fatter)

common exception words- could, would, should, couldn't, shouldn't, wouldn't

Drawing Club

Drawing Club is a way of igniting joy and a love of stories with the early years and follows Greg Bottrell's beliefs and passions. Your child will be using their imagination to create new characters, settings, and events for this story. They will be adding marks, codes, labels, and messages to their work and realising that they are writers! Each week we will choose a different story or an animation, this week our story is:



They will also be learning some exciting new vocabulary with actions. This week's vocabulary list is:

Confectionary
Wicked
Double
Scary
Cauldron
Swish
Piercing
Innocent

See if they can teach you the actions!

Phonics Books for the Week

Reception: https://parents.fft.org.uk/S14_The_Train_Set
<https://vimeo.com/692003377/82c6724091>

Year 1: https://parents.fft.org.uk/S49_The_Music_of_the_Sea
<https://vimeo.com/731076484/d0900d4c8f>

Year 2: https://parents.fft.org.uk/YR2_Animal_Poems

Upcoming Dates

WB 9 th February:	Mock SATs week – Year 6
Thursday 12 th February:	Celebration worship 10.10am
Friday 13 th February:	Year 2 at Living Rainforest
Friday 13 th February:	End of Spring 1
Monday 23 rd February:	Start of Spring 2

Yours sincerely,

Keith Harvey
Executive Headteacher