

St. John's CE Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 8 March 2024



Coming up

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Fri 08 Mar 2024	15.15 - 16.15	WR	Whole School Book Fair arrives and runs until Thurs 14th
11 - 15 March 2024	All Week	Both Sites	Whole School British Science Week
Wed 13 Mar 2024	All Day	WR	Y3-6 House Event - Science Week
Wed 13 Mar 2024	18.00 - 18.45	WR	EYFS, Y1&2 Bedtime Story
Thu 14 Mar 2024	All Day	LRR	EYFS, Y1&2 House Event - Science Week
Thu 14 Mar 2024	13.00 - 15.30	WR	Goslings Forest School
Fri 15 Mar 2024	All Day	Both Sites	Whole School Comic Relief Dress Up Day
Fri 15 Mar 2024	All Day	LRR	Y1&2 1960's Themed Party & Dress Up Day
Fri 15 Mar 2024	9.00 - 10.00	LRR	EYFS Coffee Morning & Understanding Children's Behaviour Forum
Wed 20 Mar 2024	13.00 - 15.30	WR	Hawks Forest School (every Wednesday until May 22nd)
Thu 21 Mar 2024	13.00 - 15.30	WR	Cygnets Forest School
Fri 22 Mar 2024	All Day	Both Sites	Whole School Sponsored Fun Run

INSET Days 2023-2024 Mon 15 Apr

INSET Days 2024-2025 Mon 2 Sept Fri 25 Oct Mon 4 Nov Mon 6 Jan Fri 4 April



For Action

<u>Who?</u>	<u>When?</u>	<u>What?</u>
Whole School	Fri 15 Mar	To celebrate Comic Relief , children are invited to come in 'Red to Toe' wearing as much red as possible. Use your own wardrobe, be creative and raise money for a fantastic cause! Year 1&2 parents, as your child has been asked to dress up for History, please can they wear their fab 60s clothes as requested but pop in £1 in their bags for Comic Relief.
Whole School	Fri 22 Mar	The School Council would like to organise a fundraising event that raises money for both an international and UK based charity. The School Council Leads have met with Mr Hoyer and have decided on donating to help a Gaza Appeal (through Save the Children) and are this week, deciding on their UK focus. A sponsored run will be taking place on Friday 22 nd March for all year groups. Watch this space early next week, for more information including the UK charity, what this will entail and how to sponsor your child.
Whole School	by Mon 11 Mar	STEM: Excitingly, our school is taking part in a STEM (science, technology, engineering and mathematics) competition against other schools across Bristol. The challenge is to make the slowest marble runs. The teams will be made using our House Teams. In order for the children to make the marble runs, we are asking children to bring in materials. In each playground there will be 4 boxes labelled with each house name. Please put cardboard tubes, kitchen rolls into these boxes.
Whole School		Parent helpers for Worrall Road wildflower nature reserve preparation We are looking for parent/carer volunteers to help us prepare an area in the WR garden for the Eco team to plant in a wildflower nature reserve so that we can make our site more attractive to wildlife and have a quiet area for children to sit at playtime. We need adults to help with the preparation of the site on Wed 27 March, 9.00am -12.00pm and Thurs 28 March, 12.30pm-3.00pm. The work will involve lifting and rolling turf and helping with the preparation of the area before the children plant in the seeds. If you are available to help in either of these sessions, please contact Pippa Allenby at ecoteam@stjohnsprimary.org.uk

Goslings	Thu 14 Mar	Children to come to school in base layers for forest school afternoon, bring wellies and water proofs. Please sign up if you are able to help: Goslings Forest School Sign Up
Cygnets	Thu 21 & 28 Mar	Children to come to school in base layers for forest school afternoon, bring wellies and water proofs. Please sign up if you are able to help: Cygnets Forest School Sign Up
EYFS	Fri 15 Mar	EYFS Parent/Carer Coffee Morning & Forum - Please come and join other EYFS parents and carers in the LRR Hall for a cuppa and a catch up. Younger siblings are very welcome to come along. If you are able to attend, please add your name to this sign-up: Coffee Morning and Behaviour Forum .
Y1&2	Fri 15 Mar	1960's dress up day - we invite the children to join us in dressing up in clothes that represent the era. Think bright or patterned clothes, pop socks and flares! No need to go and buy anything, just brightly coloured top and jeans would be great!
Falcons	Wednesdays	Volunteers are required for forest school on Wednesday afternoons, please sign up if you are able to help: Falcons Class Forest School sign up
Hawks	from Wed 20 Mar	Volunteers are required for forest school on Wednesday afternoons, please sign up if you are able to help: Hawks Class Forest School sign up
Y3&4	Tue 12 Mar	Practical topic homework to be handed in.
Y6	ASAP	If you have not already done so make payment for the Y6 Camp . The medical information and consent form is now available on Parentmail, please complete this as soon as possible.
Y5	ASAP	Make payment for the Noah's Ark Trip on Tuesday 21st May
Y5&6	by Mon 11 Mar	Bring in newspapers and any other forms of paper (receipts/travel tickets/handwritten notes) to be used for collage for an art project .



School News

Click on the news item below to see more on our website

Year Groups



[Online Safety](#)

[Brunel Class](#) - Rainforest Topic Homework

[Pop Up Book Sharing](#)

[World Book Day](#)

Sport



[Basketball Team News](#)

[Girls Netball Team News](#)

Service Questions



In services this week, we have been helping ourselves and others to 'fly high like an eagle' by reflecting on these questions: This year we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March. What are you going to dress as? What book are you going to bring?

The Forget-me-Not-Walk

Many of you will be aware of the amazing work undertaken by Grief Encounter to support bereaved children and their families. This charity is particularly close to one of our St. John's families and Tom Smith and his 2 children, Rosie and Clara appeared on Good Morning Britain talking about how they had been a huge support - you can watch their interview [here](#).

Grief Encounter's annual fundraiser, **The Forget-me-Not-Walk** is taking place on 17th March to raise funds to ensure no child is left to grieve alone. If you are able to get involved, please click on this [link](#) to find out more.

Leave of Absence

[Leave of Absence Request Form](#) Please note this needs to be completed 2 weeks before your leave. Absence due to visiting a new school should be reported on Parentmail not on this form.

Parentmail

Please report pupil absence due to illness or medical appointment on Parentmail, follow the [link](#) for more information and help downloading the App.

Give as you Live online

Support the PTA by using Give as you Live Online, it is a free way to raise money for charity when you shop online. Shop at over 6,000 leading stores via our website, Donation Reminder or App and you'll raise free funds for our school. Go to www.giveasyoulive.com/. Sign up on the top right of the website and enter St John's School PTA (Clifton) when selecting the charity of choice.

For more information click [here](#). Ask friends, family members, and even any businesses you are involved with to shop this way too. We recommend popping a Bookmark on your Bookmarks Bar, or setting Give as You Live as your default homepage so that you don't forget.

For every order of personalised labels for children's clothing and equipment, [My Nametags](#) will contribute 20% to the school. Every order placed when clicking on this link and using the School ID of 21484 will be counted in the fundraising total for our school. Follow this link or go to the school website, quick links page and click on the My Namestags link.

Name Tags



Attendance Policy Summary

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**

ONE SHARED GOAL: OUR CHILDREN ARE SAFE, HEALTHY AND SUCCESSFUL - WE ALL HAVE A ROLE TO PLAY!

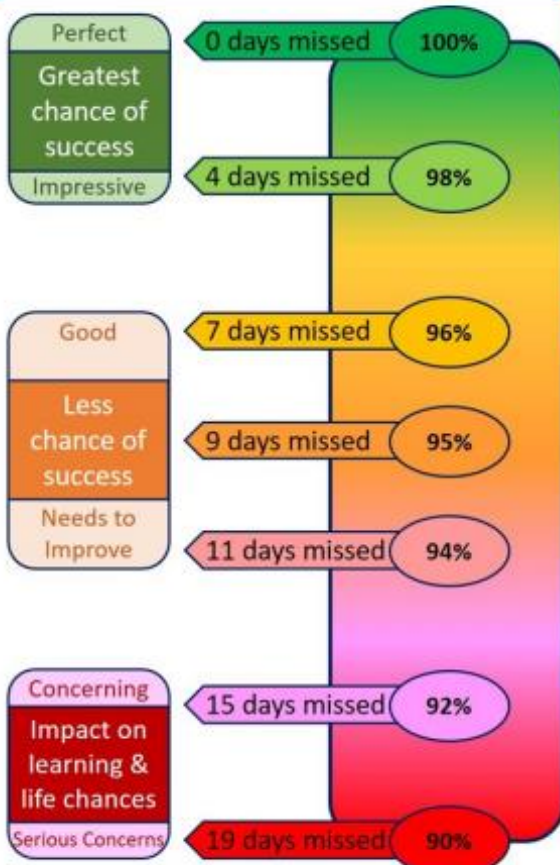
	Gates Open	Children can enter class	School day starts - Bell	Child is late & missing out
LRR	8:45	8:50	9:00	9:01
WR	8:30	8:45	8:45	8:46

YOU:

- ◆ Ensure your child is in school **REGULARLY, ON TIME & PREPARED**
- ◆ Let the office know via ParentMail (or phone/email) asap if your child is ill: *if they are up & about at home, they should be in school* (except diarrhoea & vomiting = 48 hours before returning)
- ◆ Bring your child to the office if your child is **late**
- ◆ Arrange holidays and trips outside school hours, including medical & other appointments where possible
- ◆ Request any unavoidable absence at least **4 weeks** in advance via the online form—the link is on the website and in the weekly bulletin

WE:

- ◆ Meet and greet your child with a **smile** have a learning activity ready immediately, record attendance on the register & lock the gate 5 minutes after the bell
- ◆ Record absence / lateness on the register with the right code & if we haven't heard from you we will **ring you** to make sure your child is safe & ask about the absence
- ◆ **Review** your request and let you know the outcome via email. Only exceptional / unavoidable absence are likely to be authorised. We cannot stop you taking your child out of school, but 8 half days or more unauthorised absence in a 10 week period may incur a fixed penalty (fine), especially for holidays.
- ◆ Track & **monitor** the attendance & lateness of all children
- ◆ Will tell you your child's attendance and punctuality **3x a year**.
- ◆ Will get in touch when we are **concerned** about your child's the attendance or lateness so we can support you to help them be in school.



Registers close **½ hour** after the bell - arriving after this time results in an **unauthorised absence**

An average of **90%** attendance over 5 years = **half a year's schooling missed**

If We Are Concerned

STEP 1: Contact from the teacher to discuss the impact
STEP 2: Meet the teacher to explore further & offer help

2 weeks of monitoring for improvement

STEP 3: Acknowledge improvement

Or

STEP 3: Meet the deputy to discuss further support
 Agree an action plan

(May be strategies, wellbeing support, asking to contact GP, access to services etc.)

STEP 4: If concerns persist, we **will** take formal action

(May be a parenting contract, fixed penalty, Education Supervision Order or prosecution)

BE HERE, BE READY
 & your child can truly *Fly High*

Want to read the full policy? Scan QR here:

