

St. John's CE Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 22 March 2024



Coming up

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Event</u>
Mon 25 - Wed 27	All Day	PGL Tregoyd	Year 4 Camp
Mon 25 Mar 2024	9.30 - 10.00	All Saints	Y3-6 Easter Service
Wed 27 Mar 2024	9.00 - 15.00	WR	Ecoteam Wildflower Meadow Preparation
Thu 28 Mar 2024	12.30 - 15.00	WR	Ecoteam Wildflower Meadow Preparation
Thu 28 Mar 2024	9.30 - 10.15	Redland Park URC	Whole School Easter Service
Thu 28 Mar 2024	13.00 - 15.30	WR	Cygnets Forest School
Mon 15 Apr 2024	All Day	Both Sites	Whole School INSET DAY
Thu 18 Apr 2024	13.00 - 15.30	WR	Ducklings Forest School

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	Mon 25 Mar	Easter Competition entries into school, please ensure the entry is clearly labelled with name and class and taken to the designated area before school starts.
Whole School	Thu 28 Mar	Easter Service at Redland Park URC - Volunteers required to walk to and from Redland Park, please talk to your class teacher if you think you can help.
Whole School		We still need more parent/carer volunteers to help us with our WR wildflower nature reserve preparation days next week on Wed 27 March, 9.00am -12.00pm (adults only) and Thurs 28 March, 12.30pm- 3.00pm (with Y3&4 children) . 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 at either of these sessions, please contact Pippa Allenby at ecoteam@stjohnsprimary.org.uk
Whole School	Tue 26 & Wed 27 Mar	Next week lost property will be out for you to claim, it will be out at the beginning and end of the day on Tuesday and Wednesday on both sites, at LRR at the bottom of the slope, and at WR in the playground by the bottom gates. If you have children in Year 4 and know you have lost property do check our Lost Property box on the lower corridor opposite Mrs Vining's office (next to Brunel class).
Cygnets	Thu 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
Ducklings	Thu 18 & 25 Apr	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: Ducklings Forest School Sign Up
Hawks	Wednesdays until 22 May	Volunteers are required for forest school on Wednesday afternoons, please sign up if you are able to help: Hawks Class Forest School sign up
Y4	Mon 25 Mar	Final camp information can be found here. Children arrive back around 3.30pm on Wednesday 27th, any updates will be sent out via Parentmail, please do not call the office.
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

School News

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

Year Groups 

[Online Safety](#)

In further response to the 'Smart Phone- free childhood' campaign there is an online Parent Workshop that is taking place on Wednesday 24th March 7:30 - 8:45. If this is of interest to you please see poster at the end of the bulletin for more details. Part of the meeting is a chance to meet with other St John's parents in a breakout room to talk together so if this of interest to you this would be a good opportunity to meet. This campaign not being led by St John's staff but, should parents and carers wish to take it forward at our school, we can continue to inform you about further information and workshops.

[Wall of Success](#)

[Y5&6 Photography Workshop](#)

[British Science Week](#)

[Term 4 Reading Newsletter](#) - please look in the Celebrating Reading Section

Sports News



[March 2024 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: What do some Hindus do to celebrate Holi? Why is Holi an important time for Hindus?

Happy Ramadan to our families celebrating this festival. At WR children who are celebrating Ramadan helped Mrs Vining in service and talked about what happens at Ramadan and why it is important to Muslims. [Click here to see a photo.](#)

SEND Coffee Morning

Date for your diary - **SEND Coffee Morning, Wednesday 22nd May 9.00 - 10.30am**, lead by Bristol Parent Carer Forum.

Come and Play Day

Saturday 23rd March 9.30 - 11.30am at the Beacon Music Centre, Southmead BS10 5SJ. A string ensemble open rehearsal morning for violin, viola, cello and double bass players, age 6-11. Further information can be found on the flyer at the end of the bulletin.

Families in Focus March Bulletin

[Information and support for Families, Parents/Carers and Young People](#)

Shine Term 5&6

After School Clubs for the next 2 terms are now [live](#). Easter Programme also available.

Guitar and Ukulele Terms 5&6

There are spaces available for **after school guitar clubs and lunchtime ukulele** in terms 5 & 6. Contact Matt Bee at bristolguitarkids@gmail.com

Eagles Easter Dance Camp

Miss Scarborough and Mrs Cox are running a Dance Holiday Club during Easter half term on Wed 3rd April and Wed 10th April. Please email eaglesdancebristol@gmail.com or sign up here: [Booking Form](#). This holiday club is open to everyone, fully inclusive. The day is filled with fun games, dances, tumbling, stunting, arts and crafts and an EASTER EGG HUNT. School Years 1-6.

Creativity Club Booking

Terms 5 & 6 of Chandos Atelier's after school Creativity Clubs are bookable now - Monday at LRR (Y1&2) and a Thursday at WR (Y3-6). Each week involves a different, curated selection of interesting materials to explore and experiment with. These are process based sessions with the focus on developing skills and encouraging artistic creativity, all led by Emma, a professional maker. www.chandosatelier.co.uk/bookings

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.

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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.

Name Tags

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.



"THIS MORNING,
HE HAD A PUNNY

The Bristol Parents' Workshop

Wednesday 27th March 19.30-20.45

With Clare Fernyhough and Daisy Greenwell,
Founders of Smartphone Free Childhood.

Please join us for a parent workshop hosted by Dr. Susie Davies, Bristol GP and founder of PAPA YA. Clare and Daisy will share their vision for this incredible movement, after which Dr Davies will discuss the mental health problems associated with social media and smartphones. This will be followed by breakout rooms for local schools to discuss solutions and ways you can move forward as a community.

For the link to join go to
www.papayaparents.com

HE HAD A RUNNY NOSE... BUT LOOK AT HIM NOW!

MOMENTS MATTER, ATTENDANCE COUNTS.

HM Government

Head to the NHS website to find out more.

BRISTOL BEACON

Come and Play Day 2024

A string ensemble open rehearsal morning
for violin, viola, cello & double bass players
ages 6-11

Saturday 23 March, 9:30am-11:30am

Beacon Music Centre, Stanton Road, SOUTHMEAD, BS10 5SJ

Dear Parents/Carers and Teachers,

On Saturday 23 March we are holding our Come & Play Day for String Sparks and String Group at Beacon Music Centre. It is an ideal opportunity for any young string players considering joining one of our groups to sit in on, or join in with our rehearsals. We are hoping that many of you will be able to come for the whole morning and see how we work with the two groups. Please do encourage any young musicians who might like to join, to come along!

String Sparks

This group is suitable for children who have been playing for as little as a term, if they have learnt to use their 1st and 2nd fingers. The music is designed so that there is always an open string with 1st finger part, but the more experienced can be playing parts that are approaching grade 1 level. There is no audition and tutors will help and encourage less confident players.

String Group

This group follows on from String Sparks and is suitable for children who have started using a 'low 2nd finger' on the violin/viola or 2nd finger on the cello and bass (ask your teacher if you are unsure about this). This is approximately grade 1 level and we have parts that will stretch the players up to grade 2. Again, there are no auditions and we have encouraging and supportive tutors.

9:30-10:15 String Sparks

10:15-10:45 Refreshments for both groups and parents

10:45-11:30 String Group

There is no need to book a space, but please register interest by emailing tom.campbell@bristolbeacon.org with your name, the player's name, and their instrument. If you would like any further information, please contact tom.campbell@bristolbeacon.org or call 0117 204 7140

While we will do our best to accommodate every young person who would like to attend the event, if the venue reaches capacity, we may have to ask people to come to a taster session on a different day. To allow time to register and get seated, please arrive 10 to 15 minutes before the start of the session you would like to attend. We look forward to seeing you on the 23rd of March!

Best wishes,

Sophie Goveia & Rachel Whitworth

Lead tutors of String Sparks & String Group



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