

St. John's CE Primary School

Weekly Bulletin - 2 April 2026



Coming up

Date	Time	Location	Event
Tue 21 Apr 2026	All day	Westonbirt	Harriers, Owls & Falcons Westonbirt Trip
Tue 21 Apr 2026	18.00 - 18.20	Teams	Y6 SATs Information Meeting (link sent)
Wed 22 Apr 2026	13.00 - 15.30	WR	Cygnets Forest School
Fri 24 Apr 2026	8.20 - 8.45	WR	Y5&6 Exhibition of work and shared breakfast
Fri 24 Apr 2026	All day	Westonbirt	Hawks & Kestrels Westonbirt Trip
Fri 24 Apr 2026	15.30 - 16.30	LRR	EYFS Family Stay and Play
Mon 27 Apr 2026	20.15 - 22.15	WR	Whole School PTA Meeting
Tue 28 Apr 2026	13.00 - 15.00	LRR	Y1&2 Judaism Sessions
Wed 29 Apr 2026	13.00 - 15.30	WR	Ducklings Forest School
Thu 30 Apr 2026	14.45 - 15.10	LRR	EYFS Parents/Carers EYFS to Y1 Transition Meeting
Fri 01 May 2026	9.10 - 10.40	LRR	Whole school Positive Parenting & Online Safety Advice Session
Thu 14 May 2026	15.15 - 17.30	WR	Whole School Culture Café



INSET Days 2026-2027 **Thur 3 Sept** **Fri 4 Sept** **Fri 23 Oct** **Mon 2 Nov** **Mon 4 Jan**

[Click here to view the school calendar](#)



For Action

Who?	When?	What?
Whole School	by Sun 03 May	We are thrilled to announce that Culture Café is returning this year on Thursday May 14th (3.15-5.30pm Worrall Road Site), and we would love for you and your families to be part of it. If you would like to take part, please express your interest by completing this form: ST JOHN'S CULTURE CAFE 2026! by 3rd of May.
Whole School	by Wed 29 Apr	Positive Parenting & Online Safety Advice Session - this will be held on Friday 1st May, at LRR, 9.10am – 10.40am. You can book either the Positive Parenting or the Online Safety session or both. See the flyer at the bottom of the bulletin and click here to book.
Whole School	by Fri 10 Apr	A new Parent Gym course is starting on Wednesday 22nd April 2026. Parent Gym is a non-judgmental, fun and practical parenting course. The on-line sessions are on Wednesdays, 12.30pm to 2.30pm, for 6 weeks. Complete this form to sign up: Parent Workshop Sign Up April 2026 – by midday on Friday 10th April.
Cygnets	Wed 22 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: Cygnets Forest School Sign Up
Ducklings	Wed 29 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
Harriers	Thursdays until 21 May	Volunteers are required for Forest School on Thursday afternoons, please sign up if you are able to help: Harriers Class Forest School Sign Up
Y1&2	Tue 21 or Fri 24 Apr	Make payment for the Westonbirt Trip . Your child will need a packed lunch, unless you have ordered one. Children should be in school uniform, dressed appropriately for the day. Please let the class teacher know if you are able to help on the day.
Y6	by Fri 08 May	Pay balance for the Y6 Camp by Friday 8th May.
Y5&6	Fri 24 Apr	Parents/Carers are welcome to come in for the exhibition of work and bring a breakfast item that can be shared. No NUTs please.



School News

[Click on the news item below to see more on our website](#)

Online Safety

There has been some research completed around the effect screen time has on very young children. If you're interested in finding out more there is a BBC article which give more information - [BBC](#)

The NSPCC also have information around supporting children at different ages with their uses of technology including advice for parents and carers of children with SEND. Their article gives helpful tips to help you determine what is right for your child in terms of tech ownership and usage throughout childhood. You can visit it [here](#)

Year Groups



[Easter Competition](#)

Sport



[Inter-House Sports Events at WR](#)

Service Questions



In services this week, we have been helping ourselves and others to 'fly high like an eagle' by reflecting on these questions: Passover begins at before sundown Wednesday 1st April and ends at sundown on Thursday 9th April, in 2026. What are some of the things that Jewish people might do at Passover? Why is it an important time of year? "Happy Passover!" "Chag Pesach Sameach," to those that are celebrating over the school holidays. Also we would like to wish a Happy Easter to those that are celebrating this.

Prime Thinkers Club

Tailored support in Maths for KS2 pupils, £12.00 per session. Register your interest for terms 5&6, by 19th April, using the QR code on the flyer at the bottom of the bulletin.

Eagles Easter Dance Camp

Miss Scarborough and Mrs Cox are running a Dance holiday club during the Easter holidays on Wednesday 8th & 15th April. This is ran by Eagles Dance, please email eaglesdancebristol@gmail.com or sign up here: <https://forms.gle/AnapZeM7Bm7mJM2i9>. This holiday club is open to everyone, regardless of dance experience. Children will take part in a day full of fun dances, Easter games, crafts and an EPIC Easter wgg hunt! School Years 1+.

Y1&2 Kung Fu Lunch Club Term 5&6 Bookings

Bookings for next term are now live and can be made here: [Kung Fu Lunch Club City Gongfu](#). St John's Term 5-6: Wednesdays (12:00 - 12:30) 22 April 2026 until 15 July 2026 (excluding 27 May 2026) (12 weeks). Classes are run by Sifu Kee from City Gongfu KIDS. Training is designed to be fun and instil the values of respect, self-discipline and teamwork. Students will also have the option to grade if they wish to. For further information please email Sifu Kee via: citygongfu@gmail.com

Guitar & 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

Creativity Club Terms 5&6

The OG Creativity Club is now bookable for terms 5&6! Mondays @ LRR for Y1&2 & Thursdays @ WR for Y3-6. Devised by Emma from Chandos Atelier and delivered by professional makers with years of experience, these are an hour of creative exploration using art materials. Enriching and imaginative, they develop skills and resilience, teaching techniques and methods rather than giving follow-along instructions - perfect for creative kids and art adventurers!
<https://www.chandosatelier.co.uk/bookings>

Hop on this Easter with free bus travel for kids

Free bus travel for under-16s is back this Easter, running from 3 to 19 April. Thanks to funding from the West of England Mayoral Combined Authority, under-16s can hop on almost all local buses at no cost throughout the school holidays. The scheme covers all school-age children from 5 to 15, there's no booking, paperwork or bus pass required. Under-16s simply get on the bus and travel for free. There's also no need to travel with a fare-paying adult, making it ideal for older kids who want to travel independently or with friends. For more information, please visit: travelwest.info.

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.

Reporting Illness & Appointments

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

Free School Meals and Pupil Premium

Free school meals and pupil premium: If you are in receipt of certain benefits you may be eligible for free school meals. If your child is in year 3 or above you can check your eligibility via this link <https://parent.bristol.gov.uk/web/portal/pages/parents/travel-and-free-school-meals>. Pupils in EYFS – Y2 automatically receive free lunches but if you receive any of the benefits that would entitle your child to FSM they could receive extra support, so please speak to the school office to complete a quick form.

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.

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.

Positive Parenting & Online Safety Advice for Parents and Carers

Friday 1st May 2026
LRR Hall



We know that being a parent/carer is a hard job.

Whether your child is 4 or 11, we are running a session that is open to all St John's families to help support your job of being a parent/carer.

Session 1: Positive Parenting – Mr Tony Weir 9.10am - 9.50am

- Helping parents/carers raise happy children
- Strategies to listen and talk effectively with your child
- Bringing calm to the family with rules and routines that work
- Boosting children's confidence
- Parent/Carer self-care
- Establishing firm foundations to take into teenage life

Session 2: Online Safety – Mrs Lynda Hood 10.00am - 10.40am

- Becoming more cyber aware
- Gaining a better understanding of online & cyber risks
- Use of technical and non-technical measures to help mitigate threats

The sessions will run back to back with a 10-minute break in between to have a drink and chat to other parent/carers.

IT'S NEVER TOO EARLY OR LATE TO START PUTTING THINGS IN PLACE AT HOME!

[PLEASE BOOK USING THIS ONLINE FORM](#)

The Prime Thinkers' Club

THURSDAYS from 3:15 to 4:30 pm - Sunshine Room.

- Creative maths group sessions with low adult-to-child ratios
- Focused, fun and engaging learning environment
- For Key Stage 2 children (Years 3-6) and aligned with the St John's curriculum
- Run by experienced teachers Mrs. Swithinbank and Mr. Amarshi

IMPORTANT BOOKING INFORMATION – PLEASE READ

- We are updating our booking system and will now book **two terms at once**.
- To book for **Terms 5 & 6**, please use the QR code provided by **19th of April**:



- Once you have completed the form, we will email you directly to confirm your child's place and share payment details.
- Cost per session £12. Cost for Terms 5 and 6 (11 sessions) **£132**
- Please do not make any payments until the place has been confirmed - thank you!

Dates club will run in Term 5 & 6:

- Thursday 29th of April
- Thursday 30th of April
- Thursday 7th of May
- Thursday 14th of May - NO CLUB - CULTURE CAFE
- Thursday 21st of May - HALF TERM
- Thursday 4th of June
- Thursday 11th of June
- Thursday 18th of June
- Thursday 26th of June
- Thursday 2nd of July
- Thursday 8th of July
- Thursday 16th of July



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AJ CARR - WR

LIVE AMERICAN FOOTBALL
BRISTOL AZTECS VS. BELFAST TROJANS
SUNDAY 26TH APRIL @ 1:30PM

VISIT: GOAZTECS.CO.UK/STJOHNS

*Limited to the first 50 redemptions
Under 16s must be accompanied by an adult
A live sports experience your kids won't forget!

Come and join us!

EAGLES EASTER DANCE CAMP

Ages 6+

eaglesdancebristol@gmail.com

**WEDNESDAY 8th and
15th APRIL**

8:45am-4:15 PM

St. John's Primary- Worrall Road, Clifton, Bristol

<https://forms.gle/8dpyjBPuzEXSD5Cz5>



HOLIDAY NATURE CLUB

SPRING INTO EASTER



Find out all about our beautiful Downs feathered friends & go on an egg & nest trail to find out how they survive. Visit Sea Walls & look through our telescope - will they be reaching their top speed of 200mph?

Back to the Botanic Garden for lunch as we share in the fun of making willow bird feeders together. & get creative with Easter craft to take home.

Tuesday 14th April
10am-3pm £25

suitable for ages 7-10 alone or with a sibling or friend, on the Downs & the Botanic Garden



Book online:

avongorge.org.uk/whats-on
or call 0117 428 5300

