

St John's CE First School

Newsletter

Friday 17th April 2026

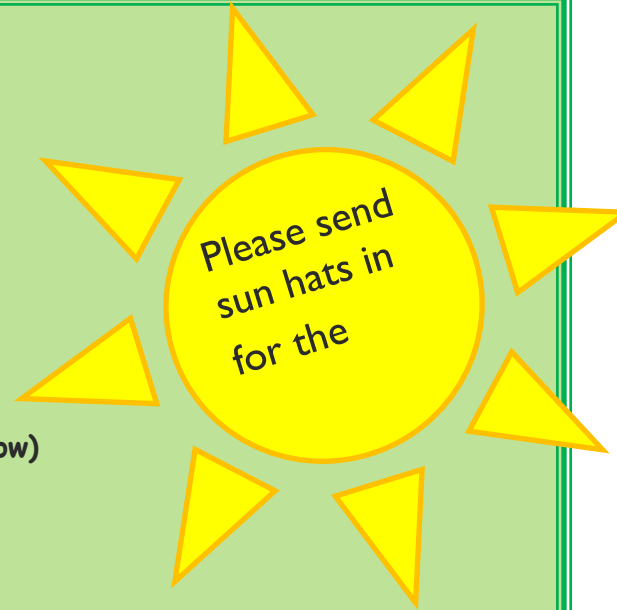
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## DIARY DATES 2025-26

22nd April	Oaks Residential
5th May	Leavers and Class Photos
8th May	David Attenborough Day
12th May	Saplings and Oaks Ironworks Visit
21st May	Sports Day (weather dependent)
4th June	Prayer Space (Acorns Families Welcome)
16th June	Oaks Boscobel House Visit
1st July	Move up day for all.
W/C 6th July	Annie performances (specific dates to follow)



St John's First School  
Christian value  
for this half term is: **Respect**

'Do to others as you would have them do to you

*Matthew 7:12*



**Please remember the staff car park is off limits to parents.**  
**Please do not use it at any time.**

**Child of the Week**

Well done to the following children, week ending 26th March 26

Squirrels Aisha  
Acorns Hunter  
Saplings Madison  
Tabitha  
Oaks Sophia D  
James

Well done to the following children, week ending 16th April 26

Squirrels Eva  
Acorns Ethan  
Saplings Michelle  
Harry G.  
Oaks Sophie  
Betty

**Good as Gold**

Well done to the following children, week ending 26th March 26

Acorns Tommy  
Saplings Freddie F  
Oaks Isabella D

Well done to the following children, week ending 16th April 26

Acorns James  
Saplings Mila  
Oaks Fin

**Attendance**

Well done to the following classes for the week ending 26th March

Squirrels 87%  
Acorns 92%  
Year 1 100%  
Year 2 94%  
Year 3 98%  
Year 4 97%

WS Year to date  
95.28%

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If your child is absent from school you need to contact us each day by 9am. If you do not contact us we will be contacting the Education Welfare Officer who will make a home visit.

We have a duty of care to ensure your child is safe.

As per NHS guidance if your child has a sickness or stomach bug they must remain off school, until they have been 48 hours clear.

If your child uses an inhaler please supply school with one, in a box with a named prescription label on the box.

We can only issue children under six years old. with prescribed Medication. Children over six can be given medicines such as Piriton or Calpol, but it must be provided by the parent. All medication must be handed in at the office, where you will be required to fill in a consent form.

### **Charging, Remissions and Debt Recovery**

[Trust-wide Policies and Statutory Information | Penk Valley Academy Trust](#)

Please use the hyper link to read our Charging, Remissions and Debt Recovery Policy

Our office staff are having to spend an increasing amount of time chasing debt up.

In line with the policy please keep your accounts in credit.

All income must be recorded in ParentPay. Sessions should be paid for as attended and all debt cleared by the end of each week. School Office staff will send text and/or e-mail reminders at the beginning of each week requesting all debt from previous week to be cleared.

If debt is not cleared by the end of the current half term, sessions and services will be revoked and debt collection referred to PVAT debtors' team and recovery action will be pursued. If payment is still not received, the debt will be referred to the CFO of PVAT and discussed at Trustee level for decision on further action.

### Tutoring Sessions

A previous student of St John's is offering tutoring sessions for maths and English for 5 to 18 year olds.

William was a student at St John's till 2011 and has gone on to do great things. He is a post graduate student and is

currently preparing to do his PHD.

William is a lovely young man and a credit to St Johns.

If anyone would be interested in tutoring sessions then please contact:

**William Tomlinson**

**Qualifications: A\*s in English & Maths at A-Level**

**Post graduate student**

**Hourly Rate: £30**

**Email: WillTomlinson55@gmail.com**

**Text on: 07752852468**

Huge thank you to the PTA who raised £226.75 at the Easter event.

A huge thank you to those who made and bought cakes.

The summer fair will be on Saturday 6th June

Please get in touch if you would like a stall.



**ST JOHN'S FIRST SCHOOL**

**FREE ENTRY**

**School fair**

**11AM - 3PM**

**SATURDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE**

**BOUNCY CASTLE  
TOMBOLA  
FOOD STALLS  
FACE PAINTING  
RAFFLE PRIZES  
ENTERTAINMENT  
WAX MELTS  
BOOK STORE  
AND MUCH MORE....**

**PICNIC VIBE & BYO BUBBLES**

**BISHOPS WOOD, ST19 9AH**

# Parenting Support Sessions

**Free support sessions for parents in Staffordshire**

Our sessions are a welcoming space to talk through any worries, learn more about our service and find out what other support is available.

## Challenges we support with:

- Behaviour
- Family relationships
- Special educational needs
- Emotional wellbeing
- Family routines
- Housing and finances



These sessions take place Thursday mornings at various locations across Staffordshire

For bookings and more details, please visit [sctsp.org.uk/community-family-support](https://sctsp.org.uk/community-family-support)

School/organisation based sessions are available to book separately  
Please contact [daniellebutcher.fss@sctsp.org.uk](mailto:daniellebutcher.fss@sctsp.org.uk) for more details



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## Race For Life

### Janine's Cheerleaders

The school team will be taking part in this years Race for Life at Weston Park. This year is more personal than ever for us as our own Mrs Ashe is currently battling cancer.

If you would like to sponsor us, we have a team page:

<https://fundraise.cancerresearchuk.org/team/janines-cheerleaders-2026>

# GET READY FOR SOME SUMMER FUN!



8  
WEEKS  
ONLY £50!



Bar will be  
open &  
also a BBQ!

## EVERY FRIDAY!

6:00PM - 7:00PM **STARTING 8<sup>TH</sup> MAY**

Give your child a summer of fun making new friends,  
learning new skills and creating some great memories!

To register and for further information, please visit: [www.ecb.co.uk/](http://www.ecb.co.uk/)  
play or email: [waccjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:waccjuniors@gmail.com)

Please follow our Wheaton Aston Cricket club instagram page for  
more updates: [wheatonastoncc](https://www.instagram.com/wheatonastoncc)



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play or email: [waccjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:waccjuniors@gmail.com)

Please follow our Wheaton Aston Cricket club instagram page for  
more updates: [wheatonastoncc](https://www.instagram.com/wheatonastoncc)





# Picture News For Parents



April 2026

## Hello!

It's Katie from Picture News here. If you're reading this newsletter, your child's school uses our weekly news resources, so I thought it'd be helpful to fill you in on everything Picture News schools have been up to! Let's get started...



## What's been in the news?

Topics schools have explored this term!

### Should school uniforms be the same for everyone?

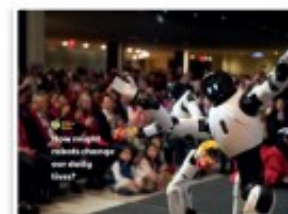
2nd March 2026



News about a school in Wales deciding to remove skirts as a uniform option was the focus of this resource. This news led to discussions about having a choice, how uniform can help us feel part of a community, and learning about school uniforms around the world.

### How might robots change our daily lives?

9th March 2026



Humanoid robots dancing for China's Lunar New Year gala made headlines, and got children thinking about what robots can do, what impact they can have on our lives, and how they might change in future!

### What makes something fun?

16th March 2026



Pokémon is 30! This news inspired children to think about what they like to do for fun, whilst finding out more about how the brand is celebrating its birthday, and reflecting on how Pokémon has changed over time.

### What should represent a country?

30th March 2026



The Bank of England's decision to include wildlife on future banknotes was this week's focus. This led children to discuss what they think should feature on the new notes, find out about other countries' currencies, and consider what banknotes can represent.

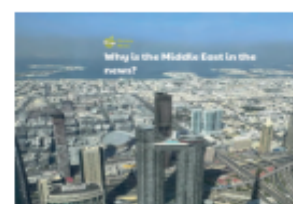
## At home support: Talking about the Middle East

**Conflict in the Middle East has made headlines throughout the term, and our team at Picture News are here to support teachers and parents.**

Handling conversations about war and conflict can be tricky, but there are some key approaches to keep in mind. We can't control the events and headlines, but as parents and carers, we can choose our response and how we choose to use this moment to support children and highlight some key lessons.

You might find our support blog useful, offering some advice for navigating news about the Middle East with children.

We hope this helps. ❤️



[Middle East news support here](#)

## How do schools use their Picture News resources?

Over 6,000 schools are using Picture News for their assemblies and classroom discussions, and our team are always so happy to see how the resources are brought to life each week.

Here are some of our favourite examples from this term!



## Join in weekly news conversations

Remember Picture News schools receive a weekly Take Home resource, which is great for parents and carers to get involved in news discussions too!

It's a great opportunity to extend news learning at home, and get the whole family involved in learning from what's happening in the world.



## Follow along for more updates and highlights



We're building a community of teachers and parents online as we share regular updates about learning from the world around us, celebrating our schools' Picture News work, and offering support for navigating the news with children.

I've linked our social channels below for you – come and say hello! 🗨️



## What's up next for Picture News schools?

### Sir David Attenborough on his 100th birthday – LIVE Celebration Assembly!

He's a national treasure, so what better way to celebrate Sir David Attenborough's 100th birthday this May than with a live assembly for schools?! We're expecting over 1 million children to join us live, to learn about Sir David's legacy and the importance of the natural world!

### Joe Wicks - BIG School LIVE Workout for Mental Health Awareness Week

You might remember him from 'PE with Joe' during the Covid school closures, and soon he'll be joining Picture News LIVE for the Big School Workout! Coinciding with Mental Health Awareness Week, the assembly will get children moving as we reflect on the importance of caring for our mental and physical wellbeing.



We're sure children will come home with lots of tales from joining these assemblies!

## Survey



We're conducting some research to learn how parents feel about discussing the news with children. This will help us understand the challenges families face, and how they can be supported when the news feels tricky to talk about!

If you could complete our short, anonymous survey (it should just take a few minutes!) we'd be so grateful.

[Take the survey here](#)

## Bye for now!



That's all from me for now – the Easter break is just around the corner and the Mini Eggs are calling! I hope you have a wonderful time together during the holidays.

Another edition of Picture News for Parents will be published at the end of the Summer term, but in the meantime you can keep up with all-things Picture News on our socials.

And as always, any questions or feedback are welcome!

Speak soon,

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