

Newsletter December 2025

Dear all,

It has been wonderful to enjoy Christmas celebrations and events that have taken place over the last couple of weeks. Well done to Nursery/Reception and Year 1+2 - Nativities and a big thank you to the teachers, teaching assistants and Nursery Team for enabling every child to shine.

We had our Christmas Church services at St John's Church on Tuesday 16th December, Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day on 17th December with a visit from you know who and a Theatre Production of Dr Doolittle today. The money raised from the Christmas Raffle will help to pay towards this end of term treat that all the children will really enjoy.

One of the loveliest parts of all we have recently been doing is that so many of you have come to join in, share and enjoy the excitement and joy of Christmas with your children. Year 1 parents/carers/grandparents came and had a Christmassy afternoon doing some Christmas craft together with their children on Wednesday afternoon. We loved welcoming you all into school for this event.

I would like to thank you for all of your support and engagement with school and your child's learning this term and on behalf of everyone at St John's School wish you a very happy Christmas!

Best wishes,

Amanda Aze
Headteacher



Snapshot Reports

When we last consulted parents about what would make St John's School even better, a number of you suggested that it would be helpful to have an end of term report so that parents were kept up to speed more frequently about children's progress and attainment. With this in mind we will be sending home a snapshot report today. This is generated by our assessment data system called INSIGHT. It is a National Curriculum Attainment report card for Years 1-6.

Attendance Awards

At St John's we like to celebrate attendance. As a compassionate and caring school we recognise that children sometimes get poorly or have hospital medical appointments for ongoing medical issues which cannot be avoided. With this in mind we try to be as inclusive as possible and award children who have an attendance percentage between 96-100% every half term! This means that all children start back each half term with 100% attendance, giving them as much opportunity to be included in our awards scheme.

The best way to help your child achieve great attendance is to book non-emergency appointments outside of the school day and any holidays outside of term time.

With us working together, we will improve the standards that our children achieve and provide them with better chances for life.

On the last day of each term we celebrate in a whole school worship. Well done to this term's raffle winners! Whole Term awards were also given to children with 96% - 100%.



Rocksteady Concert

On Monday 8th December children in our Rocksteady Bands showcased their talents in a concert to parents and children. They did a fantastic job and we all loved the music. Well done everyone!

If your child is interested in signing up, please speak to the office for further information.



DSAT Bay Hub Christmas Carol Service

As a school that is part of The Diocese of Salisbury Academy Trust Mrs Allen, our Music Subject leader, organised a Bay Hub Carol Concert at St John's Church in early December. This was a fantastic opportunity to celebrate Christmas with some of our neighbouring trust schools; St Andrews CE Primary School, Beechcroft St Paul's CE Primary School and St Nicholas and St Laurence CE Primary School. A big thank you to Mrs Allen for coordinating this special evening.

Food Links Christmas Lunch

Christmas dinner/jumper day on Wednesday 17th December - A massive thank you to our kitchen team - Miss Frampton and Miss Caswell who cooked and served us a, as Tyler in Year 6 described it, 'delicious' Christmas lunch. There was such a festive feel to the day, we had a great time!

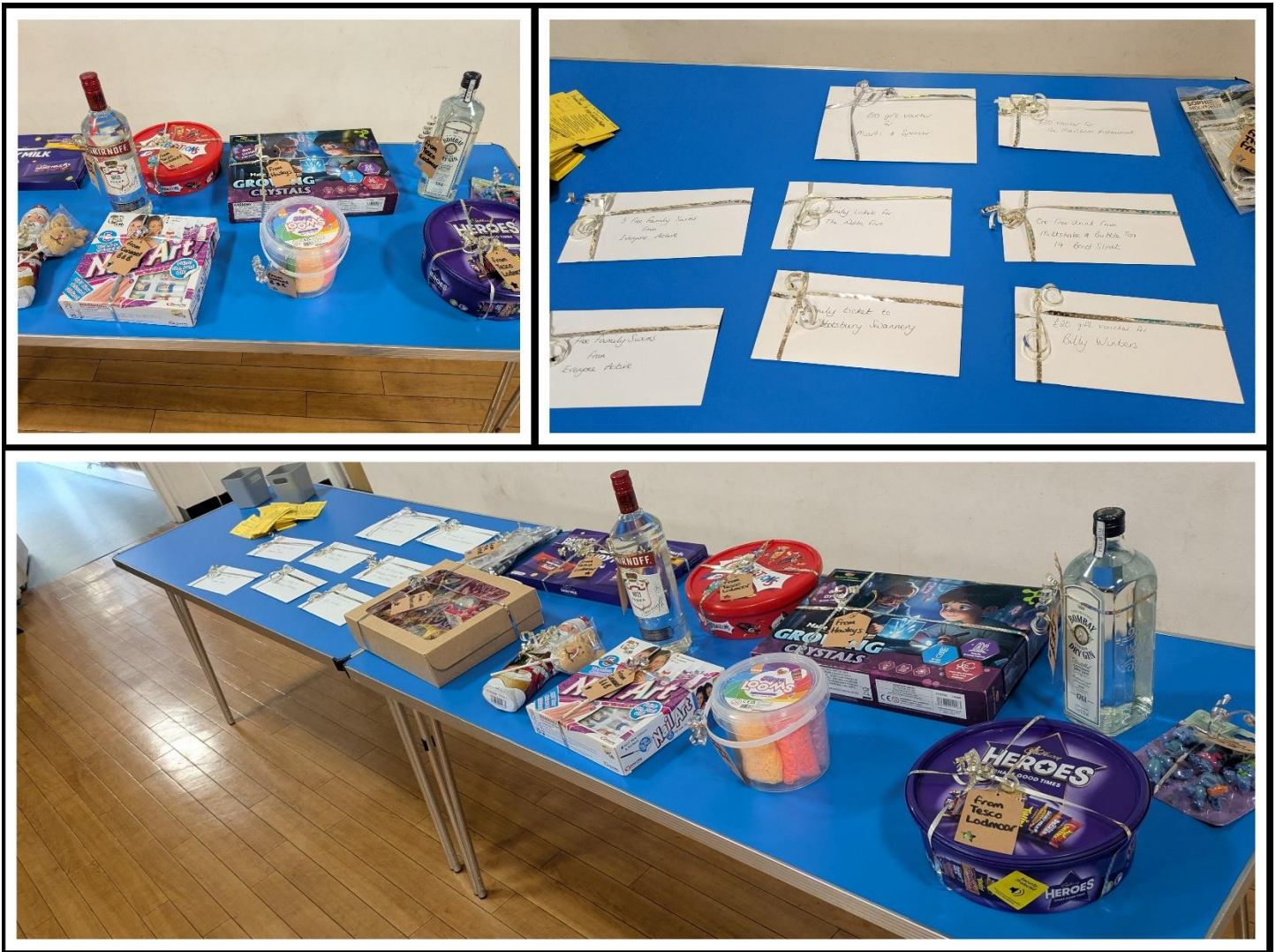


Christmas Raffle and Cake Sale

Thank you to Mrs Martin/Mrs Allen and all the staff that helped out. Thank you to the parents who came to help on the day too.

We must also say a huge thank you to all of the local businesses that donated some fantastic prizes for our raffle, we couldn't have done it without them and we are incredibly pleased to announce that the total money raised from ticket sales and cakes sales raised £1093.09!!

Right now we are seeking parents to take up the role of organising an event next year so that we can continue to offer fun events for our school community to enjoy and also aim to raise funds for school. If you would like to make sure that we have Christmas/Summer Fayres- please get involved and let Mrs Martin our Family Liaison Officer know that you are keen to help.



Nursery Notification of Fee Increase

We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a price increase to our nursery fees from January 2026, meaning that all of the nurseries within our DSAT Weymouth Bay Hub will cost the same.

Eligible children can continue to access up to 15 hours of Early Education free of charge. We also accept 30 hour funding, Childcare Vouchers for Two Year Olds and Tax Free Childcare payments.

Any additional hours not covered by the above are stated below with the new costings

3 hour Morning Session 8.45am – 11.45am @ £17.50

Lunch Session (*meal not provided) 11.45am – 12.15pm @ £2.90

3 hour Afternoon Session 12.15pm – 3.15pm @ £17.50

PLEASE NOTE:

- Extra sessions can only be allocated if spaces are available and will be given on a first come first served basis
- The Nursery staff reserve the right to reduce a child's sessions if they feel it is too much for them. This will be discussed with the parents with the future aim to increase the sessions until the full amount is reached.
- If you are going to be late collecting your child please contact the Nursery as soon as possible. If this is an ongoing issue the Nursery will charge £5.00 for every half hour your child remains in the Nursery's care.
- Please also note that fees are still payable for booked sessions despite sickness or holiday booked during the term time. Though we can give a 50% reduction on paid sessions for holidays if a minimum of four weeks' notice in writing is given. Unfortunately, we cannot offer any reduction for short term sickness or absences taken without notice.

Thank you for your understanding.

Year 5 Shakespeare by the Sea

Year 5 will be taking part in the Shakespeare by the Sea Festival on Wednesday 11th February. This year St John's will be performing the Shakespeare play 'The Tempest'.

The festival takes place at Weymouth Pavilion and tickets for this exciting event are on sale now, costing £2.50 each.

The festival sells out quickly and we recommend you book your seats as soon as possible [here](#)

Spirit of St John's

Each week we notice and celebrate children who are putting our school values into action. Recently the following children have received a Spirit of St John's Award!

Well done goes to;

Aeina, Alfie, Anastasia, Arabella, Ava, Bella, Billy, Bohdan, Cali, Dhananjay, Dhyan, Eden, Edna, Elaia, Eli, Eliza, Elliot, Elsie O, Esme, Eunice, Fin, Finley-Andrew, Frankie, Hudson, Irene, Isla, Isobel, Jasmine, Jess, Layla, Luke, Marcus, Millie, Murtaza, Nabhya, Nakshathra, Nia, Nicola, Rachel, Ralph, Robin, Rosie, Vikranth, Wiki, Zac B,



