






St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

Newsletter

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We are growing
our learning 

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Please remember that today is the last day of the Autumn Term

The Spring Term starts on Monday 5th January.

Children at AF—EYFS, Year 1, 5 & 6—8.30a.m.

Children at T—Year 2,3 & 4—8.40a.m.

On behalf of all the children and staff at the school, we wish you the very best for the festive break.



OPAL Help—Are you having a Christmas Clear-out?

If you're having a Christmas clear out, please could you consider rather than throwing things away, giving/donating the following items to the school in the New Year as we desperately need them to further enhance our lunchtime provision for the children.

1, Scooters—if you have a scooter that you no longer need (two wheels or three)

2, Small World Toys (things like; play animals, mini-figures/characters, playmobil, trains, cars, etc.)

3, Dolls or action figures.

They will definitely be well used and loved by the children. Thank you.

Report to Parents – 17th December 25

I'm going to be very honest with you, there was nothing more exciting in the meeting than finding out about Cooper, the 12 week old golden retriever who is now officially on the school roll. It was really good to understand how Cooper will enhance our whole school community and how much the children are already benefitting from his presence.

It was also very good to hear that even though the kitchen refurb is not quite complete that we are able to offer a very tasty hot food option, if your child is not having a hot dinner please do consider having a look at the menu and trying it out. Whenever I do a school visit I always make sure I have a school dinner and sit down with year 1, the food is delicious, the conversation is top notch but getting back out of those tiny seats is a bit of a challenge!

We are definitely enjoying getting the updates on the Outside Play And Learn scheme, children are learning lots of new skills, moving more, using their imagination in their creative play and as an added bonus it is having a positive impact on behaviour. Look out for the exciting next phase where the children get to implement some of their ideas.

We were told about the uptake for the Year 6 school trip to the PGL site in Overstrand; as Governor's we are always very keen to promote this because the children get so much from this adventure and I guarantee will talk about it for years to come. A payment plan is available so please do speak to the school office if you would like your child to go but haven't yet signed up.

We were also reminded about the excellent work that the PTA has done throughout the year, but as children move on so do the parents involved and it is important that we get new parents involved. So if this is something that sounds like a bit of you then please ask at the school office for details.

Lastly a thank you to all children, parents and school staff for your positive involvement in the school community, enjoy the Christmas break, get some rest and enjoy time with your loved ones, you all deserve it.

Ho Ho Ho

We were very fortunate today because Father Christmas magically turned up courtesy of our PTA. A small gift for every child and Christmas cheer—what more could you want?!



Goodbye



We say a temporary goodbye to Miss Witzendorf today. Miss Witzendorf has been seconded to be a temporary Deputy Headteacher of a local primary school.

We also say goodbye to Mrs. Woodham who is moving to the Class Teacher position of another local primary school.

We wish them both the very best and thank them for everything they've done for the school.



A New Year...

"Life is an opportunity, benefit from it.

Life is beauty, admire it. Life is a dream, realise it."—Mother Teresa

"A New Year is the first blank page of a 365-page book. Write a good one."

— Brad Paisley

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Term Dates

Monday 2nd September—Friday 19th December (Autumn Term).

Monday 5th January—First Day of Spring Term.

Monday 16th—Friday 20th February—Half Term.

Friday 27th March—Last day of Spring Term.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 14th January—Year 6 Swimming Starts

Rights Respecting Schools

Article 28—(right to education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must respect children's dignity and their rights. Richer countries must help poorer countries achieve this.

Year 5 (Year 6 Residential 2026)

Please remember that the first deposit payment for the Year 6 Residential in September 2026 of £70 is now overdue. Many thanks.

PTA Christmas Fair—The grand total for the Christmas Fair was £2584,96. Considering the horrid weather, this is an amazing total so thank you so much to all parents, children, relatives and staff who were there to help and support. Huge thanks to our PTA, other volunteers, School Staff for making it happen.

Year 2 Production—Don't be Afraid.

A huge well done to our Year 2 children for their dazzling production this week.

From a lone wolf to some wonderful solos, the children sang their hearts out and regaled children, parents and staff. A massive well done to everyone involved and a lovely way to finish off our last week this term.



Awards

Star— Henry (RREX); Jumbo—Ezra (MM); Chariot— Whole Class (MM)

Eagles— Orkhan (CC); Circus— Lillith (MM); Roses— Whole Class (MM)

Mercury— Henry (MM); Claudius— Freya (CC); Romans— Allie (All Learning Powers)

Paxman— Sidney (CC); Icen—Hope (MM); Dutch— Borys (CC)

Castle— Boyd (RREX); Cavalier— Aiza (MM); Garrison— Loki (CC)

Oysters— Whole Class (MM); Magnets— Whole Class (RROXY); Raedwald— Maja (MM)

Trinovantes— Alan (RREX & CC); Lathes— Isla (RROXY); Cymbeline— Whole Class (MM)

Attendance— Garrison

Christmas Puzzles and Conundrums (after all you can't watch TV all the time)

Christmas Links

Find a word related to Christmas that suffixes the first word and prefixes the second word to create two compound words.

For example, FISHNET STOCKING FILLER.
The initial letters of inserted words, in order, will spell out a further word associated with Christmas.

SNOW _____ RABBIT

GUARDIAN _____ FISH

BOB _____ BELLS

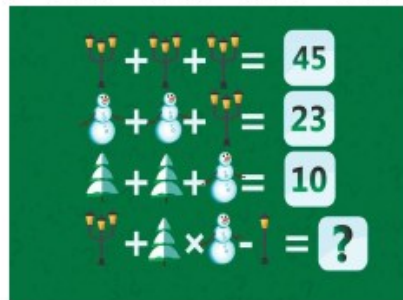
POLE _____ TURN

FALLEN _____ DUST

POISON _____ LEAGUE

Christmas Riddles

- 1, What usually comes once in a minute, twice in a week, and once in a year?
- 2, I'm grumpy and green and stole Christmas one night. But then my heart grew, and I set it all right. Who am I?
- 3, If you hear me jingling around the night just before Christmas Day, you'd better try to get to sleep as you are hearing Santa's sleigh. What am I?
- 4, Santa Claus' mother had three children. The first child was named Fred. The second was named Annette. What was the name of the third?



Two elves were born on Christmas Eve. When the first elf was six years old, the second elf was half his age. How old will the second elf be when the first elf is 100?

Christmas Quiz

- 1, If you're born on Christmas day, what's your star sign?
- 2, Which reindeer's name means 'thunder'?
- 3, Kevin the Carrot features in which UK retailer's Christmas advert?
- 4, What character says this quote: "Jingle Bells. This boat smells. Three thousand miles to go."
- 5, What should be eaten on each of the 12 days of Christmas to ensure good luck for the year ahead?

Emoji Christmas Movies



Can you spot the differences in the Santa Claus Pictures
Hint: There are 12.

Can you name the Christmas Carols?



Christmas Jokes

- 1, What do you call a cat on the beach at Christmas?
- 2, What goes 'Oh, oh, oh'?
- 3, What's Santa's favourite type of music?



Find 15 objects in the picture

