

The Purple Page

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St. John's CE Primary School



Respect, Courage, Compassion, Friendship, Trust, Perseverance

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Next Week's Dates...

Mon 21 September	
Tues 22 September	
Wed 23 September	
Thurs 24 September	Y5 swimming lesson Picture News Pioneers training
Fri 25 September	McMillan Coffee morning Y3 brass lesson

Well done to our
St. John's Award winners!

Star of the Week

YR: Jacob
Y1: Finnbar
Y2: Benny
Y3: Olivia
Y4: Finn
Y5: Macy
Y6: Isaac

Christian Values

YR: Iris
Y1: Caden
Y2: Lois
Y3: Lyla
Y4: Ellie
Y5: Ella
Y6: Arthur

Class Attendance Award: **Yrs R & 6**

Years R and 6 are our class attendance award winners this week, with the highest attendance of **100%**. They received their £5 class attendance voucher.

Whole-school attendance this week was **96.8%**.

Attendance is closely monitored to reduce absence, including persistent absence (less than **90%**). School panel meetings will take place at the end of half term to support families where attendance and punctuality are a concern.

Rec	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Total
100%	90.8%	94%	97.9%	99.4%	94.2%	100%	96.9%

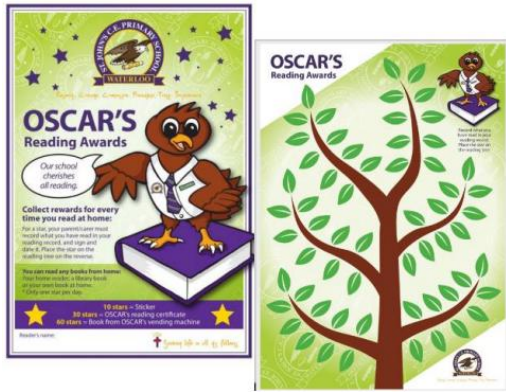
Red = below **90%** Amber = **90% - 94.9%** Green = **95% +**

Our Christian value
for this half term is...

FRIENDSHIP

Follow us on...





Click on OSCAR above for more information about reading on our school website.

Reading Awards

We were delighted to present children with their reading certificates in celebration worship today for reading 30 times at home and having their books signed!

Congratulations to **Evelyn (Y3)** and **Connor (Y4)** for achieving their book prizes and enjoying a visit to the vending machine.

Well done!



Notices & News

HEAD BOY/HEAD GIRL: Well done to Enes Y and Matilda who have been elected as Head Boy and Head Girl. We are excited to have you as ambassadors of St John's.

Congratulations also to all children who have been elected as their class representatives for School Council and Ethos Group. There will be more leadership roles coming up in the next few weeks including reading ambassadors and Picture News Pioneers.

MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING: On Friday 26th September, we are inviting parents and carers to attend our first MacMillan coffee morning! This will take place in the school hall at 9.00am. We are also asking for **shop bought cake and biscuit donations**. This is due to allergies. Please send these in with the children from Monday next week. We can't wait to welcome you all!

RECEPTION BASELINE ASSESSMENTS: Over the next six weeks, the Reception team will be completing statutory baseline assessments with all our Reception children. The purpose of the assessment is to provide a starting point for a new measure to help parents understand how well schools support children to make progress from Reception through to Year 6. A helpful information leaflet for parents can be found on the school website:

<https://www.stjohnsceprimarywaterloo.co.uk/statutory-assessments/>

SCHOOL UNIFORM LABELLING:

Please can parents ensure that all cardigans, sweatshirts and ties are clearly labelled, especially after washing. We are already struggling to return jumpers and cardigans to their owners as they are not labelled. Thank you!

STARTING PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027:

School admission applications for children starting school in Reception or moving on from primary school Year 6 to enter secondary school (in Year 7 2027), **IS OPEN** via the online Citizen Portal. Letters have been sent home.

Please follow the link below for important information:

www.sefton.gov.uk/startingschool

NATIONAL CLOSING DATES FOR ADMISSIONS APPLICATIONS:

- **STARTING AT SECONDARY SCHOOL IN YEAR 7, SEPTEMBER 2027: 31 OCTOBER 2026**
- **STARTING AT PRIMARY SCHOOL IN RECEPTION, SEPTEMBER 2027: 15 JANUARY 2027**

NUT FREE SCHOOL: Just another reminder about a severe nut allergy in school and we are asking that parents support us in being a 'nut-free' school. Please do not send in any products containing nuts in either packed lunches or for snacks. Please check items such as cereal bars to ensure they are nut-free. Sadly, Nutella contains nuts also so please avoid this. We will be talking to the children about having an awareness of allergies and what we can do to minimise any risks. Thank you for your support.

CALENDAR DATES: Please take note of upcoming events happening in school during the Autumn term. These will be updated as activities are booked in so please check regularly!

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Please be aware that any scheduled school events posted below are subject to change.

We will endeavor to minimize any disruptions but changes may be unavoidable.

Date	Event
01 Sept	INSET day
02 Sept	INSET day
03 Sept	School reopens for children
07 Sept	Reception Day 1 – ½ day session
08 Sept	Reception Day 2– ½ day session
09 Sept	Reception Day 3 – ½ day session
10 Sept	Reception – full day Y5 swimming
11 Sept	Y3 start brass lessons
24 Sept	Picture News Pioneers training
25 Sept	MacMillan Coffee morning
06 Oct	Wombles Eco Project – school council @St Luke's Halsall
08 Oct	Parents' Evening 1
14 Oct	School photos – individual and sibling groups Capital schools Readathon
15 Oct	Parents' Evening 2
20 Oct	Production of 'Romeo and Juliet' – KS2
23 Oct	School closes for half term
HALF TERM	
02 Nov	School reopens. After school clubs start
05 Nov	Reception Parents Meeting – Phonics and Reading
10 Nov	'Meet the Judge' event @Liverpool Court – Years 5 & 6
13 Nov	New Reception Open Morning 1
20 Nov	New Reception Open Morning 2
27 Nov	New Reception Open Morning 3
01 Dec	Year 6 Parents Meeting – SATs and Residential
09 Dec	Reception Nativity – 9:30am KSI Nativity – 2:00pm
10 Dec	KSI Nativity – 9:30am Reception Nativity – 2:00pm KS2 Carol Concert – 6:00pm
11 Dec	Reindeer Run
15 Dec	Coverdale Puppets
16 Dec	Whole School Cinema trip
18 Dec	School closes for Christmas holidays
END OF TERM	

Seeking life in all its fullness