

# THE RED SWEATER LETTER

A newsletter from St. John's Middle School



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## Message from Head of School

By Mrs A. Elwell

Welcome to the September newsletter.

School life is back in full swing and the children have settled really well into their daily routine, as I walk around school it is lovely to see the children enjoying their learning and embracing new opportunities. It was also a pleasure to welcome so many parents into school for the Parent's drop in sessions. I hope you enjoyed seeing your child's form room, meeting form teachers and having a look at some of their work.

School trips have already begun with a Year 6 visit to Witley Court, which was a huge success and provided the children with some wonderful ideas for their art work back in the classroom. Several members of the public commented on the exemplary behaviour of the children, which is wonderful to hear. Well done Year 6!

In school today we have a Year 8 careers event as part as our Careers Strategy, which starts in Year 5 and progresses throughout the years culminating in whole day events, aiming to provide our children with an insight of career choices that are available and the different routes to achieve their aspirations.

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Additionally, we have some of our musicians attending the ESO Youth day at Bromsgrove School and we look forward to hearing them share their talents in our assemblies. On Monday Key Stage 2 see the exciting launch of Timetables Rockstars, a programme designed to support the children to improve their speed and fluency when using their timetables. Please encourage your child to use this valuable resource. Furthermore, some of our Key Stage 2 children are visiting Worcester University for their Children's University graduation ceremony on Tuesday. Many congratulations to all those children concerned. All of this is in addition to the extra-curricular club timetable that is in full swing, with more clubs in the pipeline. So many opportunities to get involved with to enhance the broad and balanced curriculum we offer.

We are aware how busy the school calendar is and that it can be difficult to keep track of all the different events, so to assist you in planning ahead we will be shortly sending out a list of key dates for the year, we will also publish this on our monthly newsletters and on our website to ensure you are kept up to date. Please note we do add dates as opportunities arise and will update the key date list accordingly.


As September turns into October, we have noticed that the temperature has been a little on the chilly side and as the heating is yet to come on in school, I have reminded pupils that they can wear discreet base layers under their uniform and that children wearing a blazer are permitted to wear the red school sweater underneath their blazer for extra warmth. It will soon be time for the warm coats and winter woollies to make an appearance once again, how quickly the weeks and months roll by, perhaps that is because there is never a dull moment in St John's School's life.

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## CLUB TIMETABLE



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Netball - KS2</li><li>Contact Rugby - KS3</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Healthy Lifestyles - ALL YEARS</li><li>Cheerleading - ALL YEARS</li><li>Table Tennis - ALL YEARS</li><li><b>MORNING CLUB</b></li><li>Boys Football - YEAR 7</li><li>Girls Football - KS2</li><li>Elite Maths (invite only) - 3:15-4:00 - Miss North</li><li>Choir - Lunchtime - Miss Russell - YEAR 6 &amp; 8</li><li>Mock Trial Competition Club - 3:15 - 4:15 Mrs Woodward and Mrs Hall - YEAR 8 - Start after Half Term</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Hockey - KS2</li><li>Hula Hooping Club - ALL YEARS</li><li>Girls Netball - KS3</li><li>Girls Touch Rugby - ALL YEARS</li><li>Boys Football - YEAR 5</li><li>Boys Football - YEAR 6</li><li>Drama - 3:15-4:15 - Miss Devey, Dr. Dowler, Miss Russell - ALL YEARS</li></ul>
<b>THURSDAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Mindfulness and Yoga - ALL YEARS - <b>MORNING CLUB</b></li><li>Hockey - KS3</li><li>Boys Football - YEAR 8</li><li>Girls Football - KS3</li><li>Mathemagician - 3:15-4:00 - Miss North - KS2</li><li>Creative Writing - 12:15-12:45 - Miss Gower - KS2 - <b>Bring Lunch</b></li><li>STEM - 3:15-4:00 - Dr. Dowler/Mr Field/Mrs Stables - KS3 - <b>Start after Half Term</b></li><li>Middle School Orchestra - Bromsgrove School - ALL WELCOME</li></ul>	<b>FRIDAY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Squash Club (all years)</li><li>Altered Images</li><li>Choir - Lunchtime - Miss Kelly - YEARS 5 &amp; 8</li></ul>	<b>NOTE</b> <p>Please see P.E Club time table for extra information regarding P.E extra curricular activities (ALL 3:30-4:30)</p>



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### Clubs & Activities

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## Healthy Snacks

We want to ensure that children have the best fuel inside their bodies to help them learn. As we know from research undertaken by the School Food Trust, eating healthily can positively affect children's behaviour in the classroom. As a school, it is part of our responsibility to help children learn how to eat healthily. We want to ensure that what the children eat at break time is categorised as a healthy snack. s in particular. Further details can be found on our [website](#)

# Collective Worship

By Miss C. Russell

This halfterm we are reflecting on our value of love. We have heard the story of the Good Samaritan from the tenth chapter of the gospel according to St Luke, thinking about what it means to really show love towards those who we might not like or regard as our enemies; and the story of the Roman Centurion from chapter 7 of the same gospel, considering how the centurion's faith reflects his love both of Jesus, and his servant.

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival service at St John's church on the 20th October, to which those pupils who are able, are invited to bring an offering of tinned or dried goods for the harvest collection.



*We bring the spare we do not really need  
(for surely God will honour all we bring  
although it cannot make up for our greed).  
And place into Christ's hands our offering:  
"Turn water into wine again," we say,  
"and multiply my token loaves and fish  
to feed another hungry crowd today."  
Our gifts, we know, will put some flesh  
on words of charity. Then into those  
twelve empty baskets, let us place the gifts in us  
that need to be increased and shared  
with greater generosity than we may be prepared  
to offer on our own account.  
For we are God's most rich and splendid bounty,  
sown as seeds and scattered by the Lord  
in every place.  
the human race:  
the crowning glory  
of the ever-evolving creation story.  
We thank God that he does not only separate the  
wheat from tare,  
but takes our very best then turns us into far more  
than we are.*

Ally Barrett ([reverendally.org](http://reverendally.org))



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## Attendance & Epraise points

Class	epraise Points	Attendance
5AAL	708	97.3%
5SW	411	95.7%
5CGO	521	96.2%
5MJ	526	96.4%
5CW	679	98%
5AKE	505	92.3%
6ALK	466	95.7%
6GM	300	96.3%
6KD	249	94.1%
6BC	356	96.1%
6RSE	372	94.2%
6CSS	404	91.9%
7PM	640	95%
7JAB	531	95.3%
7WW	564	96.5%
7MH	657	96%
7JD	510	97.1%
8JCD	553	90.7%
8NGE	465	93.3%
8MF	530	97.6%
8KLN	363	96.9%
8MC	508	94.7%
8MMO	590	97%

## House Points

**STUART - 2,753**

**TUDOR - 2,914**

**WINDSOR - 2,923**

**HANOVER - 2,766**

## Healthy Cookies



### Method

#### STEP 1

Heat the oven to 200C/180C fan/gas 4 and line two baking trays with baking parchment. Mix the banana, oats, almonds, cinnamon and a pinch of salt in a bowl to make a sticky dough. Gently stir through the raspberries, trying not to break them up. Scoop up tablespoons of the mixture and roll into balls, then place on a baking tray and flatten with your hand.

#### STEP 2

Bake for 15 mins until the cookies feel firm around the edges and are golden brown. Leave to cool. Will keep in an airtight container for up to three days.

### Ingredients

- 2 ripe bananas , mashed
- 150g porridge oats
- 2 tbsp ground almonds
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 100g raspberries (fresh or frozen)



# Heads of Year Message

By Mrs K. Hall - Head of Year 5

I would like to say welcome back to all of our pupils and we hope all of our St. John's families have had a healthy and restful summer.

It has been such a pleasure to welcome back all of our pupils, and a special welcome of course to our new year 5 pupils. Our new year group have shown great maturity and resilience in how well they have started and settled into their new classes and timetables. Also, we wish the best of luck to our most recent leavers, moving up to high school in year 9 and hope they are enjoying their new schools.

The Heads of Year would like to give a few collective reminders for pupils and families as we settle into the routines for the term and year ahead, regarding uniform, equipment and expectations. Firstly, we would like to ask all pupils to remember to bring their pencil cases, planners and general notebooks to each lesson, as well as a reading book for the day – library access will be up and running shortly with lots of exciting, brand new books for pupils to choose from, for all reading abilities. All pupils will soon be issued with a reading band colour to help them select the most appropriate books. We will also be checking all uniform is present and correct when pupils enter the school and throughout the day – please could all uniform be clearly named, as this ensures it can be easily returned if misplaced. [A full list of uniform & equipment can be found on our website](#)

Lastly, as autumn begins to arrive, it will therefore bring with it shorter days, we ask all pupils to remember to be safe and be seen when travelling to and from school, especially when crossing roads. Thank you.



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RAINBOW  
IN  
SOMEONE  
ELSE'S  
CLOUD*



# Witley Court

By Mrs J. Davenport - Head of Art

Yesterday 182 year six pupils visited Witley Court and gardens. Thankfully the weather held off; the first few drops starting as we got onto the coach ready for our return to St. John's. The fine weather enabled pupils to take some fantastic photographs to aid their studies back at school as well as making quality sketches of the fountain, building and landscapes. The pupils were taught about the history of the Court before going and it was lovely to see how many pupils had retained the information asking about when the fountain would be cleaned again and where the underground cellar was.



## Uniform & Equipment

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# Our Curriculum

By Mr D. Owen - Assistant Head

Below is a link to the curriculum area of our website, where you can access all information regarding what your child will be learning in the weeks and terms ahead in all subjects. You will be able to see a Long-Term Plan, for each year group, of all the topics to be covered in each subject over the year. Furthermore, by selecting each subject, you will be able to see more detailed curriculum plans and knowledge organisers. These give specific information about what will be covered in each topic/unit of work and are a useful resource for supporting your child's learning at home. You may wish to print these out to help with homework, or even stick on the fridge for regular revision of current topics.



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# Eco School

By Miss S. Watts



This year our school has made the decision to work towards Eco-Schools Green Flag accreditation, you can find out more on the Eco-Schools website here:

## Home

Eco-Schools in England



Inspire Others! The Eco-Schools programme is designed to be pupil-led, every day the Eco-Schools team have the privilege to learn about impactful environmental actions that have been completed by forward-thinking and innovative young people.

[www.eco-schools.org.uk](http://www.eco-schools.org.uk)

With the world beginning to experience the effects of climate change; different species of plant and animals becoming extinct every day; and micro-plastics being found in the most remote locations on Earth - now, is the time to educate future generations about the impact of our actions on the planet we call home.

The Eco-Schools programme does this through providing a simple seven-step framework that has been designed to raise awareness of environmental issues whilst empowering young people to make a positive difference by taking a lead on environmental actions and projects in their school and local community.

Within Eco-Schools' simple framework young people have the freedom to decide on the environmental issues they would like to tackle, represented by ten Eco-Schools topics. Once young people have chosen their topics, they decide what actions they would like to take and how they are going to involve their school and community. The seven step process takes around one academic year to complete and culminates in an Eco-Schools' assessor looking over a school's application and evidence, with a view to recognising and celebrating their achievements.

The Eco-Schools programme began in 1994, is delivered in more than 70 countries around the world and in England is operated by the environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. The programme not only positively impacts our planet (for example schools participating in the programme planted 37,865 trees during the last academic year), it also benefits young people, building teamwork and leadership skills whilst increasing confidence and reducing eco-anxiety.

As a key part of the Eco-Schools process is involving our entire school and wider community, we wanted to get in touch to let you know about our involvement. We also wanted to let you know what to expect over the coming months: regular updates in our school newsletter and other channels; invitations to participate in environmental events and projects; and increasingly conscientious young people.





# SEND

By Mr. D. McEvilly - SENDco Lead

Herefordshire and Worcestershire Integrated Care Board have commissioned Autism West Midlands to deliver a variety of online training for parents/ carers, in the two counties, who have a child on the autism assessment pathway or who has an ASD diagnosis.

Sessions include:

17th October 9:30 – 12 Sensory Differences and your child  
7th November 9:30 – 11 Autism and Communication  
21st November 9:30 – 11 Autism and Behaviour  
12th December 9:30 – 11 Autism and Anxiety

Registration on these sessions includes a recording to watch later.

To find out more and register visit:  
<https://autismwestmidlands.org.uk/events/>

## Important Reminder for Year 8 High School Places for September 2023

Please can I remind you to apply to High School, if you haven't already done so. You can apply online via the following website;

[www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

If you have already applied please make sure that you have received a confirmation email of your application from the Worcestershire Admissions Team.

Please be aware that the closing date for applications to High School is Monday 31st October 2022.

If you do not apply by this date you may not get the High School of your choice.

If you have difficulty accessing the website to apply, please contact the Admissions Team at Worcestershire County Council.

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## Triple P

Positive Parenting Program

### One OFF Digital Sessions

Do you have a child or children aged 2years–10years old?  
Do you want to manage or prevent some of the challenging behaviours that do and can occur?

Then come along and join one or more of our one-off discussion groups. Meet other parents in similar situations and get some advice, hints, tips and strategies to help make parenting children easier and less challenging

Each session is 2 hours long and is delivered digitally via Microsoft TEAMS

Autumn/ Winter One-Off Online Sessions		
Friday 23rd September	10:00am - 12:00pm	Developing Good Bedtime Routines
Tuesday 4th October	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Managing Fighting & Aggression
Monday 17th October	9:30am - 11:00am	Hassle Free Mealtimes with Children
Thursday 3rd November	12:30pm - 2:30pm	Hassle Free Shopping with Children
Friday 18th November	10:00am - 12:00pm	Dealing with Disobedience
Thursday 1st December	5:30pm - 7:30pm	Developing Good Bedtime Routines

To book a place keep a look out on our  trybooking site or our 

Just scan this QR code to book!

[www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership](http://www.trybooking.com/uk/eventlist/startingwellpartnership)



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We have an amazing day ahead of us, @youthESO are here leading a 70 pupil strong local Middle Schools Orchestral day! Welcome Parkside, @Catshillmid @AFMS @stjohnsmiddle @WinterfoldhsM @HallfieldSchool and some of our @BromsPrep pupils to Routh Hall! #BromsMusic



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