

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 - Head of School

Dear Parents & Guardians,

As we come to the end of another remarkable school year, I find myself reflecting on what has truly been a year filled with outstanding achievements, growth, and unforgettable experiences. There are so many highlights, far too many to list in full, but each one has played a part in making this a truly special and successful year for our school.

Our pupils have continued to shine across all areas of school life, from academic excellence and personal milestones to sporting triumphs and exciting enrichment opportunities. This term alone has been packed with memorable events that capture the energy and spirit of our school community. We've enjoyed a fascinating visit to the Black Country Museum, run a successful and fully inclusive transition programme, and staged a fabulous whole-school production of Matilda, which was a real showstopper.



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Our pupils also ventured out to Twycross Zoo, performed beautifully at the Three Counties Show, and got creative for the Spirited Arts competition. They've rolled up their sleeves during our Farm to Folk trips, tackled STEM challenges with enthusiasm, and explored future possibilities during Careers Day. The Lakeside trip brought adventure and teamwork, while our participation in the Guinness Book of Records cooking challenge added a fun and memorable twist to the term.

We've also taken time to reflect and challenge perceptions through our Reversing Stereotypes workshops, and to stretch our thinking during the Maths Challenge. Our Sports Day and Sports Awards celebrated determination and team spirit, Funfest brought plenty of fun and laughter in sweltering heat, and our Celebration Assemblies recognised the wide-ranging successes of the term and year.

Our Year 8 leavers have been at the heart of many of these celebrations, with a series of special events culminating in a moving final church service. We are incredibly proud of everything they have achieved and confident they are more than ready for the next stage of their educational journey, on which we wish them well.

Amidst all of this, our day-to-day lessons and enrichment programme have continued with pace and purpose. And all that hard work has paid off. We are delighted to share that the year has ended on a real high with our best ever SATs results – significantly above the national average in all areas. In particular, 95% of pupils achieved age-related expectations in Maths – an outstanding result that reflects the dedication of our staff and the resilience of our pupils. We are also incredibly proud to announce that following a thorough and intensive inspection, our school has been awarded the prestigious Character Education Award. This is prestigious national recognition of our unwavering commitment to nurturing not only academic success but also the personal growth, values, and character of our young people.

As we now look forward to a well-deserved summer break, I would like to express my heartfelt thanks to everyone who makes this school such a special place. To our staff, who consistently go above and beyond to give pupils the very best experiences and opportunities. To our pupils, who truly "Give of Their Best" every single day and live out our school vision and values. And to our parents and carers, thank you for your continued support – your partnership is vital in our mission to provide the highest quality education and care.

To our Year 8 leavers – we will miss you, but we know you are ready, and we are sure you will do yourselves and our school proud. To everyone else, have a safe, happy and restful summer. We look forward to welcoming you back in September for another exciting year.

Warmest wishes,
Mrs Alison Elwell
Headteacher

Collective Worship

By Miss C. Russell - Head of Music and Worship

This term we have been reflecting on Integrity and how we can live out our school vision as people who do the right thing even when no one is looking. We started the final half term of the school year by celebrating the feast of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples in Acts 2, and then focussing on God the Holy Trinity and what it means to talk about one God as three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In mid-June members of the choir performed an eclectic programme of sacred music at the Diocesan Church Tent at the Three Counties Show, and towards the end of June we celebrated the nativity of our Patron Saint, St John the Baptist, and looked at how he embodied integrity throughout his life, even through to being martyred for holding firm to the truth.

As the year draws to a close we celebrate our Year 8s achievements and moving onto high school with our End of Year Celebration Service, this year at a Bromsgrove school as St John's Church is still having repairs to the spire. As we go into the summer holidays, may he watch over your coming, and your going, now and forevermore.

Psalm 121

A song of ascents.

I lift up my eyes to the mountains—
where does my help come from?

My help comes from the Lord,
the Maker of heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot slip—

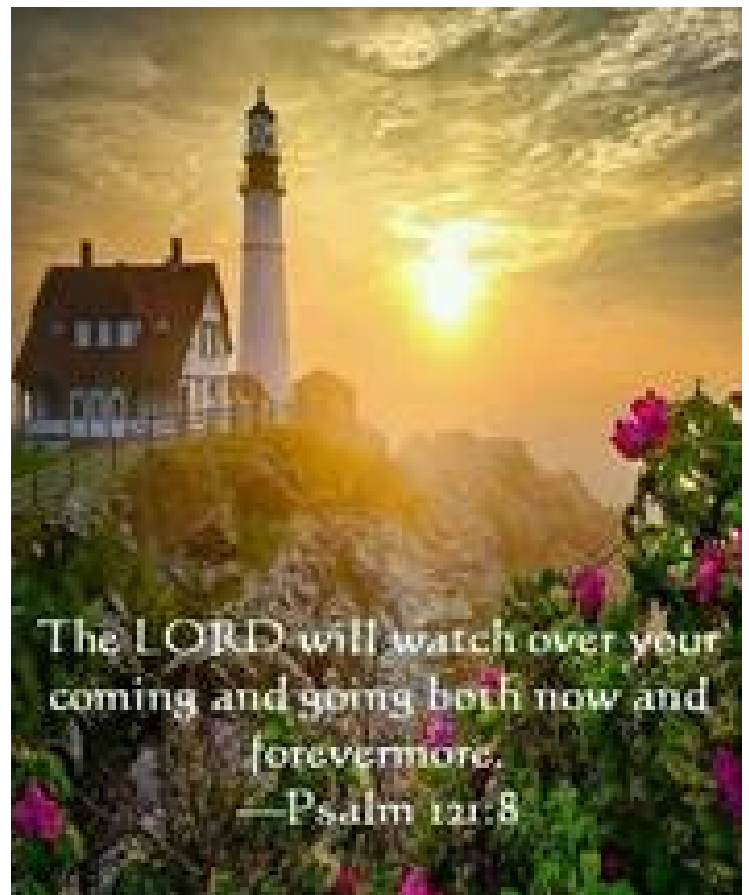
he who watches over you will not slumber;
indeed, he who watches over Israel
will neither slumber nor sleep.

The Lord watches over you—

the Lord is your shade at your right hand;
the sun will not harm you by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord will keep you from all harm—

he will watch over your life;
the Lord will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.



Heads of Year Message

By Mrs J. Davenport-Head of Year 8

As the school year comes to a close, I want to take a moment to say how proud I am of all the hard work, dedication, and growth the pupils have shown over the past months. Whether this year was smooth sailing or full of challenges, you've made it – and that's something to be proud of!

Each lesson you learned, every friendship you built, and all the experiences you've gathered have helped shape you into the person you're becoming. You should carry those lessons with pride into the next chapter of your journey. So many have you have got involved with trips including Oakerwood, Young Voices, Bonterre Farm, Lakeside, Arete and Ice skating, well done for trying something new and thank you to all the teachers who have organised these exciting events. I am sure they too have helped shape you into the determined and kind pupils you are becoming.

As you head into your summer break I want to wish you all the luck in the world. Keep being curious, kind, and strong minded. Never stop asking questions and never doubt how much you're capable of achieving. We would like to wish all the pupils leaving us both in year 8 and lower down the school the best of luck and look forward to hearing about all of your future successes.

I hope your break is filled with fun, laughter, and maybe even a good book or two. You've earned it! Well done pupils, parents and staff!

Mrs Davenport
Head of Year 8

Year 8 Reward Trip Ice Skating and Laser Quest

On Tuesday 8th July the prefects and librarians went on their annual reward trip. This year the Ice skating choice was very well timed in the heat wave giving us all the chance to cool down.

The pupil's behaviour was fantastic! Encouraging and supporting whilst retrieving one another from the floor-all with big smiles on their faces.

Some of our pupils who skate outside of school were able to share moves alongside the giant seal conga from the less experienced.

Great fun.

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Mock Trial

By Mrs C. Woodward

This term our Mock Trial team took part in the Worcestershire and Herefordshire heat of the national competition at Worcester Magistrates' Court. This competition is open to Year 8 and Year 9 pupils and we have been practising weekly since October. Our team had to prosecute and defend a case of possession of an offensive weapon in a public place without reasonable excuse. It centred on a fictitious dispute at a football ground. We studied the case and spent time drafting and redrafting our speeches, questions for witnesses and possible answers. We also spent time learning the roles of different people in a court room (including lawyers, ushers, magistrates, legal advisers and witnesses).

On the day of the competition we saw that there were eight schools taking part (including only one other middle school). We prosecuted the case against a team from Nunnery Wood High School and defended against a team from Lacon Childe School. We developed our confidence and many skills in this process and most importantly enjoyed the experience.

Our team consisted of: Imogen .P, Lily-May.C, Isabelle.P, Evie.P, Helen.C, Tristan.A, Blake. M, Anika.R, Annika.M, Ellie.G, Ellie.R, Eleanor.I, Scarlett.S and Sophie.D.

We would like to thank Mrs Hall, Mr Ankcorn, Miss Gower and our link Magistrate, Frank Lauriello, for preparing us for the competition and accompanying us on the day.

Visit to Worcester Magistrates' Court

By Mrs C. Woodward

Our Year 8 Mock Trial team had a visit to the Magistrates' Court in Worcester. This was in preparation for the Mock Trial Competition. We spent the whole day there and it was really interesting to see a court in action. We listened to a variety of cases and were intrigued to find out the verdicts. We also had time to practise our case in a real court room. Seeing the court room and how the Usher, Lawyers, Legal Adviser and Magistrates acted helped us with our nerves for the competition itself! We would like to thank our link Magistrate, Frank Lauriello, for helping to arrange the visit and Mrs Hall and Mr Ankcorn for accompanying us.

Stem Challenge Final

On Friday 20th June, 2 Year 5 pupils Lachlan C and Benjamin P excitedly went to Kidderminster college for the Stem challenge final.

The challenge was to design and build an "Earth Mover" It also must be strong and sturdy enough to be able to stand unsupported. It also had to lift stones to a height of 8.5cm and transport them from one end of the table to the other.

A lot of fun was had together with free doughnuts on offer which the boys refused showing great restraint on their part!

Unfortunately, on the day they were beaten by Aston Fields middle school; They tried their best and were given a certificate and a goodie bag to take home!



British Science Week

This year's theme was 'Adapt and Change' and St John's, along with some other school from the Spire Academy Trust, decided to celebrate this event by sharing some research projects. Our focus was endangered animals and how we can 'change and adapt' to ensure different species are protected in the future. We joined together on a Teams call to share some of the wonderful projects on 'Adapt and Change'.

Two groups from Year 5 took part in this event.

We worked very hard to make our project on Red Pandas. They are endangered because of deforestation and it is very cruel. We chose to research Red Pandas because they are a lovely animal and it is not fair how they are being treated. We made a research booklet with pictures and a model of the Red Panda's habitat. It was fun but a bit scary to present back to the other schools on the zoom call. Everyone was polite and listened carefully. I liked listening to the other schools' presentation too.

Layla N, Autumn G and Esme A



The endangered animals we chose to research were the South China Tiger, the Asian Elephant, the Red Panda and the Grey-Shanked Douc Langur. The project was really fun to do. We loved creating all the different parts to our presentation: the model of the jungle, a PowerPoint full of information and a poster showing how we can adapt and change. We are very proud of how we worked together and shared our knowledge with everyone else. We hope that there are more projects to come!

Sophie S, Freya G, Grace R and Ella J.



Year 6 History Drama Workshop

We had an amazing time learning about the world wars through a Drama workshop. Some of the things we learnt about were; that families watched their sons go to war, the recruitment, the house jobs they did and the trenches. After that we read a poem about a boy signing up for the war, and how the people around him would pass him roses as a sign of their gratitude.

We got into groups and were set a piece of the poem to act out. We had some time to practise and then we performed. It was an amazing experience and the lady was very lovely and respectful.

E.A 6NGE

We learnt about poems from the war and got to act out some lines in groups of 4,5 and 6. As we acted, music was in the background causing a sense of mystery. We played a game where the Drama coach gave orders and we had to act it out i.e. if she said trenches then we had to lie on the floor pretending we were hiding from an enemy. We had such a fun time and wish we could do it again! The actor was very enthusiastic about it and made sure everyone was involved.

I.B and B-L. S 6NGE

P.E Update

By Mr. M. Cowdery - Head of PE

District Athletics

Children across all year groups have recently competed in our annual District Athletics competition at the Ryland Centre. Schools from across the North Worcestershire area came to compete in two fantastic events.

In KS2 the stand out performers were the year 5 Girls team who managed to finish 2nd overall and only just behind Bromsgrove School. A total of 12 medals were won, not including the relay teams who also medalled. Special mentions must go to the following pupils for their individual achievements in winning their events and earning Gold medals: E. H 1st in Shot Putt, A. W 1st in Shot Putt and H S-W 1st in 600m.

In KS3 both the Year 8 Boys and Girls teams finished an outstanding 2nd overall and the Year 7 teams both finished in 3rd. In total KS3 brought home 20 medals and again a number of Golds. H R-H finished 1st in High Jump, A. L 1st in Shot Putt, L. T 1st in 1500m and E. L 1st in 300m. In total 7 of our pupils qualified to represent North Worcestershire at the Minor Counties Track and Field Championship where they competed against pupils from Worcester City, Hereford, Redditch and the Wyre Forest. This was an incredible achievement and another excellent day of Athletics.



Sports Day 2025

We recently held our annual Sports Day where pupils from each of our school houses come together to compete for the house Sports Day trophy. In a day full of PE enrichment activities the pupils took part in track and field events to earn points for their house teams. After an incredibly tight fought contest it was Windsor House who emerged victorious and took the trophy for 2025. It was lovely to have all the pupils come together and work so well, showing courage, bravery and perseverance throughout the day.



Elsewhere

In a busy final few weeks of the Summer term we have had plenty going on. Our Y6 Boys and KS2 Girls softball cricket sides qualified for county finals at New Road in Worcester. Year 5 Swimmers came third in a local swimming gala at Bromsgrove School and our Year 7 Boys footballers narrowly missed out on the county cup final, losing 1-0 in their semi final.



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St John's Under-11 Girls Crowned Champions in Vertu Primary Schools Cup

Sunday, May 11 – St Andrew's Stadium

St John's Under-11 girls' football team clinched the title in style at the prestigious Vertu Primary Schools Cup, held at St Andrew's Stadium on Sunday, May 11.

The St John's side dominated from start to finish, securing a convincing 3–0 victory and booking their place in the final.

Their victory earned them the title and the honour of lifting the trophy in front of an enthusiastic crowd of over 1,000 spectators.

The triumph capped off a remarkable campaign for the young team, whose determination, talent, and teamwork carried them all the way to championship glory.



St John's Middle School Crowned Worcestershire County Cup Champions

Pershore, May 16, 2025

In a fiercely contested final at Pershore Town Football Club, St John's Middle School clinched a memorable 1-0 victory over Woodrush High School to win the Worcestershire County Cup in the Under-13 boys' category.

As the final whistle blew, it was jubilation for St John's, who secured the title to cap off an exceptional season – playing 13 games, winning 11, and losing just 2.

It was a fitting end to a remarkable journey for the young team, whose unity, talent, and determination made them worthy champions.



Sports Awards

On Wednesday 9th July we held our annual Sports Awards evening in the beautiful Routh Hall at Bromsgrove School. We welcomed our award winners and their families to celebrate their sporting achievement over the academic year.

We were also joined by special guest speaker Jane Powell who spoke to the audience about her achievements in sport over her illustrious career. An international women's cricketer and trailblazer in her coaching career, Jane is also the first President of Yorkshire County Cricket Club. Jane spoke in a truly inspirational way and encouraged pupils to maximise their abilities through hard work and dedication.

It was then time for the award winners to receive their trophies in a variety of different areas including Netball, Football, Cricket, Athletics and even Quidditch. The evening then concluded with our Team of the Year and Sports Person of the Year. Congratulations to the KS2 Girls Footballers who won the Vertu Trophy and reached the county cup semi final this year. Sports Person of the year went to H. R-H for his achievements in rugby, athletics and rounders as well as being a Senior Sports Leader.

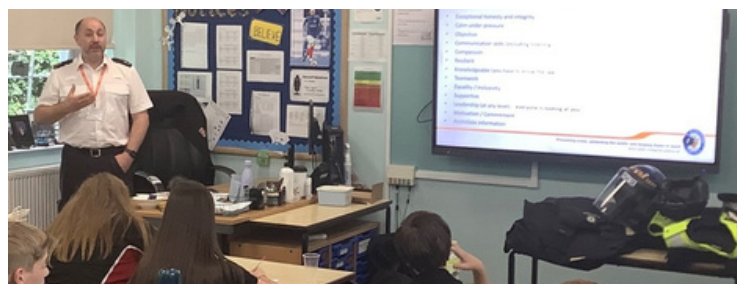
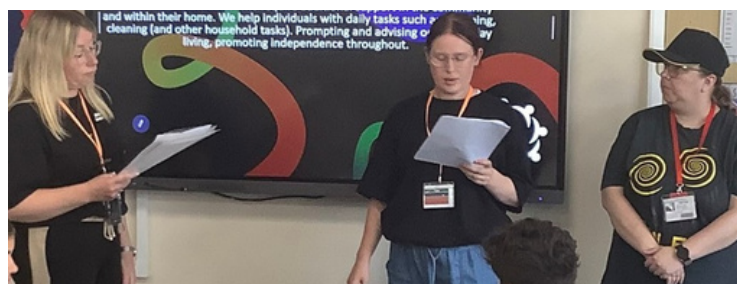
It was a real pleasure to welcome everyone to this prestigious awards evening and celebrate their achievements. A huge thank you to all the staff who attended and presented the awards.

Careers Day at St. John's School – 20th June

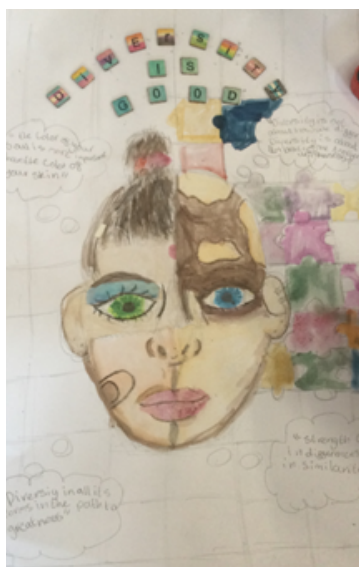
On 20th June, St. John's School held an inspiring and engaging Careers Day for Year 8 pupils. The event welcomed 12 volunteer visitors representing a diverse range of professions, including marketing, digital game development, a professor of bioethics, a tree surgeon, as well as careers in care, nursing, police, healthcare, and the Savient Team with STEM challenges.

Throughout the day, students rotated between sessions, listening to each professional share their personal career journeys, the challenges and rewards of their roles, and the skills and qualifications needed in their fields. Pupils had the chance to ask questions, explore new ideas, and reflect on the wide variety of opportunities available to them in the future.

The day was designed to broaden pupils' horizons, spark curiosity, and help them start thinking about their own career aspirations. Feedback from students and visitors alike was overwhelmingly positive, with many praising the enthusiasm and engagement of the pupils. St. John's is grateful to all the volunteers who gave their time to help make the day a meaningful and memorable experience.



Spirited Art trip to Aston Fields



On Thursday 19th June, nine of our students had the exciting opportunity to spend the morning at Aston Fields, working creatively alongside peers from Catshill First School, Catshill Middle School, and North Bromsgrove High School. Together, they collaborated on an inspiring project for the Spirited Art competition, exploring the theme "Living in a Diverse World."

Through thoughtful discussion and shared creativity, the students produced artwork that celebrated community cohesion, and the strength found in diversity. Many of our students drew upon their experiences within Bromsgrove, highlighting the wide range of clubs and local opportunities that help bring people together and nurture a sense of belonging.

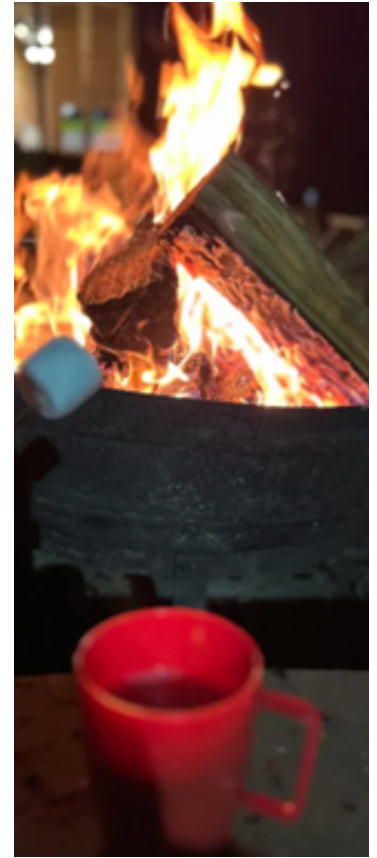
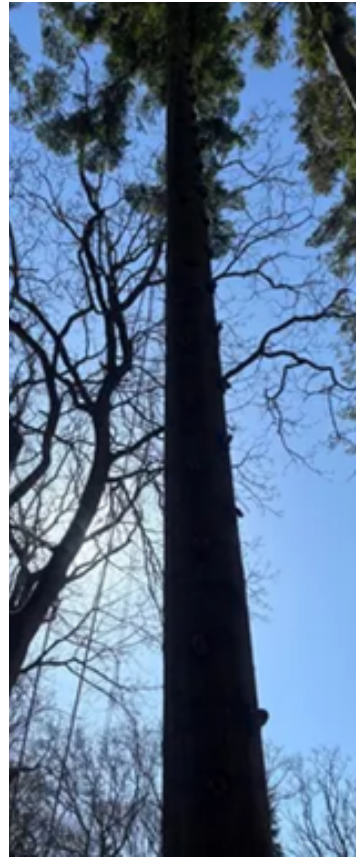
Oakerwood residential Year 5

From 6th to 8th April, 135 excited Year 5 pupils set off for an unforgettable two-night, three-day residential packed with adventure, teamwork, and fresh air.

Over the course of the trip, the children challenged themselves through a fantastic range of activities—including paintballing, Woodland Krypton, low and high ropes, zip wire, and the ever-popular Monkey Climb. Each activity offered opportunities for pupils to step out of their comfort zones, support one another, and build confidence through shared success.

Evenings were just as memorable, with marshmallows and hot chocolate around the fire pit, field games with friends, quiet moments of reading, or card game with Miss Gower. Pupils embraced the responsibility of tidying their pods and taking turns with washing up after meals—showcasing teamwork and independence.

Surrounded by nature (and a few curious sheep!), the children thrived in the outdoors, forming new friendships, deepening existing ones, and returning home with big smiles and even bigger memories.



Updates from the Launchpad

Launch Pad have been updating their outside area. We have grown a number of plants from seed. Compost for our Vegetable planters was kindly donated by Regal Compost of Bromsgrove. A huge thank you to them. Avoncroft kindly donated tomato and chilli plants. We purchased outdoor storage and Launch Pad were fantastic at building the flat packed storage.

Launchpad have had some trips out; We have been to the cafe at the Bromsgrove Methodist Centre, which we visited as part of our money topic. Each child had their own budget of £3 and had to work out what they could buy with this.

We visited Avoncroft Museum as part of our History work on World war 2 and visited the Anderson Shelter and the prefab.

We also took part in a brick making workshop a daub and wattle weaving workshop and climbed up into the windmill.



Bonterre Farm

🌿 Year 6 Explore Bonterre Farm on a Food Technology Adventure! ☀️

Year 6 have been out and about again – this time on a fantastic food technology educational visit to Bonterre Farm! Taking place during one of the warmest weeks of the year, the weather was nothing short of glorious. With sun hats on and sun cream applied, the adventure began!

The classes were split across three days, with each group taking part in four exciting hands-on activities throughout the day:

🌿 Animal Encounters – Pupils had the chance to visit, hold, and pet a variety of friendly farm animals, learning about their care and importance on the farm.

🎃 Pumpkin Planting – After a fun and creative session making “trousers” for pumpkins, the children planted their own pumpkin seeds in the field. By the end of the third day, the field was full – so we cheekily suggested naming it “St John’s Plot”!

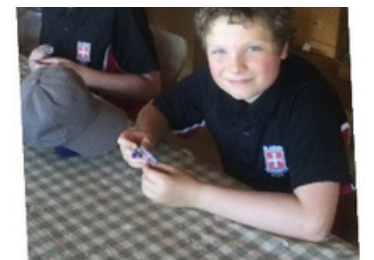
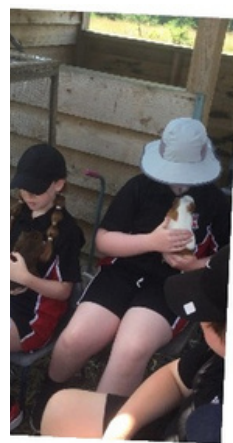
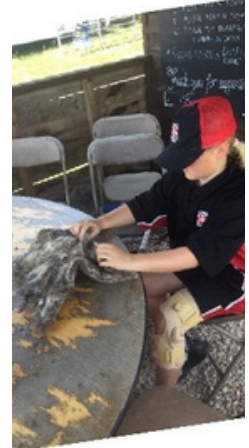
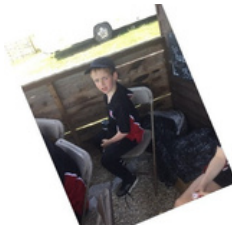
🍓 Berry Picking & Cooking – Pupils picked fresh strawberries and raspberries, then headed to the kitchen to prepare and cook a delicious fruit compote. The smell alone was enough to make mouths water!

🌱 Plant Reproduction & Seed Planting – After conducting a plant “autopsy” to explore the parts of a plant and how they reproduce, the children planted their own seeds to take home and nurture.

Throughout the visit, the children were amazing ambassadors for St John’s. They were praised by both the coach drivers and the Bonterre Farm staff for their enthusiasm, behaviour, and teamwork.

To top off the day, the children were treated to a refreshing ice lolly – the perfect way to cool down after a day of sunshine and learning.

A huge thank you to Bonterre Farm for hosting us, and well done to all of Year 6 for making it such a memorable experience!



🍴 St John's Takes on Jamie Oliver's World Record Cookery Challenge 🍴

St John's have been busy again, rising to the exciting challenge set by none other than Jamie Oliver – to take part in the largest ever cookery lesson!

To select our budding chefs, the names of pupils who had previously attended cookery sessions with Mrs Stables were put through a randomiser. Seventeen enthusiastic children were chosen and eagerly accepted the challenge.

The big day arrived on 1st July, and it couldn't have been any hotter! Our food room kitchen felt more like a sauna than a classroom, but that didn't stop our young chefs. Despite the heat, the children were absolutely amazing – full of energy, excitement, and a whole lot of fun (even if they were melting just a little!).

From chopping and stirring to sizzling and seasoning, the kitchen was a whirlwind of activity. And while it may have looked like a tornado had swept through by the end of the hour, the teamwork didn't stop at cooking. Every single child rolled up their sleeves and helped clean up, leaving the kitchen spotless.

A huge well done to all the pupils who took part – you made St John's proud

🍝 What Did They Cook? Fresh Pasta with No-Cook Tomato Sauce! 🍅

The children made a delicious and simple dish using fresh ingredients. Here's the recipe they followed:

Fresh Pasta

Ingredients:

- 200g 00 flour
- 2 large eggs

Method:

1. Make a mound with the flour on a clean surface and create a well in the centre.
2. Crack the eggs into the well and gently mix with a fork, gradually incorporating the flour.
3. Knead the dough until smooth and elastic (about 10 minutes).
4. Wrap in cling film and let it rest for 30 minutes.
5. Roll out and cut into desired pasta shapes

No-Cook Tomato Sauce

Ingredients:

- Fresh ripe tomatoes, chopped
- A handful of fresh basil leaves
- 1 clove garlic, finely chopped
- A drizzle of olive oil
- Salt and pepper to taste

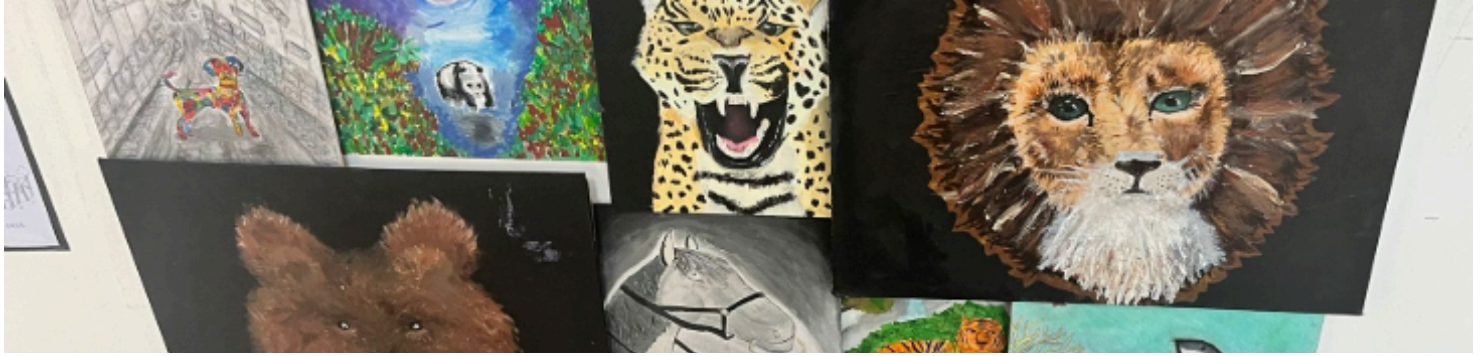
Method:

1. Combine all ingredients in a bowl.
2. Let the mixture sit for 15–20 minutes to allow the flavours to meld.
3. Toss with freshly cooked pasta and serve immediately



Voices and Visions

Years 6, 7 and 8 pupils contributed to the Voices and Visions Exhibition where they produced art work of animals that they considered brave and courageous. It was lovely to see the pupils work up at Worcester Cathedral along side so many other talented artists. Many of the pupils were able to go and see their work so a big thank you to those parents who made the trip to the exhibition.



Lakeside

On Thursday 26th June 2025, a group of Year 5 children visited The University of Worcester Lakeside Campus for a day of adventurous activities!

The children were split into two groups and everyone had a go on the climbing tower and on the lake.

To complete the climbing activities, the children showed a great deal of courage to climb as high as they could or to jump off the top step! All the children encouraged each other to do their best and they all showed great determination!

Canoeing on the lake proved to be very tricky as the strong breeze kept pushing everyone into the reeds. However, we all finally found our rhythm and lots of fun was had manoeuvring on the water, racing each other and playing team games!

Everybody went home having had a wonderful time and all feeling ready for a rest!

A big thank you goes out to the staff at Lakeside for making the day so special - we have all got great memories of the day.

Donation

Asda Bromsgrove kindly donated the following to help support our students when they are visiting our Pastoral Team! Whether it's planting seeds, nurturing them and watching them grow or whipping up a batch of chocolate cornflake cakes, our team are ready to support our pupils who may sometimes need a bit of extra emotional support. Asda Community Champions kindly provided the following.



The Black Country Museum was amazing. We went to see how chains were made and what different types were like. We got to see people's jobs: mining, selling books, teaching and all sorts from the nineteenth century. My favourite part of the trip was the Victorian schoolroom, it was really good and professional. It was interesting to learn they only had three subjects (Reading, Writing and Arithmetic). They also had a different way of teaching the subjects. I would definitely like to go there again!

Matilda (written by S.R, 7JD)

"Oh, don't tell me we're not rich!" has been a line following me through Year 7 after performing in the role of Mrs Wormwood in our school production - Matilda. It was an absolute honour to be involved in everything, from the audition process to the performance, and I'm honestly annoyed that I didn't throw myself into the first production I could have been part of in Year 5! I made some absolutely amazing friends along the journey and it was a privilege being able to perform with them. On the first day, we collected our scripts, learnt them and prepared for auditions in a few days. After tryouts, I was lucky to receive a callback and then be given the role of Mrs Wormwood. The months I spent working hard at rehearsals with friends and hours I looked over my script at home will always have a special place in my heart and I will never forget the memories I made in that production. Along the way, I think I developed confidence (performing), resilience (always thinking of something even if I forgot a line) and leadership (not just helping myself but my team when they struggled). These qualities helped me take a step back and really see myself, and I am so proud of mine and the other fellow performers' growth over time. Overall, Matilda was one of my favourite experiences at St John's and will be a favourite chapter in my middle school story.

We would also like to say a huge Thank You to Bobbys food for their kind donation of refreshments for the Matilda Show.

RE NATRE Spirited Arts Competition 2025

We are delighted to say that we had forty-eight entries this year which are all on display in school. They ranged from art work to poetry to music entries this year. They were all of fantastic quality so it was an extremely difficult decision for the teachers to choose our Top Ten. The pupils who made our Top Ten are listed below (in no particular order) and their entries have been entered for the National Competition. Well done to all who entered!

Wonderful news for one of our year 6 pupils! Jiya played a role in Small Town Big Story and has gone on to win the Best Child in a Series award! We are all so proud of her and delighted to see her talent being recognised. Huge Congratulations!



The Top Ten

1. 'Everyone's Game' by L. P (Year 6)
2. 'Living in a Diverse World' by O.G (Year 5)
3. 'Noah's Ark' by E.K (Year 5)
4. 'God Touches Everyone' by S.A (Year 5)
5. 'Diversity' by E.J, G.R, F.G and S.S (Year 5)
6. 'Heaven's Handshake' by H. A (Year 5)
7. 'What's the point in living?' by L.N (Year 5)
8. 'Iceberg' by S.A (Year 5)
9. 'Sacred Space' by N.W (Year 7)
10. 'The Magic Man' by E.R (Year 6)

Mrs Woodward and Miss Gower



Save the Date!

Friday, 7th November 2025

Back by popular demand... Get ready for a night of sparkle, sound, and celebration! Bring the Noise will be lighting up the sky with an unforgettable firework display at St John's Middle School.

Expect:

- Dazzling fireworks
- Glow sticks galore
- Delicious food & refreshments

Add it to your diary now!

Tickets available next term

Don't miss out – it's going to be a blast!



ReDISCover your child and help them DISCover themselves

Who wouldn't love the superpower to truly understand their children? What if you could recognise the patterns in their behaviour, understand how they learn best, and respond in ways that actually meet their emotional and developmental needs? What if, instead of power struggles, your home felt more like a partnership? The truth is you can have that. And it's not as complex as it sounds. When parents and caregivers learn to communicate in tune with their child's natural wiring, whether they're a bold leader, deep thinker, creative spirit, or steady peacemaker, something powerful happens: learning becomes easier, motivation increases, and connection deepens. Students thrive when they're seen, heard, and supported in the way that they are built, not the way we assume they should be or in line with how we are.

That's why we're excited to offer 45% discount off a simple but transformative 10 minute online assessment for students aged 9-12 (Student Success) and 13+ (Student Career). This leads to a personalised, 25+ page report full of practical insight, learning style guidance, and strategies for both home and school. It's not just a snapshot, it's a roadmap to help your child grow into their strengths, stay motivated, and live with purpose.

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BEHAVIOURAL PSYCHOLOGY WHAT IT IS & WHY DOES IT MATTER

So, how does it work—and why does it matter? The foundation of this insight comes from behavioural psychology and the John Maxwell DISC model a powerful tool used worldwide to help people understand how they relate, lead, learn, and respond to the world. At its heart, DISC helps children (and adults!) understand their natural communication and behavioural style. When students understand themselves, they begin to develop emotional intelligence, improve peer relationships, and take more ownership of their learning. We use a youth-adapted version of the MDPI assessment, designed to be engaging and age-appropriate, giving both parents and teachers a clear understanding of what makes each student tick. And we're not stopping there. To help unpack the report in more detail, we're offering free 'Lunch & Learn' sessions where you can ask questions, hear from trained facilitators, and walk away with actionable steps to support your child's growth at school, at home, and in life.

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