



## Newsletter 23

13th March 2026

'Let us love one another, for love comes from God'

1 John 4:7



### Message from the Headteacher

Dear Parents and Carers,

Pandas' Class Worship was a huge success this week! Thank you to everyone who came to watch. We were all incredibly impressed by their knowledge of rocks, their beautiful poetry and their creative artwork. As an extra treat, we were lucky enough to get a sneak preview of their fantastic samba performance! The full, unmissable show will be on **Thursday 19th March at 2:40pm in the school hall**. We warmly invite you to join us for what promises to be a wonderful celebration of their hard work.



This year's theme for British Science Week is Curiosity: What's Your Question? The children certainly demonstrated their curiosity during our science day on Wednesday! We started the day with an amazing assembly led by 'Super Sian' from Mad Science, who wowed us with incredible experiments. Thank you to the Friends of St John's for funding this for us.

Throughout the day, each classroom was turned into a laboratory, investigating a different key question. Our young scientists were busy experimenting to find the answers to questions such as:

- Do the people with the biggest hands pick up the most sweets?
- How far can a hoop glider fly?
- Which object makes the biggest splash?
- Which biscuit dunks the longest?
- Does toast always land butter side down?

The children absolutely loved getting hands-on with their experiments, and there were lots of excited 'oohs' and 'aahs' echoing around the school as they made brilliant discoveries! You can see more photographs on the [gallery page of the school website](#).

We've also been delighted to hear and see the brilliant science experiments many of our children have been conducting at home. Thank you for supporting your young scientists. It has been great to hear them talking about their discoveries and seeing the wonderful photographs and results shared through Google Classroom. Your engagement truly helps bring learning to life.

Best wishes  
Miss Michelle Prince  
Headteacher



Congratulations to these children who have gone above and beyond and **sparkled** this week:

- Elephants: Otilie and Carter
- Giraffes: Claudie and Henry
- Dolphins: Rue and Talia
- Pandas: Albert and Iris
- Snow Leopards: Monty and Maria



### Half Term Value - Forgiveness

If you stay cross at someone for a long time, how does that feeling make your own heart feel?  
How does it change the way you play with that person?



## Go The Extra Mile Obstacle Course

We're very excited to be hosting an event 'The Extra Mile' led by our very own Mr Trigger and Immy and Robyn's dad Mr Harris on Saturday 21st March.

The Extra Mile is a 1 mile obstacle course race especially designed for children and families. It's a fun and exciting way to enjoy running with child friendly obstacles, exciting challenges and plenty of encouragement. The race is all about laughter and teamwork and enjoying movement - not about finishing first.

The Extra Mile will take place in our school grounds and is open solely for St John's children, their parents and siblings (younger and older) with all profits coming to school.

There are 4 different race times available to sign up for, 9.30am, 10.00am, 10.30am and 11.00am. Tickets for children (and siblings 3 years and older) cost £3 and tickets for adults are £5. All children will need a parent or guardian accompanying them on the course. Adults can be responsible for up to 3 children.

Tickets are available to purchase on Arbor, please be careful to select the relevant time and ticket type. We also require those attending to complete this [registration form](#) prior to the event.

Come ready to run, jump, crawl and have a blast at our obstacle course made for everyone!



## Reminder

You are invited to your child's class worship in the hall where the children will lead a presentation about what they have been learning. Please see the dates for these below.

### Class Worship - in the hall

Date	Class
Tuesday 17th March 9:00am	Snow Leopards
Tuesday 24th March 9:00am	Dolphins
Tuesday 21st April 9:00am	Elephants
Tuesday 28th April 9:00am	Giraffes

Pandas would also like to invite you to their **Samba concert on 19th March at 2:40pm.**

### Attendance



Well done Snow Leopards!

### Dates for your diary

#### [What's on this week](#)

#### **Tuesday 17th March**

Snow Leopards Class Worship 9:00am

Dolphins Library Visit

#### **Wednesday 18th March**

Pandas Experience Easter at the Minster

#### **Thursday 19th March**

Pandas Samba Concert for parents/carers 2:40pm

#### **Saturday 21st March**

The Extra Mile Obstacle Course Event

#### **Tuesday 24th March**

Dolphins Class Worship 9:00am

Giraffes Library Visit

Parents Consultations 3:30-6:30pm

#### **Thursday 26th March**

Parents Consultations 3:30-6:30pm



**Class Weekly Attendance**  
**for Week beginning 9th March 2026**

Elephants	94.6%
Giraffes	95%
Dolphins	90.7%
Pandas	96%
Snow Leopards	96.8%
Whole School	94.6%

**Friday 27th March**

Last day of term

Easter Service at St John's Church 1:45pm

**Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April**

Easter Holiday

**Monday 13th April**

INSET Day - no children in school

**Tuesday 14th April**

Children return to school

**Tuesday 21st April**

Elephants Class Worship 9:00am

Snow Leopards Library Visit

**Tuesday 28th April**

Giraffes Class Worship 9:00am

**Monday 4th May**

Bank Holiday

**Tuesday 5th May**

Elephants Library Visit

**Monday 18th May**

Elephants trip to Dumpton School

**Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May**

Half Term Holiday

**Monday 1st June**

Children return to school

**Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th July**

Year 4 Leeson House Residential Trip

**Wednesday 22nd July**

Last Day of Term

Year 4 Leavers' Service in St John's Church



# GO THE EXTRA MILE!

## RUN – JUMP – CRAWL

### One Mile Obstacle Run

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2026**

**Open to St John's School Pupils, Parents and Siblings**

**From ages 3 years up**

**HAVE A BLAST AT OUR OBSTACLE COURSE MADE FOR EVERYONE!**



**£3 KIDS  
£5 ADULTS**



All profits go towards supporting St John's School



**Book tickets through your  
St John's Arbor account**

