



# St John's Gosport C of E (VA) Primary School

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## Spring One Newsletter

Dear Parents and carers,

Welcome back after the Christmas break; we hope you enjoyed some time with your families. We look forward to 2025 and for our Year 6 children, it is their last half a year at St John's. Although some children don't talk about it, it can be an unsettling time as they start thinking about secondary school and making new friends in a new setting. Once they find out their secondary schools, we will work with the staff to ensure their transitions are smooth and that they are as ready as they can be for September.

We are always happy to support you and your children over the year and we will be in our usual drop off and collection points before school and after school if you have any messages or questions. The best way to communicate with us is through our year group email address: [year6@st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year6@st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk)

**Library and PE days.** Our library day is on a **Thursday** and our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Sometimes these sessions are outside and even if it is cold, we will be going out. Children should continue to wear their colour tops, school jumper and black jogging bottoms or shorts.

**Reading at home** We will continue to follow our reading challenge expectations; children will earn ticks over the year and catch-up reading will take place of Fridays if children have not read at least **5** times in the previous week. We check daily so will not accept signatures late or all at the end of the week. We already have several children who have earned their 25 reads award. Well done!

**Homework** We will continue to send home learning home on a Friday. If children do not complete home learning, they will have a catch-up session during a play time with an adult from our year group. It will always relate to learning in class. We always go over home learning with the children and it may be that they peer or self-mark. We also set weekly assignments on Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars. There is an expectation that children are spending at least 30 minutes on both every week. We have noticed that there has been little engagement with these online platforms last term. This is a great way for children to continue to practice their multiplication skills and spellings so please encourage them to use these at home.

**SATS meeting** This half term, we will deliver a SATs information evening (date to be confirmed). We will offer two time slots and will also post the slides for your information on the website. A reminder that SATs week runs from Monday 12th May-Thursday 15th May 2025.

**Maths Boosters** We will continue to run our focussed tutoring groups to support children with their individual needs in maths. In previous years we have run these groups and we know our children have found them



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really useful. A reminder that the sessions run from **8:00am-8:40am every Wednesday**. ALL children are invited along to this so please encourage your child to attend.



## Topic

This half term, we are learning about Crime and Punishment through the ages. We start back during the Roman times; we then look at the Saxons and the Tudors; we finish by looking at the Victorians and then modern crime and punishment. We will develop skills and knowledge by looking at chronology, sources of information, questioning and looking at trends and connections over time.

## English

In English we are reading *The Highwayman* and we are using this text to write character and setting descriptions. We will also write letters from a chosen character's perspective. Building on our learning in history, the children will write a diary entry describing the experiences a Victorian prisoner would have faced and they will then choose a period of time to present the crime and punishments of that era in the form of an information page.



## Maths

In maths we will be continuing our daily arithmetic work which we do at the start of each day. This helps to develop fluency and the ability to jump from one calculation to another so it is important children continue to arrive at school on time. We are beginning our revision in the build up to SATS where we will revisit all of the areas of maths we cover through questions from past papers.

## Help at home with Maths

Please continue to support your children with their maths homework when we send it home each week. BBC Bitesize is a great online resource as there are revision tips and also quizzes for each maths area. Times tables are so important in many areas of maths so working on these along with the related division facts is helpful. **For example:  $9 \times 9 = 81$  so  $81 \div 9 = 9$      $90 \times 9 = 810$  so  $810 \div 90 = 9$ .** Find opportunities for telling the time and also adding and subtraction time. For example: **The time is 10:35am- What will the time be in half an hour?**

## Science

In Science we will be learning about Electricity. We will look at how Electricity is made and how it is stored. Please see the attached knowledge organiser for key information.

## DT

In Design Technology we are going to be creating a healthy and nutritious meal using limited ingredients.

## Jigsaw



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In jigsaw this half term we will be thinking about Dreams and Goals. We will think about things we can do to help them have an idea about their future.

## RE

In RE, we are looking at Christianity and the concept of 'special'.



## Music

In music, children are going to be learning about film music and looking at how music is linked to emotions.

As always, if you need to contact us, please email [year6@st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk](mailto:year6@st-johns-gosport.hants.sch.uk)

Thank you for your support,

Year 6 team



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