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# St John's Green Primary School

Learn to Live, Live to Learn

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Maths

We are all  
writers ...



## Newsletter

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### Year 6 Residential Week

Our Year 6s have had a part sunny, part rainy week away on the North Norfolk coast. The showers did not dampen their spirit or their determination to try all the activities and push themselves to the limit.

The two classes have enjoyed—climbing, abseiling, seal watching, assault coursing, buggy building, beachcombing, dancing, swimming and making their beds (!). Yr6 have been terrific and we are very proud of them. Many thanks to the staff who gave up their week to guide, comfort and facilitate the children's adventures—Ms Salmon, Mrs Smith, Mr Bates, Ms Chapman, Mrs Mishra, Ms Henderson, Ms Horwood and Mr Billings.



### Get Well Soon Isabella

You may have seen the front page story in the Gazette this week about Isabella who received a liver transplant recently. Issy has been very poorly waiting for over 17 months for a donated organ. Since the ten hour operation she has been under constant monitoring and is doing as well as can be expected after such a major procedure. Mum Rachel has been at Izzy's side for over a week now and we send our good wishes to Mum, Dad, William, Abigail and Amber. Read about Isabella here <https://www.gazette-news.co.uk/news/17923640-17-months-wait-fighter-isabella-given-new-liver/>



### Awards

Year 5 (Oysters) — Frejsi Noci (RROX)  
Year 5 (Magnets) - Mackenzie O'Shea (MM)  
Year 5 (Raedwald) - Maria Mocanu (RRROX)  
Year 4 (Castle) - Riley Rudd (MM)  
Year 4 (Cavalier) - Jay Chappell (MM)  
Year 4 (Garrison) - Stanley Piper (MM)  
Year 3 (Dutch) - Chloe Adams (RROX)  
Year 3 (Iceni) - Eliot Pun (RREX)  
Year 3 (Paxman) - Tommy Slater (RROX)  
Year 2 (Mercury) - Millie Horn (CC)  
Year 2 (Claudius) - Ronak Valmikam (MLM)  
Year 2 (Romans) - Ody Perperoglou (MM)  
Year 1 (Eagles) - Chineye Onyekwere (MM)  
Year 1 (Circus) - Martha Curtis (MLM)  
Year 1 (Roses) - Jacob Smith Djogou (MM)  
Foundation (Chariot) - Isaac Smith (CC)  
Foundation (Star) - Delilah Hull (CC)  
Foundation (Jumbo) - Mattie Kessler-Weiss (MM)  
Attendance — Eagles

### Individual School Photos Tues 1st Oct at Abbey Field and Thurs 3rd Oct at Town

Happy Days Photography will photograph every child on 1st and 3rd Oct.

If you would like a family group photo (babies, brothers, sisters, parents) please just go to the hall at the end of the day once you have collected your children. You can go to either site, no appointment is necessary and Lee will stay until all the family groups have been finished. Remember it's Tues 1st at Abbey, and Thurs 3rd at Town site.



Please don't forget to keep collecting your Aldi GB stickers and hand them into the school. 300 stickers and the school will receive an 'exclusive sports kit' and the chance to win £20,000. Our PTA are co-ordinating this for the school and have completed their first count which puts us at 70 stickers. So only 230 to reach that magic 300. Please keep them coming.

PLEASE pay for your child's school lunch when you order it. We spend a lot of time chasing arrears on school lunches and breakfast club, which makes for awkward conversations. The school works with a number of different agencies to help with those in financial difficulty—please speak to the Office, or Mrs Bourne as we are more than happy to advise and it could prevent an awkward conversation around arrears.

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### Diary Dates

Monday 30th September—Friday 4th October—PE Week.  
Tuesday 1st October. Individual Child Photograph's. Happy Days Photography' for children at AF.  
Tuesday 1st October. 3.15p.m.—5.00p.m.—Sibling/Family group photographs @ AF. You just need to bring your family!  
Thursday 3rd October. Individual Child Photograph's. Happy Days Photography' for children at T.  
Thursday 3rd October. 3.30p.m.—5.00p.m.—Sibling/Family group photographs @ AF. You just need to bring your family!  
Friday 4th October. Non Uniform Day for Team Temple—Purple.  
Thursday 10th October—PTA AGM. 7.00p.m. @ AF—All Welcome.  
Monday 14th October—Friday 18th October. Science Week—Growing.  
Monday 14th October. EYFS 'Tiger who came to Tea' - Tea Party 2.30p.m. AF.  
Monday 21st October—Friday 25th October. RE Week—Hinduism.  
Monday 21st October. EYFS Room on the Broom' Fancy Dress up Day.  
Monday 28th October—Friday 1st November. Half Term  
Thursday 19th December—Last Day of Autumn Term.  
Monday 6th January—First Day of Spring Term.  
The Summer Holiday dates for 2020 have been confirmed and these are on the school's website calendar.  
PLEASE REMEMBER THAT THERE ARE OTHER KEY DATES ON THE SCHOOL CALENDAR ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents.

Jane D. Hull

"Practice isn't the thing you do once you're good. It's the thing you do that makes you good." —Malcolm Gladwell

### Assembly Theme for Next Week:

Care about other people's feelings

### All Children have these Rights.

All children have these rights, no matter who they are, where they live, what their parents do, what language they speak, what their religion is, whether they are a boy or girl, what their culture is, whether they have a disability, whether they are rich or poor. No child should be treated unfairly on any basis.



Thank you to everyone who came to The World's Biggest Coffee Morning celebration today. The PTA raised £63.00 so far for Macmillan Cancer Care

### Explorers Club Launch

A group of parents and their young children helped us to launch the first Explorers Club on Tuesday. Mrs Bourne gathered parents together with a poster on a stick and walked down to Abbey Field church under the subway for an hour of story, singing, play, craft and refreshment. Thank you to the PTA for providing moral support too.

With decreasing local facilities for parent and baby/toddler groups we are so grateful to Carol and Dave Landers for offering to run a regular weekly Explorers session. Mrs Bourne will be gathering parents together at Town site again next Tuesday morning, if you are at Abbey site then just walk down to Town site.

### Aldi

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And Finally,

Next week is PE Week and we have chosen Rugby as a feature seeing as it is the World Cup. I hope your children will enjoy learning a bit more about Japan who are hosting the World Cup and the beautiful game of rugby. Each class has picked out their team to follow from a hat and will be learning about that country too. It is shaping up to be a super exciting series and I will be cheering on all the teams (but Wales slightly more enthusiastically).

Have a Good Weekend

Tina Bourne

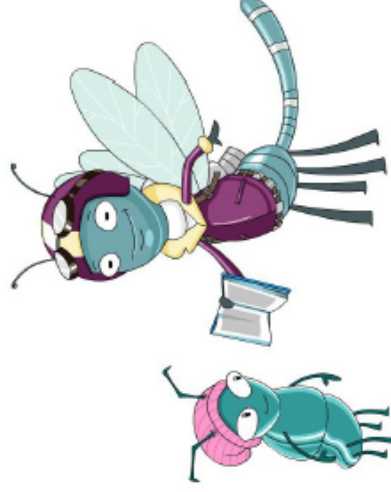


Enjoy Reading

## Why is reading so important?

Evidence suggests that children who read for enjoyment every day not only perform better in reading tests than those who don't, but also develop a broader vocabulary, increased general knowledge and a better understanding of other cultures.

In fact, there's evidence to suggest that reading for pleasure is more likely to determine whether a child does well at school than their social or economic background.



### What difference could I make as a parent?

The short answer is: a lot! Parents are by far the most important educators in a child's life and it's never too young for a child to start, even if you're only reading with your child for a few minutes a day.

Before they're born, babies learn to recognise their parents' voices. Reading to your baby from the time they're born gives them the comfort of your voice and increases their exposure to language.

### Building vocabulary and understanding

Learning to read is about listening and understanding as well as working out print. Through hearing stories, children are exposed to a rich and wide vocabulary. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they listen, which is vital as they start to read. It's important for them to understand how stories work as well. Even if your child doesn't understand every word, they'll hear new sounds, words and phrases which they can then try out, copying what they have heard.

As children start to learn to read at school, you can play an important role in helping to keep them interested in books, finding out what interests them and helping them to find books that will be engaging and fun for them. Give time to helping them practise reading the books they will bring home from school.



Enjoy Reading

## Top 10 tips to help children enjoy reading

To help make reading enjoyable and fun, we asked experts and authors what they recommend to help get kids reading.

1. **Make books part of your family life** – Always have books around so that you and your children are ready to read whenever there's a chance.
2. **Join your local library** – Get your child a library card. You'll find the latest videogames, blu-rays and DVDs, plus tons and tons of fantastic books. Allow them to pick their own books, encouraging their own interests.
3. **Match their interests** – Help them find the right book - it doesn't matter if it's fiction, poetry, comic books or non-fiction.
4. **All reading is good** – Don't discount non-fiction, comics, graphic novels, magazines and leaflets. Reading is reading and it is all good.
5. **Get comfortable!** – Snuggle up somewhere warm and cosy with your child, either in bed, on a beanbag or on the sofa, or make sure they have somewhere comfy when reading alone.
6. **Ask questions** – To keep them interested in the story, ask your child questions as you read such as, 'What do you think will happen next?' or 'Where did we get to last night? Can you remember what had happened already?'
7. **Read whenever you get the chance** – Bring along a book or magazine for any time your child has to wait, such as at a doctor's surgery.
8. **Read again and again** – Encourage your child to re-read favourite books and poems. Re-reading helps to build up fluency and confidence.
9. **Bedtime stories** – Regularly read with your child or children at bedtime. It's a great way to end the day and to spend valuable time with your child.
10. **Rhyme and repetition** – Books and poems which include rhyme and repetition are great for encouraging your child or children to join in and remember the words.



*"Reading is vital for developing the imagination – the ability to stand in other people's shoes and look through other eyes. With a book you can experience other lives, other worlds, other times. Books are the key to opening up opportunities."* Michaela Morgan

*"We need to stop reading being seen as something children just do in school. It needs to be seen as attractive as computers, videogames, films and DVDs and as a fun way to spend free time. Seeing reading as something that happens at home and is shared by everyone in the family is key."* Christopher Edge