

Mexborough St John The Baptist C of E Primary School

Sedgefield Way, Mexborough, South Yorkshire, S64 0BE.



We love and value all of God's children, creating an inclusive environment that helps all to flourish.



25.10.24

To all parents and carers,

As this half term comes to a close, I would like to take a moment to thank you all for entrusting us with your child/ren and your continued support and positivity this half term. The children have settled back to school life wonderfully and it has been a privilege to see them thriving in our school, growing in confidence and sharing their learning. I have hope that this will continue in the next half term. Thank you to the staff team for your hard work and help over the last few weeks. As we know, Christmas is just around the corner! I wish you all a happy and safe half term break.

Mrs Idell

Collective Worship

This week we have looked at hope vs wishes. We discussed the difference between hope and wishes and talked about what we could do to make our hopes become a reality.

Celebration Children

Our celebration children have shown excellent attitudes to their learning so please join us in congratulating them on their achievements.

Well done to this week's Star Learners:	Well done to this week's Star Values:
 A group of seven children in school uniforms standing in a classroom, holding certificates. They are smiling and looking at the camera. The background shows a green chalkboard with numbers and a 'MONEY' sign.	 A group of seven children in school uniforms standing in a classroom, holding certificates. They are smiling and looking at the camera. The background shows a green chalkboard with numbers and stars.

This week's young readers are...

F2: Evie	Y1: Xander	Y3: Oscar	Y4: Corey	Y5: Hollie	Y6: Kyler
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Our wonderful children have chosen a book from our vending machine. Well done everyone for your positive attitude towards reading! Keep up the hard work!



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Whole School Attendance: 94%

This week's attendance scores are below.

Cherry Tree/FS1	84.1%	Willow/Y3	93.9%
Acorn/FS2	82.3%	Maple/Y4	95.1%
Rowan/Y1	86.7%	Chestnut/Y5	90.6%
Cedar/Y2	90%	Oak/Y6	99.6%

Our school attendance target is 96%. **Well done to Y6 for achieving our target.**

Please revisit the communication regarding attendance by visiting

https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/files/ugd/ef9da6_f0d83299378745889fc44faca10a2658.pdf

100% Attenders

Well done to our 100% attenders for this first half term. They have received a certificate, a small prize and 5 dojo's. Keep up the amazing success for the term ahead.

Football Success!

What an amazing performance from MSJ Team! We are through to the final of the Totty Cup. We are super proud of the team work, resilience and respect shown throughout the competition so far. The final will take place in March 2025.

A special thank you goes to Miss Taylor, Miss Stephens & Mr Macaskill for your continued support with the team. Well done everyone!



Harvest Festival

Thank you to everyone who donated food generously to our Harvest Festival. All food donations have now been collected by the local food bank. For more information please visit:

<https://foodawarecic.org.uk/>



Goodbye to Mrs Webb

On Wednesday, Mrs Webb (F2 class) said her final goodbyes to children and staff. It was an emotional day, which is testament to her hard work, commitment and providing the very best start in education for our children.

Thank you for your service, Mrs Webb. We wish you the very best of luck on your next chapter.

Y2 visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park

Yesterday Y2 visited the Yorkshire Sculpture Park. Many thanks to artist Sarah for an outstanding day at YSP. The children learned so much and loved working outdoors in this beautiful setting. Well done Y2! You made us so proud with your enthusiasm and good manners. Your screen-printing efforts were amazing!

Poppy Appeal

Our Y6 children have been busy selling our poppy merchandise this week. Thank you to all that have donated. We have still have reflective and paper poppies left if you want to call to the office to purchase. These will still be available first week back until stocks last.

The suggested donation is £1, but of course if you would like to donate more, they would really appreciate our support.

Coffee Morning

Thank you to parents that attended our coffee morning this week and for your generous donations. We will update you after half term with our next FOS coffee morning date. Thank you to the lovely team at The Proper Ice Cream Company for providing sweet treats! Please do visit the shop on Doncaster Road, Mexborough. You will not be disappointed.

Coming soon..... Christmas Pantomime and Christmas Raffle! We'll keep you posted!

Scholastic Book Club

Booklets came home this week for our online Scholastic Book Club!

Please visit <https://schools.scholastic.co.uk/st.../digital-book-club> to browse the latest books and order online.

The good news is for every £1 you spend on this month's Book Club, our school will earn 20p in Scholastic Rewards to be used towards new books.

Last day to order is 06.11.24. Orders placed will be here in time for Christmas!

Staffing updates

We are pleased to announce we have new staff members joining us next half term.

Teaching Assistants - Mrs Spence-Moore and Miss Gilliver

Midday Supervisor- Mrs Archer.

Please join us in wishing them a warm welcome to Team MSJ

Children in Need

It's Children in Need on Friday 15th November. To show our support children are invited to be 'SPOTacular' (non-uniform with spots). Please send a 50p donation to class.

Provisional Christmas Dates

Yes, we really are thinking about Christmas! Please see the dates below for key Christmas dates, please add them to your diary.

We will update specifics nearer the time.

EYFS performance – TBC

KS1 performance – 17th December at 1:30pm & 18th December at 09:15am

KS2 performance – 17th December at 09:15am & 18th December at 1:30pm

Y3 & Y4 - Christingle Service – TBC

Christmas Fayre – 11th December – 2pm-4pm

Health and Safety

We love to see children walk, ride and scooter to school. It's a great form of exercise and of course a brilliant start to the day. However, please ensure children are not riding bikes/scooters within the school grounds. Please disembark before arriving at the school gates. If your child walks to/from school alone, please discuss this at home. This is for the benefit of all on site, especially young children and families.

Have a great half term!

Key Dates

October 24

Friday 25th

Break up for half term

Thursday 31st

Closing date for secondary school applications

November 24

Monday 4th

Return to school

Friday 15th

Children in Need. SPOTacular theme/non uniform.

*Term dates & inset dates available here: <https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/term-dates>

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