

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.



11.10.24

Collective Worship

This week we have discussed Black History Month: 'Reclaiming Narratives' to acknowledge and celebrate the contributions of black people to British Society.

Black History Month 2024

RECLAIMING NARRATIVES

Matthew 7.1
'Judge not, that you be not judged.'

'Reclaiming Narratives,' focusing on recognising and correcting the stories of Black history and culture and aims to bring more attention to true stories and history.

Think about how we celebrate our school community and difference.

How can we make sure we listen to others' stories with respect and kindness?

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:



E-Mail school@msj.jmat.org.uk
Website: - www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk



This week's young readers are...

F2: Isabelle T	Y1: Imogen	Y2: Daniel	Y3: Emmie	Y4: Riley	Y5: Tapiwa	Y6: Jack W
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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!

Attendance

Whole School Attendance: **94.2%**

This week's attendance scores are below.

Cherry Tree/FS1	91.7%	Willow/Y3	93.9%
Acorn/FS2	82.6%	Maple/Y4	98.7%
Rowan/Y1	98.7%	Chestnut/Y5	93.5%
Cedar/Y2	95.1%	Oak/Y6	98.2%

Our school attendance target is 96%. **Well done to Y1, Y4 & Y6 for achieving our target.**

Please revisit the communication regarding attendance by visiting

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

PremAware Award

Today Mexborough St Johns have been awarded with their PremAware award!

Julia Wing, from Smallest Things, presented Mrs Idell and Mrs Hickman with the award, giving the school its new Prem Aware status.



Totty Cup

A massive well done to MSJ team this week for successfully securing a place in the semi final of the Totty Cup Competition, what an amazing achievement!



World Mental Health Day

This week we have celebrated World Mental Health Day. Yesterday, children and adults wore yellow to show our support and to help raise funds for Young Minds.

We have held assembly's, introduced our 'happiness heroes' to the children and taken part in wellness activities.

Please remember, as part of our curriculum we use the program 'My Happy Mind'. Parents can download the app to access activities and information to help to support children throughout their childhood. To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code 143851 or you can scan the QR code below



If you feel like you need someone to talk to, you can call the Samaritans charity on 116 123 or text SHOUT to 85258. @pandasuk also offer a free online support service.

Y5 Greek Week

Year 5 celebrated all things Greeks this week! We tasted some Greek food, practised our sewing skills and had a go at doing some Greek writing before starting to design our clay pots.



Parents Evening

Thank you to all parent carers who came along to the first parents evening of the school year. Parents' evenings provide you the opportunity to discuss your child's progress and allows us to work together to support them with their learning and development. If you have not managed to meet your child's teacher, please drop them a message via dojo.

World Teachers Day

Last Saturday was World Teachers Day. As school was closed, we have taken time today to show our gratitude. We would like to say a big thank you to all the teachers (and school staff) who arrive every day to create a safe and inspiring environment to allow children to grow and develop through school life.

Thank you messages for class teachers are always welcome and can be emailed to school@msj.jmat.org.uk

School Photographs

Have you ordered your school photos yet? A polite reminder that the closing date for **free delivery** back to school is **Thursday 17th October 2024**. Order through the Tempest website using your unique link or visit www.tempest-orders.co.uk If you need any assistance in ordering your photos, feel free to contact Tempest on 01736 751555 (option 3).

Staff Update

Mrs Webb from F2 will be leaving us at the end of this half term, we wish her well in her next venture.

Mexborough St John's Nursery 'OPEN DAY'!

We are excited to announce that on Tuesday 15th October 3:45 - 4:45pm, we are holding a Nursery and Reception class open day.

Families will have the opportunity to Come along and see our wonderful early years setting, speak to the staff and ask any questions they may have about your child starting school.

Please spread the word to friends and family.

Harvest Festival

The Harvest Festival takes place on Wednesday 16th October at 10:15am. Doors open at 10:00am. Time change communicated via Email and Dojo. Tickets are still available from the office.

Thank you for all donations of non-perishable, canned and/or packet foods received so far.

We hugely appreciate your generosity and thank you for your ongoing support

Secondary Applications

Important Information for Y6 Parent/Carers the link is now available online for you to apply for a Secondary School place for Sept 2025. Please do not leave it too late. Apply now by visiting the link below.

<https://www.doncaster.gov.uk/.../sch.../secondary-admissions>

Closing date for applications is 31 October 2024 - National Offer Date is 3 March 2025

Key Dates

October 24

Tuesday 15 th	Nursery Open Day 3.45-4.45pm
Wednesday 16 th	Harvest Festival. Arrive 10.20am. Start 10.30am. Ticket required.
Thursday 17 th	Y6 Visit Yorkshire Air Museum- please ensure consent is complete.
Tuesday 22 nd	Friends of School Coffee Morning. School bungalow.
Wednesday 23 rd	Flu Immunisation catch up
Thursday 24 th	Y2 Visit to Yorkshire Sculpture Park
Friday 25 th	Break up for half term
Thursday 31 st	Closing date for secondary school applications

November 24

Monday 4 th	Return to school
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*Term dates & inset dates available here: <https://www.mexboroughstjohn.co.uk/term-dates>

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