

Weekly Bulletin 12th December 2025

Upcoming Whole School Dates

Dec	Wed 17th :	Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Lunch
	Friday 19th :	Christmas Church Service
	Friday 19th :	Last day of Term 2
Jan	Mon 5th:	INSET Day
	Tues 6th :	First Day of Term 3

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Whole School Reminder:
We are an allergy aware school.

NO NUTS are to be brought in to school. Thank you.

School Notices

Healthy Snacks

Please provide fruit for snack time rather than crisps or chocolate, as we are a Healthy School.

Dear families,

- **Well done** - to all our Zylo performers this week, who performed their drama and dance shows to their families.
- **Parking Notice** - Please can all families show care and consideration to our neighbours at both ends of the day. Do not obstruct driveways or block other cars in by parking too close. Thank you.
- **Christmas Jumper Day & Festive Lunch - Wednesday 17th December**
Don't forget to wear something festive with school uniform on Wednesday and bring in £1 cash for St. Wilfred's Hospice.
- **Walkers Needed**
We would really appreciate some help walking the children down to the Christmas Service after lunch on the last day of term - Friday 19th December. Do please let the office know if you are able to help.



Thank you for your ongoing support.

Attendance This week: Best attendance: Reception

Reception	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Whole School
99.4%	92.3%	96.5%	94.3%	91%	97.3%	95.8%	95.1%

LIGHT Awards

Well done

to this week's LIGHT award winners:

Bella R

Ammara Y1

Eleri Y2

Isla Y3

Dami Y4

Richard Y5

Matilda Y6

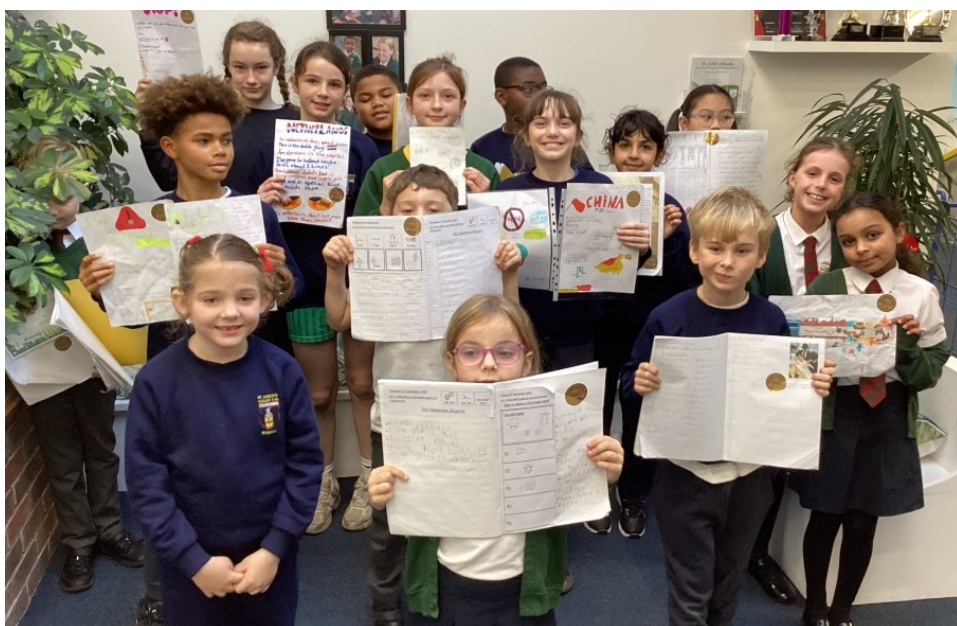


Headteacher Awards

Well done

to our Headteacher's Award inners for excellent work this week:

Richard, Eve, Iris, Edward, Ruby, Lily, Hailey, Kathrin, Imogen, Nathan, Oliver, Tilly, Abigail, Aoibheanna, Aidian.



Value Awards - Independence

Well done

to this term's Value award winners:

Aria R

Emil Y1

Reuben Y2

Kathrin Y3

Jowan Y4

Oisín Y6



Out of School



William, Aidian and William were rewarded for their positive, helpful attitudes and demonstrating teamwork at All Stars Football.

Abigail, Tilly and Grace received badges and certificates for passing the next level of their Lifeguarding awards.



Online Safety & Safeguarding

What parents need to know about AGE RATINGS

If you have children, it is understandable to have concerns about the films and TV shows they watch, as well as the games they play. In this guide, we take a look at the two official ways you can assess if a particular title is suitable for your child. Both the BBFC and PEGI have search facilities on their websites that can be used to look up individual titles so you can check their ratings.

bbfc **PEGI**

RATINGS FOR FILMS, TV & MUSIC VIDEOS

Since 1912, the BBFC (British Board of Film Classification) has informed UK residents of the age suitability of films, TV and music videos - providing parents with the information needed to assess whether or not it is appropriate for their child's age. This applies to cinema releases, DVDs and streaming video services such as Netflix.

WHAT ARE THE BBFC RATINGS?

BBFC ratings are broken down into seven age categories:

- U**: Universal, suitable for all ages
- PG**: Parental Guidance required
- 12**: Suitable for people aged 12 and over
- 12A**: Suitable for people aged 12 and over, any younger child must be accompanied by an adult
- 15**: Suitable for people aged 15 and over
- 18**: Suitable for people aged 18 and over
- R18**: Adult content only available in specially licenced cinemas and specialist retailers

WHAT ELSE CAN BBFC REVEAL?

Accompanied with the age suitability rating, BBFC also provide an additional warning regarding the content and what to expect, such as swearing, sexual content, violence and anything you may consider to be inappropriate for your child. In addition to this, the content is also rated in three levels: frequent, mild or strong.

LIMITATIONS OF BBFC RATINGS

It's important to note that there is no obligation on streaming video services to use or display BBFC ratings. Due to this, we advise that you check the rating online before your child streams the content. It may also be a good idea to watch the content first yourself or discuss it with other parents to help you decide whether or not it is suitable for your child.

RATINGS FOR GAMES

PEGI (Pan European Game Information) is a content rating system that ensures all video games are labelled with a minimum age recommendation. These age recommendations are based on the types of content featured within a game. With each game, PEGI also provide a content descriptor that indicates the potential issues and concerns, including sex, violence, bad language and drugs.

WHAT ARE THE PEGI RATINGS?

PEGI ratings are split into age restriction and content descriptors. Additional 'content descriptors' help parents and children to understand the type of content featured within a particular game, including sex, fear, bad language, discrimination, gambling, drugs, violence, and in-game purchases. In combination, the two different ratings can provide a good level of information to help make informed decisions regarding the suitability for your child.

PEGI age ratings are broken down into five categories:

- 3**: www.pegi.info
- 7**: www.pegi.info
- 12**: www.pegi.info
- 16**: www.pegi.info
- 18**: www.pegi.info

PEGI content descriptors are broken down into eight categories:

- Violence
- Bad Language
- In-Game Purchases
- Discrimination
- Sex
- Drugs
- Alcohol
- Tobacco

LIMITATIONS OF PEGI RATINGS

It's possible for young people to buy games online without a required proof of age, opening them up to age-inappropriate content without you knowing. We advise that you regularly monitor your child's gaming activities and maintain a honest and healthy dialogue with them about the online world.

PARENTAL CONTROLS

It is a good idea to put in place parental controls for all online accounts which your child may use to purchase or download online games e.g. The App Store, Google Play Store, PlayStation Store and Microsoft Xbox Store etc.

Source: www.bbfc.co.uk Source: www.pegi.info

NOS National Online Safety *A whole school community approach to online safety*
www.nationalonlinesafety.com
 Email us at hello@nationalonlinesafety.com or call us on 0800 368 8061

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YOU'RE INVITED TO OUR:

Community Christmas Meal



ST. ELISABETHS



Saturday 20th December 2025

2:00pm - 4:00pm

St. Elisabeth Church, 268 Victoria Drive, BN20 8QX

Join us for a festive Community Christmas meal in partnership with the Eastbourne Foodbank bringing the community together for a delicious holiday feast!

To book a space please scan the QR code above or use this link:
<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/1956136660409?aff=oddtcreator>

A festive, fun and free event aimed at families using the foodbank or receiving pupil premium.

There will be: A turkey dinner, Christmas pudding or apple pie with cream, A Christmas goodie bag handed over by Santa for everyone who attends, A free raffle to win a Christmas hamper, Christmas music from a live singer.

Please book using the link below. Places will go on a first come first served basis.

Children need to be accompanied by a responsible adult and places need to be booked for each person attending.

Here is the link to book:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/community-christmas-meal-in-partnership-with-foodbank-tickets-1956136660409?aff=oddtcreator>