

# St. John's Church of England Academy



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## Newsletter

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Year 5 performed 'The Widows Mite'  
(Luke 21:1-4)

### Harvest Celebration

Harvest is about sharing and each class performed either a small play, recited poems or prayers in celebration. Thank you everyone who attended church and for donating so generously to our Africa appeal!



Children with their gifts for Africa.



### Top Team

Meet our newly elected Head/Deputy Head boys and girls! Fulfilling these roles successfully is a very challenging task requiring excellent communication skills, initiative and impeccable role models for the rest of the school in all aspects. We are sure they will do a fantastic job. Millie and Thomas had their first duty to perform this week. They met the Basic Skills As-

essor, who was very impressed with their confident and informative answers.

## Time for Tea...and Coffee!

Foundation held an annual MacMillan Coffee Morning on Wednesday. The children delighted their families by singing songs about cakes and cups of tea! Mrs Lambert raised awareness of the clear link between children being able to recite nursery rhymes and their future success as a reader. Hence Nursery and Reception class are having a Nursery Rhyme Challenge! Many thanks for the wonderful support with the raffle and cakes; special thanks to our P.F.A. We managed to raise an impressive £186.00!



## VINDOLANDA

On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> September Years Three and Four visited Vindolanda, a Roman Fort near Hadrian's wall, and the Roman Army Museum at Carvoran. This allowed the children to explore a fantastic Roman site and imagine what life would have been like in the north of England during the Roman occupation. We found out how archaeologists work to discover how the Romans lived through the artefacts that they left behind, and examined replica artefacts at the Roman Army Museum. The children all learned a lot from the experience of walking in the footsteps of real people from history. Thank you to all the parents who came with us to support the children's learning. Do have a look at [www.vindolanda.com](http://www.vindolanda.com) to see what we discovered!



## SEN Information

You may have heard that the government has made some changes to the way that children with Special Educational Needs or Disabilities (SEND) are supported under the new Code of Practice which came into force on 1st September 2014.

At St. John's we have always worked hard to ensure that every child has equal access to an outstanding curriculum, and this will not change. We are using this opportunity to review our policy in partnership with parents, carers, children, staff and governors. If you would like to be involved, we would be delighted to hear from you.

6.10.14	National Poetry Week
13.10.14	Book Fair (all week)
16.10.14	Parent open afternoon/evening
17.10.14	Parent open afternoon (not evening)
23.10.14	Y3 WW1 visit to Head of Steam - 1pm - 3pm
23.10.14	Autumn Disco
24.10.14	Break up for half term
Tuesday 4.11.14	Return to school (Monday teacher training day)
14.11.14	'Brighter Biker' Day for Children in Need
17.11.14	Anti-bullying and e-safety week
25.11.14	School Photographer
27.11.14	Y6 Fire Safety Carousel visit

**Just to reassure parents the planned strike action on 14th October will not effect St. John's.**

Overall attendance for W/C 22.9.10	
Reception	97%
Year 1	97.1%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	98.4%
Year 5	98.8%
Year 6	98.9%

Well done to all classes for excellent attendance so far!

There is a new Lexia app available **free** from the app store. Lots of the children use Lexia at school to help them with phonics and spelling. Use the following email address to access the program [scottquinn1983@virginmedia.com](mailto:scottquinn1983@virginmedia.com) Once you are on the site, log in the same as you would in school.