

St Sebastian's CoE Primary School

Fortnightly Newsletter (Friday 16th January 2026)



Through our Christian Values, we strive to create an inclusive nurturing community where everyone can flourish, unlock their potential and widen their horizons.

Happy New Year!

Lovely to see everyone back in school and ready to learn after their Christmas break.

We have enjoyed seeing a bit of snow and having a chance to make snowmen last week, even if they were very small!

We have been thinking about the value of Aspiration this term. The children have been writing their own aspirations for the year including some great ideas about 'helping more at home', 'reading more books' and 'improving handwriting'. I am looking forward to seeing them aspiring to make these happen.



We have also been learning about the history of our school bell which arrived just before Christmas courtesy of a very generous donation from the Worth Waynfleet Trust. This is currently next to the office if you want to come and see it. The bell was rescued from Birchwood Lodge in Malvern. This house was lived in by the famous English composer, Edward Elgar. We considered the aspiration of Elgar to write music in his beautiful house and our aspiration of building the bell tower.

We look forward to seeing many of you in church at our Shine service on Friday 30th January. We will be celebrating our Stars as usual but also will be lighting our Christingles and thinking about the symbolism of the different elements. The children will be able to bring these home at the end of the service.

Please can I remind parents to park considerately of local residents and other road users. We have been informed of an incident where a private drive has been blocked by a parent and an altercation that happened afterwards. School is unable to get involved in matters off the school site however, parking enforcement frequently visit the road outside school and have issued tickets in the past. Please also consider the impact of verbal altercations on passing pupils and families.



Many thanks for your continued support.

Mrs Bedford



Term Dates

**Giraffes Bomber
Command Trip**

Koala D.T afternoon

Tuesday 27th January

Shine in Church

Friday 30th January

**Tigers at Marston for
Indian Experience**

Tuesday 3rd February

**Elephants Space Centre
Trip**

Thursday 5th February

Swimarathon

Friday 6th February

Last Day of Term

Friday 13th February

KS1 Class News

Pandas— As part of our 'Amazing Animals' topic we have have learned about animals that live in cold and hot parts of the world. We read the stories the Emperors Egg to help us learn about empires penguins and read Handa's Surprise then had lots of fun tasting fruits from the story.



Koalas— Koala class have come back to school ready to learn and enjoying their new topics. They have been loving gymnastics in PE using and developing their movement skills and different ways of travelling. Well done everyone!



Polar Bears— Polar Bears have been investigating how to create different colours and textures in their art lessons this term.

They are also enjoying their lessons on pirates... Yo ho ho!

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This term our Christian Value is 'Aspirations'

"I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." Jeremiah 29:11

KS2 Class News

Tigers— What a great start to 2026 we have had in Tigers Class. In English we have been learning about Floella Benjamin and are looking forward to writing up our fact files tomorrow. In DT will be making our own cushions later in the term and have been practicing our cross stitch and appliqué skills! Yesterday we had an exciting science lesson using chocolate to help us understand different rock formations.



Penguins— In music this term, Penguin's are learning to play the trumpet and trombone! These lessons are being taught by Mr Swift from Lincolnshire Music Service. They are all enjoying learning a new skill.

Elephants— This week we have been exploring the Amazon rainforest. We have already started to look at the rainforest biome and have started reading our English text, 'Explorers' by Katherine Rundell.

Giraffes— As part of our Science topic – How can we see round corners? The Year 6's have been creating lego mazes and then, with mirrors and torches, seeing if they can reflect the light to a specific point, proving that light travels in straight lines. We will be following this up by photographing our mazes then using them as a diagram in our books and adding labels showing the direction of the light from the source.



Inspire + Assembly



This morning, we had a fantastic assembly with Inspire+ ambassador Joe Roebuck. Joe is a former competitive swimmer and came into school to inspire us to continue working towards our goals, even when they might seem to be out of reach. Well done to our Bronze Ambassadors for welcoming Joe into our school and participating in his assembly.

Special Mention

Isaac, Max C, Zach, Rowan,
Alyssa, Lexie, Mitchell



25 Values Points

Emilie, Oakley, Josh, George D, Max J

50 Values Points

Zach, Gruff, Amelie Ba, Oliver P-H

Panathlon

On Thursday a group of children attended a Panathlon event run by inspire+. They all did so well playing a variety of multi skill games, gaining us a second place position!

We are so impressed with their sportsmanship throughout.

Well done team!



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