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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

# Newsletter Summer Term

## Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another academic year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership throughout the year.

This year has been filled with many achievements, special moments, and memorable milestones. From academic progress and sporting success to creative performances and community events, our children have once again demonstrated resilience, enthusiasm, and a true love of learning. Their achievements are a testament to the dedication of our staff and the strong support system provided by our families.

It has been a hard week for many with the incident in the local community over the weekend but together as a school family we have supported the children and helped them to feel safe and secure as always in school. The children have all been really mature about it and managed their emotions well.

Over the last few weeks, we have talked with the children about how to keep themselves safe over the summer. This includes water safety, keeping safe on line, sun safety, telling trusted adults where they are going and road safety.

Our final attendance figure for this year is 92.87%. This has increased from last year, which was 91.26%, thank you for your support with this. Our persistent absence figure has also improved! Last year it was 32.4% and this year it is 23.3% - I am so impressed with this improvement and we will continue to work with those who are persistently absent in September. Persistent absence is when your child's attendance is below 90%. Remember, the government's target for school attendance in England is 95%. Let's have a good go at this in September!

I wish you all a restful and peaceful summer break. Enjoy valuable time with family and friends. Keep safe and we look forward to seeing you all in September. School reopens for all children in Years 1 - 6 on **Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025**.

Best wishes,  
Mr Blackburn.

### Staffing Update:

Today we say a goodbye to Mrs Daji who has taught in Violet Class at St John's over the last year. All the best for the future Mrs Daji.

We also want to express our best wishes to Mrs Croisdale who will be working at Lindley Infants as Deputy Headteacher for the next year. We will welcome Mrs Croisdale back to St John's later next year. All the best wishes from us all.

I am pleased to announce that Mr Carl Clarkson has been appointed as Class Teacher for Year 5. Welcome to St John's. This means our staffing structure for 2025 - 2026 is now complete. Please see below:

**Red Class** - Reception - Mrs Rowbotham and Miss Houlihan

**Orange Class** - Year 1 - Mrs Brunton and Miss Houlihan

**Yellow Class** - Year 2 - Mrs Edwards

**Green Class** - Year 3 - Mrs Mason

**Blue Class** - Year 4 - Mrs Wilks and Mrs Wood

**Violet Class** - Year 4/5 - Mr Toon

**Bronze Class** - Year 5 - Mr Clarkson

**Silver Class** - Year 6 - Mr McKinna and Mrs Banham.

### Parent Governors:

Our parent governors for next year will be the same as this year; Mr Valli and Miss Hussain. Like our Chair, they can be contacted via the school office, in line with the school's policy.

### Fundraising:

The summer fayre raised a fantastic amount of £900. The sponsored walk raised a grand total of £900 and the Wizard of Oz brought in £300. Other smaller fundraising activities in the last few weeks also raised a total of £230. This means £2300 has been raised this term towards the development of the playground, which will be done in the new term! Thank you everyone for your support and generous donations.

### St John's Pre-School:

Many of you will know Lorraine Pearson from St John's Under 5's playgroup who has worked there for many many years, serving our community well. Today she retires from her role. I am sure you will join us in saying a fond farewell and all the best for a very happy retirement whatever it entails.

### Silver Games Mark:

We are pleased to announced we have been awarded the Silver Games Mark Award for the PE, Sport and play we offer in school. Amazing! Next year we are going for gold!

### PE kits:

From next year, all children on PE days will need to come to school in their kits, dressed with suitable footwear. This means light t-shirts and dark coloured short, tracksuit bottoms or leggings. Teachers will let you know your child's PE days in the first week back after the summer holidays.



### St John's Stars



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|  | Orange Class |
|  | Yellow Class |
|  | Green Class  |
|  | Blue Class   |
|  | Violet Class |
|  | Bronze Class |
|  | Sumayyah     |



### Weekly Attendance

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