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Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 23rd October 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

A great big thank you to everyone who has donated Harvest gifts this year. Your generous giving will be greatly received by members of our local community and also further away as some of the donations will be sent to Africa through Christian African Relief Trust (CART). It was lovely for those parents and carers of children in Early Years and Key Stage 1 who joined us for our Harvest service in church. Apologies we couldn't invite everyone - this is due to us having 238 children now in school and a lack of space.

It has been an extremely busy half term but a great start to the new school year. The children are settled into their new classes. Hopefully all of you who attended the parent meetings this week found them valuable and enjoyed looking in books to see what the children have been learning. We break up today for the half-term holiday. **School is closed tomorrow, Friday, for all children.**

This week's attendance is unfortunately 83.05% which is significantly under the national target. Hopefully after a restful break we can increase this. We end this half term with an overall attendance figure of 92.81%.

Have a lovely half term break and we will see you on Monday 3rd November 2025. Remember school doors close at 8.50am!

Best wishes,
Mr Blackburn.

Parent Meetings:

If you did not attend parent meetings this week, please can you contact class teachers or the school office via ClassDojo to arrange an appointment. We would like to see all parents and carers over the next few weeks if we did not catch up with you this week.

ParentPay:

Please can we ask that you clear ParentPay as soon as possible. Clubs that you may have signed up for are now live and ready for payment. By the end of today, rainbow club and breakfast club will also be up to date.

KS2 ONLY – keep an eye on ParentPay for the upcoming pantomime which will go live shortly. Please ensure you keep on top of ParentPay for school dinners as these are charged, for KS2 parents, each day.

Dates for your diaries:

School reopens –
Monday 3rd
November

School closes for
end of term –
Thursday 18th
December

School reopens –
Monday 5th
January



Phonics and Reading Workshops:

More information will be shared after half-term but please keep the following dates free:

Tuesday 18th November 9.00am - 10.00am: RWI Phonics workshop for Early Years and KS1 parents.

Wednesday 19th November: KS2 Reading workshops. 9.00am for Year 3 and 4. 10.30am for Years 5 and 6.

For both of the above events, you will get chance to see your child learning in the classroom and experience it so you can further support the learning at home.



Christmas Shoebox Appeal:

Operation Christmas Child is a project of Samaritan's Purse. It is a hands-on way for us to help children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, personal care items, school supplies, and fun gifts. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. We are therefore asking you if you would kindly like to donate one small item e.g, pen, socks, notebook, toy etc to please send it in by Friday 7th November. We will then pack the items up into shoe boxes send them off to children who less fortunate than ours at St John's so that they have a lovely surprise on Christmas Day. Please note - no food items are allowed and the gifts do not have to be expensive. Every little helps. If anyone has any spare empty shoeboxes at home then please send these into school as well.



Autumn 2 Dates:

More dates to follow

November:

Friday 14th Children in Need

Friday 21st Non-Uniform Day – bring a bottle

Friday 28th Non-Uniform Day – bring in chocolate

December:

Thursday 4th Christingle Service 2pm

Wednesday 10th EY and KS1 Nativity 2pm

Thursday 11th Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th and Sat 13th Christmas Fayre

Wednesday 17th Christmas Dinner

Thursday 18th Break up for Christmas

Weekly Attendance

	81%
	76%
	93%
	81%
	86%
	77%
	82%
	87%