



Together in love we learn with

Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 3rd October 2025



Dear parents/carers,

This week, we have continued thinking deeper about our school values and have focused, in particular, on the value of forgiveness. Children have been encouraged to think of a time at home and in school when they have had to forgive someone. Children have been learning about how hard it can sometimes be to forgive but it is a value and skill that we all need to learn. This week we have been really impressed with how everyone has been in Maths lessons - super learning everyone! Keep it up!

Attendance is 94.10% this week, which has dropped in comparison to last week. Then government target is 96% and we need to keep aiming for this in the coming weeks.

Have a great weekend everyone and see you on Monday.

Mr Blackburn.

Dates for your diaries:

World Mental Health Day -
Friday 10th October

Individual School Photo - Friday 17th October

Parent's Evening -
Tuesday 21st &
Wednesday 22nd October

Harvest Festival -
Thursday 23rd October

School closes for half term -
Thursday 23rd October

School reopens -
Monday 3rd November

School closes for end of term -
Thursday 18th December

School reopens -
Monday 5th January

Staffing Update:

Unfortunately, Mrs Mason, teacher in Green Class, has decided to move on to pastures new after Christmas this year. When the time comes, we are sure you will join us in wishing her all the best for the future. Over the next few weeks, we will be recruiting a new member of staff to teach Year 3 from January 2026. We will keep you posted with any developments and ensure the handover to the new teacher runs smoothly.



Leave of Absence:

We have had a significant increase in families taking leave since we came back to school in September. Please can we remind you that holidays **will not** be authorised during term time and fines will be administered. This is in line with Kirklees, Learning Accord and DfE guidance. Fines currently stand at £80 per child, per parent for the first offence and £160 per parent, per child for the second offence within 3 years. Leaves of Absence significantly impact your child's attendance, thus, impacting the whole school figure too. Please consider whether your Leave of Absence in term time is absolutely necessary.

World Mental Health Day - Friday 10th October:

On Friday 10th October, all children are invited to wear a yellow accessory to school in support of World Mental Health Day. Full school uniform must be worn with accessory.



Harvest Festival:

Please join us in St John's Church on **Thursday 23rd October** at 10am for our Harvest Festival. Please note we will be having one whole school Harvest Festival to bring everyone together, but are just asking parents/carers of children in Red, Orange and Yellow classes due to the space in Church.

If you wish to donate any dry, tinned, long-life and ambient goods i.e. tinned food (vegetables, fruit, meat, fish), rice, tea/coffee, drinks, pasta or cereal, please do so from Monday 20th October. Any donations collected will be sent to CART and a local food bank.

PARENTS
EVENING

Parent's Evening:

Parent's Evening booking will go live next week. You should all receive an email which allows you to book your slot. This is a new system this year, so, please ensure you check both your inbox and junk folder just to be sure. If you don't receive an email, please contact the office and we will book your appointment for you.

Parent's Evening is over two evenings after school:

- Tuesday 21st October – 3.30 – 5pm.
- Wednesday 22nd October – 3.30 – 7pm.

Please ensure you book as soon as possible as appointments will go on a first come basis. We hope you are looking forward to this.

INSET Day:

Just a reminder that school will be **CLOSED** to pupils on **Friday 24th October** for INSET day. Children will finish for half term on Thursday 23rd October and return on Monday 3rd November.

Coats:

Children must wear a coat to school each day. As we enter colder months and especially at this time of year when the weather changes so suddenly it is an integral part of uniform for your child.



St John's Stars



Red	Dolcie-Rose
Orange	Ahmadraza
Yellow	Arhaan
Green	Haamid
Blue	Grace
Purple	Leah
Brown	Alicia
Grey	Shahmeer



Weekly Attendance

Red	95%
Orange	96%
Yellow	93%
Green	93%
Blue	92%
Purple	99%
Brown	94%
Grey	90%