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## Newsletter Spring Term

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of this half term, I want to thank you all for your continued support during what has been an incredibly busy and productive few weeks in school. The children have worked exceptionally hard across all year groups, showing real determination in their learning and making strong progress. Staff have been so impressed by their resilience, focus, and enthusiasm.

I am also pleased to share that our attendance has improved overall this half term, despite a number of different illnesses and viruses circulating in school. Thank you for your efforts in ensuring children are in school whenever they are well enough—every day really does make a difference. For this week alone our attendance is 92.67%

A particular highlight of this week was the group of children who represented our school at the Mrs Sunderland singing event at Huddersfield Town Hall. They had a wonderful experience performing on such a grand stage. Mrs Brunton and Mrs Karani said it was lovely to see the confidence and passion they have developed through choir sessions with Mrs Rowbotham and how much they enjoyed their morning out singing with children from across Kirklees.

Year 5 also enjoyed a fantastic visit to Dewsbury Minster on Tuesday, where they took part in the Easter Journey event. The children were fully engaged throughout, and staff were incredibly proud of the thoughtful and reflective answers they gave during the five reflection tasks. It was a meaningful experience that helped deepen their understanding of the Easter story.

The art festival we held last week in Church has raised school £110. We hope you enjoyed this event.

Thank you once again for your ongoing support. I hope you all enjoy a restful and well-deserved half-term break, and we look forward to welcoming the children back refreshed and ready for more learning ahead.

Best wishes,  
Mr Blackburn.

#### Dates for your diaries:

School closes for half term – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February

School reopens – Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

School closes for end of term – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March

School reopens – Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

School Closed for Bank Holiday – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May

School closes for half term – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

School reopens – Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June

School closes for end of term – Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July

#### Parents Evening:

Thank you to all parents and carers who attended our Parents' Evening appointments on Wednesday and Thursday this week. It was wonderful to see such a strong turnout, and we hope you found the new set-up - holding all meetings together in the hall - convenient and welcoming. If you were unable to attend for any reason, please contact the school office via ClassDojo, in person, or by phone to arrange an appointment after the half-term break. Our staff really value these opportunities to talk about your child's progress and next steps. Thank you to all those who also completed the parents' questionnaire at Parents' Evening. We look forward to collating the responses and feeding back to you in the coming weeks the actions we have taken to act on your feedback.

### Huddersfield Town:

We were delighted that over 200 members of our school community joined us at the Huddersfield Town match last weekend. It was a fantastic family experience for supporters of all ages, and the 2-2 draw certainly added to the excitement! We are extremely grateful to Huddersfield Town for providing the tickets free of charge and giving our children and families such a memorable opportunity. We look forward to more brilliant experiences through the Huddersfield Town School Sports Partnership in the future.



### Staffing Update - Thank you and Goodbye Mrs Dransfield:

This week we said a very fond farewell to Mrs Dransfield, who has spent over 20 years as an ETA at St John's. As a long-serving and highly valued member of our staff team, she has supported every single child who has passed through Reception during her time with us. We are incredibly sad to see her leave, but she certainly deserves a long, happy, and well-earned retirement. We hope she will come back and visit us often! As this week has been exceptionally busy with various events, opportunities to say goodbye were limited, so Mrs Dransfield will be back in school on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February for the children to give her a special farewell.



### Parking:

We must once again remind parents and carers not to stop or park on the zig-zag lines or pavements outside school during drop-off and pick-up times. Several parents have contacted us recently to say they are genuinely worried about their child's safety when cars mount pavements. Please help us keep all children, families, and staff safe by parking in designated areas and walking the short distance to school. Your cooperation makes a real difference.



### Swimming Pool:

We are excited to share that the pop-up swimming pool arrived on the school grounds today and will be fully constructed over the half-term holidays. This fantastic provision is delivered by Beyond the Physical, one of our highly supportive partners, and will enable both Year 4 and Year 5 children to take part in swimming lessons after the break, along with additional after-school swimming clubs. While the pool is being built and throughout next half-term, please take extra care on the playground, as space will be more limited than usual. We also ask that everyone keeps well away from the construction area to ensure safety at all times. We are really looking forward to offering this brilliant opportunity to our pupils.

### Lost Property:

We have collected a large amount of lost property in school over this half term. If you think your child may have misplaced any items, please check the lost property bin located in the entrance from the main school playground. As we head into the next half term, we kindly remind all parents and carers to clearly label all clothing and personal belongings with your child's name and class. This makes it much easier for us to return items quickly. Thank you to everyone who has already done this—it really does help!

### Year 6 Booster Sessions:

A reminder to parents and carers that Year 6 bespoke SATs Booster sessions will begin the week after half term. Mr McKinna has circulated letters this week outlining the specific days and times your child has been invited to attend. These sessions are designed to give targeted support and build confidence ahead of the SATs, and attending will really make a difference to the children's progress and preparedness. Thank you for your support in encouraging your child to take part.



### St John's Stars



Red	Elizahnoor
Orange	Zohan
Yellow	Whole Class
Green	Hadi
Blue	Anam
Purple	Yusuf
Brown	Aadam
Grey	Aria-Lee



### Weekly Attendance

Red	92%
Orange	92%
Yellow	93%
Green	96%
Blue	90%
Purple	97%
Brown	95%
Grey	94%