



Together in love we learn with

Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Spring Term

Friday 16th January 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been encouraging children to further develop their Growth Mindset - thinking positively, to achieve a goal. On Thursday, it was lovely to welcome Reverend Caroline into Collective Worship for the first time in 2026. The focus was on helping children to no longer be afraid and be brave. Year 1 have enjoyed having scooter lessons this week and Year 3 have been experimenting with selecting and combining materials to create textural and visual effects in Art. Reception Class have enjoyed learning about Tim Peake and his missions to space.

We have had a big push on ensuring corridors around school are silent and children walk at all times as part of 'Wonderful Walking' at St John's. We have some special stickers for rewarding this in order to help ensure that our corridors around school are as calm as possible for all.

We have finally achieved 96% attendance for this week! Huge well done everyone! We actually achieved 96.76% - let's keep this up.

Have a lovely weekend.
Mr Blackburn.

Governor Update:

After leading our governing body for over 5 years, Mrs Vicki Nordoff has stepped down from her role as Chair of Governors. Mrs Nordoff will still remain on the Governing Body and we welcome Mrs Susan Smithson as Chair of The Governing Body with immediate effect. As always, our Chair of Governors can be contacted if needed through the school office who will pass on your concerns. A huge thank you to Mrs Nordoff for all she has done and how she has supported school during her time as Chair, which includes the school getting 'Good' in all areas of Ofsted, a very successful SIAMs outcome, conversion to a primary school and academy conversion. Thank you Mrs Nordoff, for your time and efforts supporting Mr Blackburn and the team at St John's.

Parents Evening:

We have been made aware that the dates for Parents Evening this year fall during Ramadan. Apologies for this. As a result, we are moving the date to **Wednesday 11th February 2026 until 5pm and Thursday 12th February 2026 until 7pm**. Apologies for the inconvenience caused. Further information will be shared via the school office.

Dates for your diaries:

Parents' Evening -
Wednesday 11th
February until 5pm

Parents' Evening -
Thursday 12th
February until 7pm

School closes for
half term -
Friday 13th
February

School reopens -
Monday 23rd
February

School closes for
end of term -
Friday 27th March

School reopens -
Monday 13th April

School Closed for
Bank Holiday -
Monday 4th May

School closes for
half term -
Friday 22nd May

School reopens -
Tuesday 2nd June

School closes for
end of term -
Friday 17th July

Volunteers:

School are desperately looking again for volunteers to come and listen to children read, especially with our younger children in school who benefit so much from reading to adults. Thank you so much to parents and carers who have expressed an interest in this opportunity. If you have a passion for reading, want to increase your experience of working with children or just want to support us in school then please get in touch with Mr Blackburn via the school office in person or by ClassDojo. Even if you can only give up an hour a week. We would love to hear from you. You are required to have a DBS check done, which is done via school.

Residential:

Next week, Wednesday 21st January to Friday 23rd January, some Year 6 children will be on their residential to Robinwood. Have an amazing time and we cannot wait to hear all about it. Staff will keep parents in Year 6 posted with updates and pictures via ClassDojo. Children who are not attending the residential must attend school as normal.

Road Safety and Parking:

Please do NOT park on the Zigzag lines or stop and drop off near them or on the crossing outside of school. We are aware of some parents and carers who have received fines for doing so. Doing so can put your child's and other children's lives at risk!

Attendance:

Once again we want to remind you about the importance of good attendance at school. If your child misses school, look what this means in terms of how much learning time they miss.

Percentage Attendance	The pupil will miss
95%	1 day a month, Almost 2 weeks a year 2 and half months between years 7 – 11 3 and half months between Reception and Year 6
90%	1 half day a week, 2 days per month 1 month in a school year 5 months between years 7 – 11 7 months between Reception and Year 6
85%	1 and half days a fortnight, 3 days per month Almost 1 and half months in a school year Almost 8 months between years 7 – 11 11 months between Reception and Year 6
80%	1 day a week, 1 week in every 5 weeks Over 2 months in a school year 1 year between years 7 – 11 1 year and 2 months between Reception and Year 6

Art Week:

Our annual Art Week is coming up on Monday 26th January to Friday 30th January. 'Art, Technology and the World Around Us' – Following the success of last year's CUSP Art Festival, we are delighted to confirm that the whole school will be participating again. Every class will enjoy learning new techniques and will produce amazing, creative art work. We will join other schools and Artists from our curriculum partnership for live lessons and projects, sharing our successes at each step, culminating in an individual and a collaborative piece. The Whole School Art Exhibition will take place the following week, details will be shared next week.

Art Festival 2026



Art Festival

What is art and why is it so important to the world?

26-30 January 2026



St John's Stars



Red	Almas
Orange	Hidayah
Yellow	Ayaana
Green	Adam
Blue	M.Hamzah
Purple	Jackson
Brown	Fatimah
Grey	Sumayyah



Weekly Attendance

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