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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Summer Term

Friday 17th April 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the summer term. I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Easter holiday and that our children are feeling refreshed and ready for the exciting term ahead. It has been lovely to see the children return to school this week with such positive attitudes, smiles, and enthusiasm for learning.

The summer term is always a busy and rewarding time, filled with opportunities for children to really show us what they can do and how much they have progressed this year. We have talked a lot about this during Collective Worship this week where we have revisited our vision and values, re-read our whole school story 'Rain Before Rainbows' and discussed how to overcome challenges we may face along the journey this term. We are very much looking forward to supporting them as they continue to develop confidence, curiosity, and a love of learning.

Attendance for this week is 94.55%. We must strive to increase this whole school attendance over the coming weeks.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and partnership. We are proud of the strong relationships we share with our families and community, and we look forward to another successful term together.

Best wishes,
Mr Blackburn.

Dates for your diaries:

SUMMER DATES
TO FOLLOW
SHORTLY

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



Lateness:

We would like to remind parents and carers that lateness is not acceptable and continues to be a significant concern. This week, lateness has been particularly poor. On Tuesday alone, over 25 children arrived late to school, missing out on vital learning at the start of the day. This has a direct impact on children's progress, routines and wellbeing.

Arriving late to school can disadvantage children both academically and emotionally. It disrupts their learning, affects their confidence, and can be unsettling for them as they miss important instructions and calm starts to the day.

School leaders will be monitoring lateness very closely moving forward. Where children are regularly arriving late, meetings will be arranged with parents and carers to discuss concerns and to ensure that children receive the full, uninterrupted education they are entitled to.

We thank the majority of families who ensure their children arrive on time each day and ask all parents and carers to work with us to make punctuality a priority.

KS2 End of Year Performance:

We are delighted to announce that this year's KS2 end-of-year performance will be ***Oliver with a Twist***, following on from the success of *The Wizard of Oz* - St John's first ever end-of-year production last year. We are excited to continue building this as an annual event and look forward to another fantastic celebration of talent, confidence, and teamwork. The children were told about the production during Collective Worship this week and there was a real buzz of excitement. We will be sharing further information with the children about auditions in the coming weeks. Performance dates have been confirmed as **Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th July**, with more information to follow soon.

KS2

Attendance Rewards:

To help promote good attendance in school, we will continue using this term the following rewards for good attendance. We do recognise children are ill from time to time so 100% for everyone is not realistic. We therefore want everyone to be **at least 96%**, many of whom are.

These rewards include:

Photos of children on a Star Attenders board for those who were 96% or above in the previous half term. In Spring 2 this was 129 children. Well done everyone. These children will also receive recognition through a message sent to you as parents and carers via ClassDojo.

Whole school Monopoly board - each week any class with 96% or above will get to roll a dice and win a prize for their team once they have moved their counter on and found where they have landed. Take a look the next time you are in the hall. We share class attendance each week via the newsletter.

Ladder in the hall - each week the classes are ranked from best to worst attendance that week. The winning two classes get an extra session either on the climbing equipment or in the ball court on the following Monday.

Summer Term Dates:

We are just confirming dates and arrangements for some events taking place in the summer term. Once these are confirmed over the coming week, we will share key dates with you for the Summer Term via the newsletter next week.



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Volunteers:

This week it has been lovely to welcome new volunteers into school. Thank you so much and we look forward to working with you. We would like each class to have a parent/carer volunteer attached to them. We are looking for people who can listen to children read for at least 1 hour per week. Attached to a class would also mean that we would invite you on school trips with that class, invite you in to join in with special events such as parties, baking/cooking events, sports events etc. If this is appealing to you, we would love to hear from you! Please contact the school office or see Mr Blackburn/Class teachers. Thank you in advance.

Importance of keeping up with ParentPay balances:

A reminder to clear all ParentPay balances by the end of each week. Please can we ask that no debt is carried forward each week. Payment items include: school meals, breakfast club, rainbow club, after school clubs and trips. It is really important as we start a new term, accounts do not incur any debt.



Well done to Ava for winning the healthy plate competition!

★ **St John's Stars** ★

	Saara
	Mahaam
	Aaiza
	Tyler
	Emaadudeen
	Yusuf & Yahya
	Bronze Class
	Arib



Weekly Attendance

	93%
	90%
	99%
	93%
	95%
	97%
	93%
	96%