

Friday 10th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic week it has been at St John's!

I would like to begin by congratulating all of the children who took part in our wonderful production of **Oliver with a Twist**. The performances were truly outstanding and showcased the incredible talent, confidence and teamwork of our pupils. Whether singing, narrating, acting or performing as part of the choir, every child played an important role in making the show such a success. The effort, dedication and enthusiasm shown throughout rehearsals and performances was remarkable. Well done, everyone – you should be incredibly proud of yourselves. We are already looking forward to next year's production for those who will still be with us. Year 6 and parents/carers - you will be welcome to come back and watch!

A huge extra special mention must go to **Moni** and **Aria-Lee** for their exceptional solo singing performances as **Oliver** and **Dodger**. Their confidence, stage presence and vocal performances were simply amazing and captivated the audience. Well done to both of you!

Today is our **Summer Fayre**, and I would like to thank everyone in advance for your generous donations, support and spending at the event. We are incredibly grateful for the kindness and generosity of our school community. The money raised helps us provide additional opportunities, resources and experiences for our children that we would not otherwise be able to offer, and every contribution makes a real difference.

On Tuesday, children also enjoyed visiting their new classrooms and meeting their teachers in preparation for September. It was lovely to see the excitement and enthusiasm as they took this important step towards the next stage of their learning journey at St John's. We know this transition experience will help children feel confident and ready for the new school year. All children should have now brought home their school report. Please contact us if not.

Finally, I would like to wish all of our families a wonderful weekend. We look forward to welcoming everyone back next week for the **final week of the school year**, with more opportunities to celebrate another successful year at St John's.

Best wishes,
Mr Blackburn.

Congratulations - Mr Toon:

We are delighted to share the wonderful news that Mr Toon and his wife welcomed a beautiful baby boy, Clark, in the early hours of last Friday morning. I am sure you will join us in sending our warmest congratulations, love and best wishes to the whole family. We hope that Mr and Mrs Toon, along with proud big brother, enjoy every precious moment with their new arrival as they begin this exciting new chapter together. We are pleased to report that mum and baby are both doing well, and we know that the St John's community will want to wish them happiness and health as they settle into family life. Mr Toon will be coming into school on **Friday 17th July** to say a special goodbye to the children in Violet Class before the summer holidays. In the meantime, Mrs Hunnisett will be covering Violet Class, and we know the children will continue to work hard and make her feel very welcome. Congratulations once again from everyone at St John's – we are thrilled for you all!

Staffing Update:

Please see the staffing for September:

Red (Reception) – Mrs Rowbotham
Orange (Y1) – Mrs Brunton
Yellow (Y2) – Mr Toon & Miss Houlihan
Green (Y3) – Miss Lunat
Blue (Y4) – Mrs Wilks & Mrs Wood
Violet (Y5) – Mr Clarkson
Bronze (Y5/6) – Mrs Edwards
Silver (Y6) – Mr McKinna

Unfortunately, it is that time of year again where we have to say our goodbyes and well wishes to some members of staff. Firstly, Mrs A Saleem will be moving on to a new school after over 13 years as a Lunchtime Supervisor and also more recently as a support member of staff in class. Miss Nash will also be moving on to pastures new after teaching in Green Class this year. Finally, Mrs Croisdale, who many of you will remember took up a secondment this time last year, will be officially leaving us to take up a management post at Lindley Infant School. We would like to thank all of them for their hard work over the years. The children will give their thanks and say their goodbyes to them in the coming week in school. Thank you and good luck to them all from the St John's family.

Dates for your diaries:

Summer Fayre –
Friday 10th July
2.30pm

Picnic Day –
Friday 17th July
12pm

School closes for
end of term –
Friday 17th July

Return to school –
Wednesday 2nd
September



YEAR 6

Year 6 Events:

Various events are taking place for the Year 6 children in their final week of term. Please see and check your class letter sent home a few weeks ago. Mr McKinna will repost this on ClassDojo for you. The Leavers Assembly will be on Thursday 16th July at 9.15am. Please note due to space - health and safety reasons, only Year 6 parents and carers will be allowed to attend this event and only 2 adults per Year 6 child.

Last Day Arrangements:

All parents and carers are invited to our annual picnic day on the last day, **Friday 17th July**, at 12pm. Hopefully the weather will continue to be good.

At 12.45pm the school community will form a guard of honour weaving around the playground and we will clap and say a final farewell to all the Year 6 children. The rest of the school will then go back into school and children can be collected from their normal classroom doors at 1.15pm.



Uniform Expectations for September 2026:

As the year has progressed, some families may have forgotten our uniform expectations. As we prepare for the new school year, we would like to remind everyone of the items that make up our school uniform. All items can be branded or unbranded.

School Uniform:

Navy blue jumper or cardigan

White polo shirt

Dark grey trousers, skirt or shorts

Dark shoes or trainers

Optional Items:

Dark grey pinafore dress

Blue and white checked summer dress

At St John's, we are committed to maintaining high standards in all aspects of school life, including presentation and uniform. From September, we will be taking a stricter approach to ensure that all children are dressed appropriately and take pride in representing our school.

Children who regularly arrive at school without the correct uniform will be asked to borrow a school jumper or cardigan, free of charge, for the day. We appreciate your support in helping us maintain these expectations and ensuring that pupils arrive ready to learn.

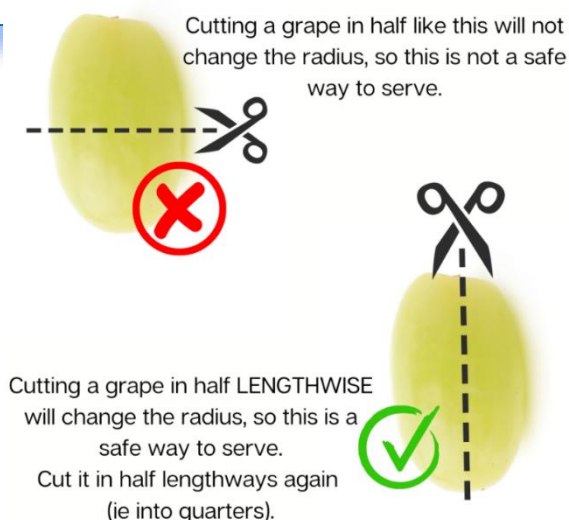
We would also ask families to ensure that children are able to fasten and tie their own shoelaces independently. If your child is not yet confident with this, please spend some time practicing with them over the summer holidays or consider purchasing shoes with Velcro fastenings until they have mastered this important skill.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us raise standards and create a smart, positive learning environment for all children. Wearing the correct uniform helps promote pride, belonging and equality across our school community.

For PE days, children can wear white or dark coloured trainers, dark shorts/leggings, white t shirt and either a school branded hoodie or their usual jumper/cardigan.

Snack:

From September, the only snack KS2 children should bring to school is fruit or sealed cereal bars. If you are giving your child grapes, these must be cut safely. This is to keep our children safe.



Weekly Attendance

	89%
	96%
	95%
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	95%
	93%
	92%
	94%