



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we come to the end of another successful school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support, encouragement and partnership. The achievements of our children would not be possible without the positive relationships that exist between home and school, and we are extremely grateful for all that you do.

This year has been filled with so many memorable moments. From exciting learning experiences and educational visits to sporting events, performances, celebrations and community activities, our children have demonstrated enthusiasm, resilience and a real commitment to our school values of Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness. We could not be prouder of all they have achieved.

I would also like to thank our dedicated staff, governors, church community and volunteers who work tirelessly to ensure that St John's remains a happy, nurturing and inspiring place for every child.

To our Year 6 pupils, we wish you every success as you move on to the next stage of your education. You will always remain part of the St John's family, and we look forward to hearing about your future achievements. You have been a super group of children and will always hold a special place in our hearts as you are the first ever Year 6 children at St John's.

Sadly, we also have to say goodbyes to Miss Nash and Mrs A Saleem who are both moving on to pastures new. We wish you them all the best of luck for the future. We also wish Mrs Croisdale all the best as she has secured a permanent role in her school where she has been working for the last year on secondment.

On behalf of everyone at St John's C E Primary School, I wish all of our children, parents and carers a safe, restful and enjoyable summer break. We hope you take time to relax, make special memories with your families and return refreshed and ready for another exciting year ahead.

Thank you once again for your continued support throughout the year.

With best wishes,

Mr Blackburn
Headteacher.

2026 - 2027:

A reminder that school is closed for staff INSET day on Tuesday 1st September. School will reopen for all pupils in Years 1 - 6 on **Wednesday, 2nd September 2026**. For our new starters in Reception, please see the information regarding stay and play dates and actual start dates provided in your induction packs. Please can we remind you that term time absence due to holidays will not be authorised.



Keeping Safe This Summer:

As we head into the summer holidays, we would like to remind all families about the importance of staying safe and making sensible choices. Please take time to talk with your children about the following safety messages:

Stay Safe Online

Children often spend more time online during the holidays. Please remind them to follow the **SMART Rules**:

- **Safe** – Keep personal information private.
- **Meeting** – Never meet someone they only know online.
- **Accepting** – Do not accept messages, files or friend requests from strangers.
- **Reliable** – Remember that not everyone online is who they say they are.
- **Tell** – Tell a trusted adult if anything online makes them feel worried, uncomfortable or unsafe.

Water Safety

Whether visiting the beach, swimming pool, rivers, lakes or canals, children should always be supervised by a responsible adult. Encourage them to swim only in designated areas and never take unnecessary risks near water.

Road Safety

Please remind children to stop, look, listen and think before crossing roads, to use designated crossing points whenever possible, and to stay alert by putting phones and other distractions away when near traffic.

Sun Safety

Children should wear sunscreen, drink plenty of water, seek shade during the hottest parts of the day and wear hats to help protect them from the sun.

The NSPCC PANTS Rule

The NSPCC's PANTS rule helps children understand that:

- Their body belongs to them.
- Private parts are private.
- No means no.
- Talk about secrets that upset them.
- Speak up to a trusted adult if they are worried.

Stay Away from Railway Lines

Railway tracks and train lines are extremely dangerous. Please remind children never to play near railways, climb fences or take shortcuts across tracks. Trains can approach quickly and quietly, and electrified lines can cause serious injury.

Always Tell Someone Where You Are Going

Children should always let a parent, carer or trusted adult know where they are going, who they are with and when they expect to return. This helps to keep them safe and ensures that help can be given quickly if needed.

Most importantly, remind your children that if they ever feel worried, unsafe or unsure about something, they should **always speak to a trusted adult**. Talking about concerns early can help keep everyone safe.

We wish all of our families a happy, safe and enjoyable summer holiday. 🌞 🚲 🏖️ 💻 🛟

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.

St John's Achieves Gold School Games Mark! :

We are absolutely delighted to announce that **St John's has achieved the Gold School Games Mark Award for the very first time in our school's history!**

This prestigious national award recognises our commitment to providing high-quality PE, school sport and physical activity opportunities for all pupils. Achieving Gold is a fantastic accomplishment and reflects the enthusiasm, dedication and sporting spirit shown by our children throughout the year.

A special thank you must go to **Mrs. Wood**, whose hard work, organisation and commitment have been instrumental in helping us achieve this award. We are incredibly grateful for everything she has done to promote sport and physical activity across the school.

We would also like to thank everyone at the **Sports Partnership** for their continued support, guidance and the many opportunities they provide for our pupils to participate, compete and develop a lifelong love of sport.

This achievement is something the whole St John's community can be proud of, and we look forward to building on this success in the years ahead. Well done to everyone involved! ★ 🏆 ★

Family Service & Parish Picnic – Everyone Welcome!:

This Sunday at St John's Church everyone is welcome to join in the Family Service at 10:30am. This is a wonderful opportunity for all ages to come together in worship, fellowship, and celebration.

Following the service, everyone is heading to the park for a Parish Picnic. Bring along your picnic, invite friends and family!

Everybody is welcome – the congregation of St John's would love to see you there!

Free Summer Holiday Breakfasts at Morrisons:

We know that the summer holidays can bring added financial pressures for many families. Morrisons and Kellogg's are once again offering **free breakfasts for both children and adults in all Morrisons Cafés nationwide** throughout the summer holidays. Families can enjoy a free bowl of Kellogg's cereal, with dairy or non-dairy milk, plus a piece of fruit, helping to provide a nutritious start to the day.

The offer is available from **29th June to 6th September** and is open to all families. If this could benefit you, please visit your local Morrisons Café for more information.

Look out for other offers of eating out for free or at a discount - many places will do to help out families over the summer break.

Travel Health Reminder for Summer Holidays:

If you are travelling abroad this summer, please make sure all family members are up to date with their routine vaccinations, particularly the **MMR (Measles, Mumps and Rubella) vaccine**, as measles outbreaks continue in both the UK and overseas. Depending on your destination, additional travel vaccinations or anti-malaria medication may also be recommended. Families are advised to seek travel health advice from their GP, pharmacist or travel clinic **4-6 weeks before departure** to help ensure a safe and healthy holiday.

Great British Summer Savings:

Families can benefit from the Government's **Great British Summer Savings** scheme this summer, running from **25th June to 1st September 2026**. The initiative includes reduced VAT on children's meals, family tickets to cinemas, theatres and attractions, as well as **free bus travel during August for children aged 5-15 in England**. To help families find participating venues and make the most of these savings, visit <https://summersavings.gov.uk>.

Weekly Attendance

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