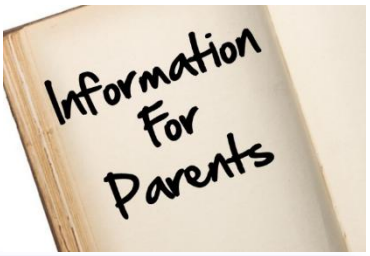
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Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 11th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

As we complete our first full week of the new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to warmly welcome all of our new children and families to St John's. A special welcome goes to our Reception children, who have made a fantastic start to their full-time school journey.

It has been wonderful to see how quickly the children have settled into their new classes and routines. They have approached the start of the year with enthusiasm, confidence and positivity, and we are incredibly proud of how well they are adapting to life at St John's. Red Class has been full of excitement, learning and smiling faces, which has made for a very positive beginning to the year.

This week, our Year 3 and Year 5 pupils have also benefited from valuable Road Safety sessions delivered by Kirklees. As part of these sessions, the children not only learnt important road safety messages in school but also had the opportunity to practice their skills on the streets around our school, focusing on how to cross roads safely and make sensible decisions near traffic. Please take some time to ask your child about what they learnt during these sessions. We hope they will be able to share some of the key safety messages and practical experiences that will help keep them safe when walking near roads in the future.

Have a great weekend everyone and we look forward to seeing more success and great achievement next week.

Best wishes,
Mr Blackburn.

Parent Information Meeting:

We will be holding parent information meetings for families with children in **Reception, Year 1 and Year 3**. These are key transition points within school, and the meetings will provide an opportunity to learn more about the curriculum, routines, expectations and ways that you can support your child at home.

Meeting Dates:

- **Year 1 (Orange Class)** with **Mrs Brunton**
  Monday 21st September at 2.45pm
- **Reception (Red Class)** with **Mrs Rowbotham**
  Tuesday 22nd September at 2.45pm
- **Year 3 (Green Class)** with **Miss Lunat and Mr Blackburn**
  Thursday 24th September at 2.45pm

For parents and carers of children in **all other year groups**, a welcome presentation containing key information about the year ahead will be shared via **ClassDojo on Thursday 24th September**.

We encourage all parents and carers to take the opportunity to access this information, as it contains useful details about learning, expectations and how we can work together to ensure your child has a successful year at St John's. We look forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year.

Come and See Our Classrooms:

We are delighted to invite all parents and carers to visit your child's classroom after school on **Tuesday 22nd September from 3.30pm**. Please wait outside the classroom until teachers say all the children have gone and the classroom is empty.

This is an informal open invitation for families to spend some time in school and see the wonderful learning environments that have been created for the year ahead. It will be an opportunity for children to proudly share their new classroom, show you where they learn each day and talk about some of the exciting things they have already been doing.

Please note that this is **not a parent meeting** and there will be **no presentations from staff**. The focus is simply on giving children the chance to celebrate their classroom and share their learning space with the important people in their lives.

We look forward to welcoming you into school and sharing in the excitement of the new academic year.

Year 6 Residential Monday 14th December – Wednesday 16th December 2026:

A meeting for parents and carers will take place regarding the up and coming residential for all Year 6 children going in December. This will take place at 2.45pm on Thursday 8th October in the hall.

ParentPay:

Just a reminder that you should be checking your child's ParentPay account on a weekly basis. Debts should not be built up. ParentPay is used for school dinners, clubs and trips.



Parent and Carer Volunteers:

At St John's, we are always looking for ways to enrich the experiences of our children, and we would love to hear from any parents, carers, grandparents or family members who may be interested in volunteering in school.

One of the most valuable ways volunteers can support us is by listening to children read, helping them to develop confidence, fluency and a lifelong love of books. There may also be opportunities to support other activities throughout the school year.

Volunteering does not require a huge commitment. Even just one hour a week can make a significant difference to our children and be incredibly rewarding for those involved.

For safeguarding reasons, all regular volunteers will need to complete a DBS check before working in school. Our office team will be happy to guide you through this process.

If you would be interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact the school office or speak to a member of staff. We would be delighted to hear from you and welcome you into our school community.

Thank you for considering supporting our children and helping them to flourish. Together, we can make a real difference.

School Christian Vision and Values:

We would like to remind all parents and carers about our vision, which is at the heart of everything we do and guides how we learn, grow and treat one another each day.

We encourage all members of our school community to reflect on our vision and values, helping our children to make positive choices, show kindness and respect, persevere when things are challenging and recognise the unique gifts and talents that God has given them.

When school and home work together to reinforce these values, children thrive both academically and personally. Thank you for helping us to nurture confident, caring and responsible young people who make a positive difference to the world around them. Please re-read our vision and remind yourself of our values:



St John's Stars

	Khadija
	Sufian
	Isabelle
	Tyler
	Alanna
	Areesha
	Ruqaya



Weekly Attendance

	99%
	96%
	95%
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