Together in love we learn with
Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 18th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have been focusing on our school value of Respect. It has been wonderful to see children demonstrating respect in their actions, words and attitudes towards one another and the wider school community. These important values help to create the positive and nurturing environment that we are so proud of.

I have also been delighted by the quality of work that children are beginning to produce in their books. It is clear that they are taking pride in their learning, presenting their work carefully and striving to do their very best. We look forward to seeing this excellent effort continue throughout the year.

The children have also responded extremely well to our new expectation of walking around school silently. This has helped to create a calm and purposeful atmosphere, ensuring that everyone can move safely and respectfully around the building. In addition, pupils are responding brilliantly to our whole-school phrase, "Can I have your attention please?", showing excellent listening skills and demonstrating their readiness to learn.

Thank you for your continued encouragement and support. Together, we are making a fantastic start to the term.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,
Mr Blackburn.

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.

Dates for your diaries:

School closes for end of half term – Thursday 22nd October

School reopens – Monday 2nd November

School closes for end of term – Friday 18th December

School reopens – Tuesday 5th January

School closes for end of half term – Friday 12th February

School reopens – Monday 22nd February

School closes for end of term – Thursday 25th March

School reopens – Monday 12th April

School closed – Monday 3rd May

School closes for end of half term – Thursday 27th May

School reopens – Tuesday 8th June

School closes for end of term – Wednesday 21st July



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.



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.

Coats:

As the weather becomes more changeable during the autumn months, please ensure your child brings a coat to school every day. We aim to spend time outdoors whenever possible, including at playtimes and lunchtime, and we will go outside unless there is heavy rain.

Having a suitable coat in school each day will help children stay warm, comfortable and ready to enjoy outdoor activities whatever the weather. Thank you for your support.



Heritage Weekend:

St John's church are holding their annual Heritage Open Day again this year, celebrating our local history. The church will be open from 11 – 3pm on Saturday 19th September. Everyone is welcome to drop in and have a look around.



St John's Stars

	Aairah
	Jalaaludeen
	Armaan
	Yusuf
	Khadijah
	Jackson
	Alicia & Miley-Grace
	Eesaa



Weekly Attendance

	97%
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