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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 25th September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, we have welcomed several visitors into school, professionals and parents/carers, all of whom commented positively on how inclusive St John's is for every child. They spoke highly of the way our staff go above and beyond to meet the individual needs of all learners, ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and able to thrive.

We are incredibly proud to hear such feedback, as creating an inclusive environment where every child can succeed is at the heart of everything we do.
At the same time, we recognise that challenges can arise and that families may sometimes need advice, support or reassurance. Please remember that if you ever have any concerns, questions or worries, we are always here to listen, help and work alongside you. Never hesitate to get in touch with a member of our team.

Thank you to all our parents and carers who attended our Parent and Teacher Meetings over the last few weeks. We greatly value the strong partnership between home and school and appreciate the opportunity to discuss your child's learning and progress.

It was also wonderful to welcome so many families into school on Tuesday evening to see their child's new classroom. The children were incredibly proud to share their learning environment and talk about the exciting opportunities ahead this year.

We look forward to welcoming you into school for many more events and occasions in the coming weeks and months as we continue to work together to support your children's success.

Our attendance, since we have returned to school, is 97%! We are really proud of this and we hope to carry on the rest of the year in this same way.

Kind regards,
Mr Blackburn.

SEND and Safeguarding:

For your information, a reminder that our SENDCO for EY and KS1 is Mrs Brunton and for KS2 is Mrs Banham. Our Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is Mr Blackburn and our Deputy DSL's are Mrs Rowbotham and Mrs Brunton. Our Mental Health Coordinator is Mrs Banham. You can contact us through the school office should you have any queries, worries or concerns regarding safeguarding, SEND or mental health.

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



Harvest Festival:

We are looking forward to celebrating our **Harvest Festival** on **Tuesday 13th October 2026 at 9.15am** in church.

Due to limited space, this service will be attended by our **Early Years** and **Key Stage 1 children.** However, we would love the whole school community to be involved by supporting our Harvest collection.

We would be grateful for donations of **tinned foods, dried foods, pasta, rice, cereal, long-life milk, tea, coffee, biscuits, toiletries and other non-perishable items.** Donations can be brought into school from now until **Tuesday 13th October**.

Harvest is a time to give thanks for all that we have and to share with those who are less fortunate. This year, all donations will be given to **CART**, helping to support people and communities in Africa.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity. Your donations will make a real difference and help us demonstrate our school values of compassion and service to others.

Coats for School:

Despite a message previously sent to parents and carers, we still have some children coming to school without a coat. As the weather becomes cooler and more unpredictable, please ensure that your child comes to school with a suitable coat every day. Thank you for your support in helping us keep all children warm, dry and ready to learn.

Mental Health Workshop Dates:

We are lucky to have Keeping in Mind working with us this year to support the mental health needs of all the children and their families in our community. They will be running workshops for all children in class across the year. These are the dates for our parent coffee mornings. We will remind you nearer the time of the dates and themes - everyone welcome. No need to prebook them - just turn up for the hour session.

Thursday 1st October 9am - Help with worries.

Thursday 10th December 2026 9am - Holidays Survival.

Thursday 11th February 2027 9am - Improving independence and resilience.

Thursday 18th March 2027 9am - Parents taking care of their own wellbeing.

Thursday 29th April 2027 9am - Help calm your child.

Thursday 27th May 2027 9am - Sleep and sleep routines.

Thursday 8th July 2027 2pm - Supporting your child with transition.



KS1 Phonics and Reading Workshops:

We are delighted to invite parents and carers of our **Early Years and Key Stage 1 children** to a **Phonics Workshop** on **Monday 19th October from 9.45am to 10.45am.**
The session will provide helpful information about how phonics is taught in school and offer practical advice on how you can support your child with their reading and phonics learning at home.
There will also be an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and see them in action during a phonics lesson, allowing you to experience first-hand how we help our children develop their early reading skills.

Parents Evening:

Our first Parents' Evenings of the year will take place on:

- Tuesday 20th October: 3.30pm to 5.00pm
- Wednesday 21st October: 3.30pm to 7.00pm

This is an excellent opportunity to discuss how your child has settled into their new class, celebrate their achievements and learn more about the progress they are making across our Rainbow Curriculum. Booking information will be shared shortly, with appointments going live via your emails from **Tuesday 29th September**. We encourage all parents and carers to attend and look forward to welcoming you into school to continue working together in supporting your child's learning and development.



KS2 Reading Workshops for Parents and Carers:

We are delighted to invite parents and carers of our **Key Stage 2 children** to attend one of our Reading Workshops on **Monday 12th October.**

- Years 3 and 4: 9.00am
- Years 5 and 6: 10.15am

The session will provide helpful information about how reading is taught in school and offer practical advice on how you can support your child with their reading at home.
There will also be an opportunity to work alongside your child during a reading lesson, allowing you to experience first-hand how we help our children develop their reading skills and foster a love of reading.
We hope you can join us and look forward to working together to support your child's journey as a confident, enthusiastic and successful reader.

St John's Stars

	Alaiya
	Umair
	Hanzlah
	Muhammad
	Eesa
	Areesha
	M.Yusuf
	Mehnoor



Weekly Attendance

	95%
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