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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 6th November 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school. I hope you all enjoyed a restful and enjoyable half-term break with your families. We are incredibly excited to begin the second half of the autumn term, which promises to be a busy and enjoyable few weeks with lots of exciting learning opportunities, events and celebrations planned for our children.

Firstly, I would like to apologise for the absence of a newsletter in the final week of Autumn 1. Unfortunately, we experienced a fibre broadband issue which affected our ability to communicate in the usual way. Thank you for your understanding and patience while this was resolved.

A highlight of this week was our Vision and Values Day on Monday. We were delighted to welcome The Mayor of Kirklees, Karen Alison, who spent time with our School Council discussing leadership and our Beacons of Light children to help them understand the role of been a mayor within our community. Her visit provided a wonderful opportunity for pupils to learn more about civic responsibility and public service. It was also fantastic to see so many parents and carers joining us throughout the day. The opportunity to spend time in classrooms, share learning experiences and celebrate the work of our children created a wonderful atmosphere across the school. Thank you to everyone who attended and helped make the day such a success.

Attendance for this week is 94.43%, let's strive to achieve 96% this half term. Well done to Silver Class who achieved 98% this week!

As always, thank you for your continued support. We look forward to another successful and exciting half term together.

Mr Blackburn
Headteacher.

Happy Diwali:

We would like to extend our warmest wishes to all of our families who will be celebrating Diwali in the coming days. Known as the *Festival of Lights*, Diwali is a special time for families and communities to come together in celebration, reflecting themes of hope, kindness, joy and the triumph of light over darkness. We hope that everyone celebrating enjoys a wonderful time with family and friends, filled with happiness, peace and treasured memories. Happy Diwali from everyone at St John's C E Primary School!
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Dates for your diaries:

Children in Need – Friday 13th November

Odd Sock Day – Monday 16th 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



Vision and Values:

Please take a moment to read the PowerPoint shared on ClassDojo today, which explains how we have refreshed the way we use our Vision and Values throughout school. Importantly, the wording of our vision, values and key messages has not changed. Instead, we have strengthened the way they are brought to life for our children by linking our four values and the three key words from our vision to specific pages and quotes from our special whole-school book, *Rain Before Rainbows*. Alongside this, we have identified a series of key illustrations from the book that will be used consistently across school. These visuals will help children understand and remember our values and will form an important part of our behaviour management approach, providing a shared language and understanding for all members of our school community.

Children in Need: St John's Break the Rules Day!

To support Children in Need, the School Council has organised a special "St John's Break the Rules Day" on **Friday 13th November**. Children can choose to break any of the rules below by paying £1 per rule, up to a maximum donation of £5. All money raised will be donated to Children in Need to support disadvantaged children and young people across the UK.

The rules children can choose to break are:

-Bring juice instead of water in their water bottle.
-Wear trainers instead of their usual school shoes.
-Bring any snack for playtime, provided it does not contain nuts. This can include crisps, chocolate or other treats.
-Enjoy an extra five minutes of playtime.
-Sit wherever they would like during lessons.

Please note apart, from trainers, full school uniform must be worn. This is NOT a non-uniform day.

We hope this will be a fun and memorable day while helping us raise as much money as possible for a fantastic cause. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity. 🧸🤍



Winter Coats:

As the weather becomes colder and wetter, please ensure that your child comes to school each day with a warm, waterproof winter coat. We spend time outdoors throughout the school day whenever possible, and having suitable clothing helps children stay comfortable, active and ready to learn, whatever the weather.

We fully appreciate that many families continue to face pressures due to the cost of living. If purchasing a winter coat is difficult, please do not worry or feel embarrassed about contacting us. We are here to help. Please speak to a member of the school office team or arrange a phone call or meeting with Mr Blackburn. We have links with local organisations and community partners who may be able to support families with winter clothing and other essentials. Any conversations will be handled sensitively and confidentially. Together, we can ensure that every child is warm, comfortable and ready for the winter months ahead. ❄️🧥

Christmas 2026:

Please see the dates below showing the main events in school between now and Christmas.

Upcoming events at St John's:

Monday 9th – Wednesday 11th November – Book Fair in the hall, pay via QR code.

Friday 13th November – Children in Need. School council led 'St John's Break a Rule Day'.

Monday 16th November – Odd Socks Day for Anti Bullying – Full uniform to be worn.

Friday 20th November – Non-Uniform Day in exchange for chocolate for the Christmas Fayre – NO NUTS.

Saturday 21st November – St John's Church Christmas Fayre – 11am – 3pm.

Thursday 3rd December – Christingle Service in Church at 2pm. KS2 parents only.

Friday 4th December – EY & KS1 Pantomime in School.

Wednesday 9th December – KS2 Pantomime at Lawrence Batley Theatre Huddersfield.

Thursday 10th December – National Christmas Jumper Day – Full uniform to be worn with jumper.

Thursday 10th December – Christmas Fayre at school 2pm – 4pm.

Monday 14th December – EY & KS1 Nativity – in Church at 2pm.

Tuesday 15th December – EY & KS1 parties – wear your party clothes to school.

Wednesday 16th December – Y3 & Y4 parties – wear your party clothes to school.

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Dinner Day.

Thursday 17th December – Christmas Carol Concert in Church – 2pm, children only.

Friday 18th December – Y5 & Y6 parties – wear your party clothes to school.

St John's Stars

	Ali
	Aizah
	Zohan
	Amaani
	Abdul-Haadi
	Ahad
	Ayesha
	Zahraa



Weekly Attendance

	95%
	96%
	93%
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	92%
	94%
	98%