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Respect, Hope, Friendship and Forgiveness.

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 16th October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

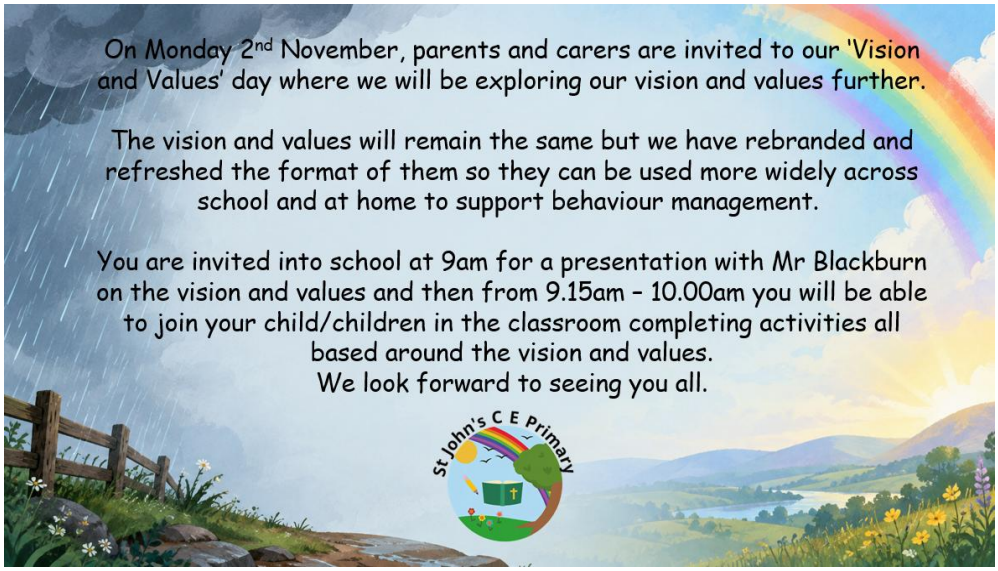
Thank you to all of our Early Years and Key Stage 1 parents and carers who attended our annual Harvest Festival this week. It was a lovely event and a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate the season of harvest. We are incredibly grateful for the generous donations received so far. Donations can still be brought into school until Tuesday. On Monday, we look forward to welcoming Rev Caroline, who will be leading our whole-school Act of Worship with a Harvest theme. All donations will be greatly appreciated and will be sent to Africa through CART (Christian African Relief Trust).

It is hard to believe that there is now just one week to go until half term. We are looking forward to seeing many of you at Parents' Evenings next week and sharing your child's progress and achievements.

Finally, thank you to our Year 4 parents and carers who came into school to support the sewing project this week. The children thoroughly enjoyed the experience, and we hope you enjoyed being part of their learning.

Kind regards,
Mr Blackburn.

Vision & Values Day:



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



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

Teachers will be in the hall. Books for Red, Orange and Yellow Classes will be in Blue Class. All other books will be in Silver Class for you to have a look at. Signs will show you where to go but both classrooms are on the main corridor where the main entrance is. A separate ClassDojo post will also be sent regarding the home school agreement. Please read this online and then sign on the night at Parents Evening. Thank you.



Water Bottles:

Only water should be in bottles - no juice allowed. Bottles should also be clear, which we will be enforcing from January 2027. Extra-large bottles are also not necessary as we don't have the place to store them. Again extra-large bottles will not be allowed from January 2027.

Snacks:

Children will only be allowed fruit or healthy cereal bars at break times as part of healthy school nationally. Children who are on packed lunch will not be allowed to take out crisps, biscuits, yoghurts or any other products out of their lunch boxes to eat at break. Thank you for your support with this in keeping everyone healthy and safe.

Nuts:

Please remember we are a Nut Free School. Do not send nuts or products containing nuts into school. Birthday food treats are no longer allowed in school due to many children having severe allergies in school.

Hot Food:

Children should either purchase a hot school meal from our kitchen or bring a cold-packed lunch from home. Hot products are not allowed to be brought in from home due to the health and safety risk and liability issues this could cause. Please can everyone abide by these rules to keep everyone safe.

Medical Appointments and School Lunches:

We have seen an increasing number of medical appointments being arranged during school hours. Wherever possible, appointments should be made outside of the school day to minimise disruption to children's learning. Please be aware that routine medical appointments during school hours are not normally authorised unless they are for an emergency or cannot reasonably be arranged at another time.

A reminder that if your child arrives at school after 10:00am, parents and carers are responsible for providing a cold packed lunch unless the school office has been informed before 10:00am that your child will be returning in time for a school meal. If we are not notified by this time, a school meal may still be ordered and charged accordingly, even if your child does not attend for lunch. Thank you for your understanding and support.

St John's Stars

	Hamna
	Imaan
	Kayaan
	Ayaana
	Yahya
	Yusuf
	Ismaeel
	Ibrahim



Weekly Attendance

	93%
	99%
	92%
	94%
	96%
	98%
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