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

Newsletter Autumn Term

Friday 9th October 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and successful week in school, with lots of exciting opportunities for our children to learn and develop beyond the classroom.
This week, our Year 5 and Year 6 pupils took part in fire safety talks delivered by the Fire Service. The sessions provided valuable advice about staying safe and helped pupils to understand how to respond in emergency situations. As our children grow older and become more independent, learning about fire safety is an important life skill, and we are grateful to the Fire Service for sharing their expertise with us.

I am also incredibly proud of our Year 1 and Year 2 children, who finally enjoyed their much-anticipated trip to Whistlestop Valley after it was unfortunately delayed from June. The children were fantastic ambassadors for our school, demonstrating excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and respect throughout the day. They had a wonderful time exploring, enjoying the attractions and taking part in a lovely train ride. It was a great day out, and everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience. Well done, Year 1 and Year 2 – you represented our school brilliantly.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend,
Mr Blackburn
Headteacher

Parking Outside School

Once again, I must remind parents and carers not to park on the zig-zag lines outside school. These markings are there to keep children, families and other pedestrians safe. Parking on them creates a significant risk and leaves members of our school community, as well as the wider public, vulnerable when crossing the road.
Please help us to keep everyone safe by parking a little further away from school and walking the remaining distance. We have now contacted Kirklees Council and the Police, who will be carrying out random checks and issuing penalty notices to vehicles found parked in restricted areas. Thank you for your support in helping to ensure the safety of all our children and families.

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



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.



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 system is now live, any problems please see the office.**

Harvest Festival:

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

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.

Breaktime Snacks and Lunchboxes:

Just a gentle reminder again to ensure that all packed lunches and snacks brought into school **do not contain nuts or nut products**.
We kindly ask that you **check food packaging closely** before sending items in, as some ingredients are not always obvious. This strict policy helps protect our students with severe, life-threatening nut allergies.

Thank you for your cooperation in keeping our school community safe!

Individual School Photographs

Individual school photographs will be taking place in school on Friday 16th October 2026. Siblings who attend school together will also have the opportunity to have a photograph taken together during the morning. Please ensure children come to school in full school uniform and are ready with their best smiles!

St John's Stars

	Hafsa
	Elyza
	Ateeque
	Hasan
	Zayyan
	Keira
	Haris R
	Inaam



Weekly Attendance

	94%
	96%
	97%
	99%
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