



St John's Primary School Newsletter

17th June 2025

As we begin to get ready for transition and the next academic year, I would like to share with you the staffing structure from September.

Miss Archer and Miss Harris have both decided that they would like to gain more experience in larger schools and will be leaving us at the end of this academic year, going to Cholsey Primary and Stephen Freeman Primary respectively. We wish them both very much happiness and success, as they continue their teaching careers, and thank them for the time and dedication they have shown us and the children.

Mrs. Johnson will also be leaving us as she has found a part-time post in the school next door to her house! We are very sad that Mrs. Johnson is leaving, but completely understand that this move allows her to manage family and work life much more easily. Again, we wish her well, much success and thank her for her diligence and hard work.

We have two new members of staff joining us; Mr. Nick Brown and Miss Imogen Rea, both being experienced teachers.

The children will be having time with their new teacher in the week beginning 30th June, as Year 6 will be visiting their new schools on Thursday 3rd July.

From September:

Foundation Stage: Mrs. Nicola Ball

Year 1: Mrs. Michelle Rudd

Year 2: Mrs. Cara Long

Year 3: Miss Imogen Rea (in the current Year 5 classroom)

Year 4: Miss Isobel Curley

Year 5: Mr. Nick Brown (in the current Year 3 classroom)

Year 6: Ms Jo Beckett

We will also let you know which additional adults will be working in your child's class in due course.

CARNIVAL - Saturday 21st June *St John's at Glastonbury!*

Please do come along and join in the Festival fun at the Carnival on Saturday. We are looking for lots of attendees in festival gear: pjs/onesies, wellies, mud / flowers / glitter, hippies, ravers, rockers and everything in between.

Please spice up your outfits with trolleys, wheelbarrows, flags, whistles, rucksacks, brollies and anything else that gives that festival feel.

It's going to be a beautiful day and we hope to see as many of you, with your children, as possible.

Transition Morning – Thursday 3rd July

On Transition Day, the children will come into their usual classes. We will all go into the hall for Year 3's class assembly and then the children will leave the hall with their new teacher.

Unfortunately, Mr. Brown will not be able to join us in the morning but will be with the children on the afternoon of 3rd and the following two Friday afternoons. All other children will be back in their classes with their usual teacher for the afternoon.

Communication Changes

A lot of parents commented on the number of different communication processes that we use in school and how confusing this can be. In the first half term of the next academic year, we will moving all of our communication over to one system. This will allow parents to log in to one platform to complete all school business. We have a current transfer window in late September.

Bags and Drawers

Many parents and children have also reported that it would be beneficial to have more space in classrooms. Therefore, next year, we will no longer be providing the children with an individual drawer. These drawers tend to get filled with paper and other bits and pieces and need to be cleared out regularly. The children will all have a hook for their bag and will be able to bring their reading book, water bottle and, if they have one, pencil case into class. None of the children need a pencil case, so please do not feel obliged to buy one. This will give more room in the classes and make them tidier, nicer places to be.

Uniform Change

As you begin to get prepared for the next academic year, we would like to inform you of some changes to our uniform.

White polo shirts will no longer be part of our school uniform (they can be worn for PE if you have some). Children will need to wear green polo shirts, either with or without the school logo. Green shirts are available from ASDA and Next, as well as other online suppliers.

Foundation & Year 1: Children are welcome to come to school in navy blue jogging bottoms (not leggings) and dark trainers if they wish. The top half of the uniform remains the same. This will allow them to be active throughout the day.

Years 2 & 3: Children can come to school on PE days in their PE kit. PE kit uniform remains unchanged.

Gate Changes

From September, there will be a door bell to press on the Trenchard Close entrance for those children joining us for Breakfast Club. The gate onto the playground will be closed and staff will come and open it for Breakfast Club children.

Gates on both sides of the school will be open at 08:35 and will close at 08:55. Registers will close at 09:00.

At the end of the day, gates will open at 15:10 to allow parents onto site to pick up their children. Again, this will be front and back gates.

This is to keep our school site secure and our children safe.

Music Changes

Next year, Years 3 & 4 will be receiving music tuition from OCC Music Department. The children will learn ukelele. The term that this will occur in has not been decided yet, but we will let you know when it has.

Private music lessons are being arranged (for those parents who have selected this) as we speak and we will pass on information, as soon as we have it.

JACs

Finally, we are delighted to let you know that we will be extending our JACs and Breakfast Club provision from September. This will mean that we will be offering a further 10 places from Monday to Thursday after school and a further 7 places before. We will also open on Friday until 5pm for 20 children.

If your child is on the waiting list for a place we will be contacting you soon with further details.

The cost of Breakfast Club will remain the same, but there will be a slight increase in cost for JACs to £15 per session.

All parents / carers will be asked to sign a Behaviour Contract in September before starting at either club.

Dates for your diary:

19th June Year 4 Class Assembly 09:00 -09:30am

27th June Stay and Learn 09:00 – 09:30 & 09:30 – 10:00

3rd July Year 3 Class Assembly 09:00 -09:30am

10th July Year 1 Class Assembly 09:00 -09:30am

9th and 10th July Year 4 to Hill End Centre

11th July Sports Day 09:30 – 12:00 on the school field

15th July Reports home

15th July Year 6 Production afternoon performance – this will now be an evening performance

17th July Year 6 Production evening performance

22nd July Leavers' Assembly

22nd July at 1pm School Year Ends

2025/26

Monday 1st September INSET – school closed for children

Tuesday 2nd September INSET – school closed for children

Wednesday 3rd September – Autumn Term Starts

Thursday 23rd October INSET – school closed for children

Friday 24th October INSET – school closed for children

Friday 22nd May 2026 INSET – school closed for children

Monday 20th July 2026 – term ends