



St John's Primary School Newsletter

5th September 2025

WELCOME

Welcome back to a new school year! Whether you have been with us a year, 6 years, or this is your first term as part of the St. John's community, we would like to both welcome you and thank you for allowing us the privilege of working with your children & family. The children have all come back into school brilliantly – they have come into their new classes looking smart and ready to learn. As ever, they are a real credit to you. Thank you.

This year, we will be asking all of you to get involved in some school and community events and fundraising. We are looking to renovate various parts of the school, so any parents with access to match funding pots or fundraising contacts, we would love to hear from you.

If your child takes part in an activity that they would like to share and celebrate with their peers, please do let us know and we will celebrate this in assembly.

St. John's is an amazing school and we are looking forward to welcoming you into the school to share our learning and achievements across the year.

As ever, please feel free to contact the school office, if you have any questions.

READY, RESPECTFUL, SAFE

Previously, we have referred to the St. John's Promise with children. However, particularly for the younger children, this was quite difficult to remember and understand. We have decided to replace the St. John's Promise with READY, RESPECTFUL and SAFE.

All the children are expected to be ready, respectful and safe at all times – whether that is ready to learn, play, be kind, listen, or safe in our play, behaviour and online, or respectful of each other, the building, resources, etc. All of the children responded well to the change in Wednesday's assembly and we hope you will too.

COMPETITION!!

We would like the children to design our new posters. The words Ready, Respectful and Safe must be used, but then it is up to them! Entries can be hand-drawn or computer-generated and A4 – sized.

Please can we have all entries in by FRIDAY 12th SEPTEMBER.

BREAKFAST CLUB & JACS

There will be a doorbell to ring for Breakfast and JACs from Monday 8th September. If your child comes for Breakfast Club, please try to arrive at 07:45, 08:00 or 08:15. This will allow staff to interact with children, rather than coming back and forth to the gate. Thank you.

NEW STAFF

A huge welcome to our new staff: Ms Parks, Mr. Brown, Miss Rea and Miss Lee. We are delighted that they have joined us and already, they feel part of the team. You will see Ms Parks, our Deputy Headteacher, on the gate in the mornings and at the end of school. Mr. Brown and Miss Rea are also at their respective classroom doors at the beginning and the end of the day. Miss Lee is part of the Foundation Stage team. Please feel free to say hello!

GATE REMINDER

The gates open at 08:35 and 15:10 each day. They will close in the mornings at 08:50. We recognise that this is a change, but it is to keep the school site and therefore, the children safe.

UNIFORM & PE

Children in Foundation and Year 1 may wear an “active” uniform all the time. This means that they can come to school in plain, navy jogging bottoms and plain trainers. If they do not come every day in this, they should for PE days. Children in Years 2 & 3 can come to school in their PE kits on the days that they have PE. Years 4, 5 & 6 will change for PE, but will not change back. They will come home in their kits. This is to not lose learning time to changing.

LANGUAGES

From this September, we will be teaching the children Spanish in Years 2 and 3 and French in Years 3, 4 and 6. The younger children will learn songs and simple words; just be exposed to another language. The older children will learn more of the language, including statements and questions. We hope that this will provide the children with a love of foreign languages.

LOST PROPERTY

Lost property is now situated at the back of the hall. We will clear the Lost Property box every three weeks by donating items to charity. Please ensure that your child’s clothes and possessions are clearly named, so that we can return anything mislaid to them. Please feel free to come and check the box at the end of the school day.

INSET

Over 97% of respondents voted to change INSET, preferring that we would be in school on Friday 22nd May, but would not be in on Monday 20th July. This is now the case and school will finish at 1pm on Friday 17th July. If you have **already** booked a holiday that incorporates Friday 22nd May, we will mark this as authorised for your children. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Dates for your diary:

2025/26

Tuesday 16th September – Flu Vaccines

Wednesday 24th September – Year 2 to Story Museum

Tuesday 30th September – Stay and Learn 9:00- 10:00 am

Wednesday 1st October – School Photographs

Monday 6th October – KS2 watching virtual Henley Literacy Festival

Tuesday 7th October – KS1 watching virtual Henley Literacy Festival

Tuesday 7th October – Year 6 to Henley Literacy Festival

Friday 10th October – Year 6 watching virtual Literacy Festival

Monday 20th October – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 5:30pm

Tuesday 21st October – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 7:00pm

Wednesday 22nd October – Harvest Festival

Thursday 23rd October INSET – School closed for children

Friday 24th October INSET – School closed for children

Monday 27th to Friday 31st October – Half term break

Wednesday 19th November – Stay and Learn 2-3pm

Thursday 4th December – FS Dress Rehearsal

Friday 5th December – KS1 Dress Rehearsal

Friday 5th December – Foundation Stage Christmas Production 2:15pm

Saturday 6th December – Singing at Earth Trust Christmas Fayre

Monday 8th December – KS1 Nativity Performance 2:15pm

Tuesday 9th December – KS1 Nativity Performance 6:00 – 7:00pm

Thursday 11th December – KS2 to Watermill Theatre

~~Monday 15th – Friday 19th December – Year 6 to Yenworthy. Date to be rearranged~~

Friday 19th December – Term ends at 1:00pm

Monday 5th January – Term starts

Friday 23rd January – Stay and Learn 09:00 – 10:00

Monday 9th February – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 5:30pm

Tuesday 10th February – Parents' Evening 3:30 – 7:00pm

Monday 16th to Friday 20th February - Half term break

Thursday 5th March – World Book Day

Monday 23rd March – Year 3 & 4 Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 24th March – Year 3 / 4 performance 2:15pm

Wednesday 25th March – Easter Bonnet Parade 2:15pm

Thursday 26th March – Year 3 & 4 performance 6pm

Friday 27th March – Term ends at 1:00pm

Monday 13th April – Term starts

Thursday 29th April – Stay and Learn 9:00- 10:00am

Monday 11th – Thursday 15th May – Year 6 SATS Week

Monday 25th – Friday 29th May - Half term break

Monday 8th June – class photos

Wednesday 10th – Friday 12th June – Year 4 to Hill End

Tuesday 16th – Thursday 18th June – Year 5 to Youlbury

Tuesday 23rd June – Sports Day

Friday 26th June – Year 3 Sleepover

Monday 13th July – Year 5 & 6 Dress Rehearsal

Tuesday 14th and Thursday 16th – Year 5 & 6 Production at 6.30pm

Friday 17th July – Leavers' Assembly

TERM ENDS at 1:00pm on Friday 17th July