

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

5.9.2025

We have had a fantastic first week back at school.

The children are looking incredibly smart and have settled in well to their new classes.

It has been great to see such positivity from all members of the school as we have started this new school year!

Mr Power

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Stars of the week

LEARN TOGETHER
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CELEBRATE TOGETHER
AND LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE



Year 1 - Ethan and Alia for starting the year with positivity.

Year 2 - Alfie for always being ready to learn.

North for making thoughtful comments in class discussions.

Year 3 - Freddie for coming back to school with a positive mindset and following the school values.

Dolly for being such a great asset to Year 3 after starting this week.

Year 4 - Jude for a brilliant start to Year 4.

Ophelia for being so eager to learn and participate.

Year 5 - Sofia H for going above and beyond with her learning.

Quinn for coming in every morning with a smile on his face.

Year 6 - Freddie B for participating so well in his learning this week.

Harry S for showing such kindness to new pupils at our school.



ACHIEVEMENTS around SCHOOL



Isla (Y4)

for winning **Most Improved Player** at **Danbury Lawn Tennis Club**

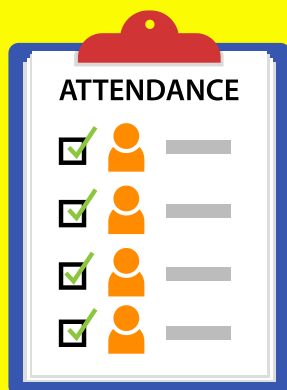
Violet (Y4)

for completing this year's **DoodleMaths Summer Challenge!**



Bertie (Y2) and Violet (Y4)

for completing this year's **Summer Reading Challenge!**



Well done to Year 2

100% attendance

Whole School - 94.8%

Reminders



Toys



It has been great to see the children coming in focused and ready to learn so far and this is done to how you have prepared them for the new school year.

However, there are still a few toys/collectables/bears/fidgets being brought into school.

To ensure school remains calm and focused for all children, please remember:

- ✓ Toys, cuddly bears or collectables (e.g. Labubus, Jellycats etc.) must not be brought into school.
- ✓ Fidget toys are only permitted if agreed in advance with the SENCo and class teacher.
- ✓ Personal items can easily be lost or damaged, which can be very upsetting for children.
- ✓ If toys are brought in, teachers will keep hold of them until the end of the day and return them to the collecting adult.

We appreciate your full support in helping children concentrate on their learning and avoid unnecessary disputes.



School Uniform

The children have returned to school looking incredibly smart, and it has been wonderful to see them taking pride in their appearance.

We have, however, noticed that a few children are not fully following our uniform guidance, particularly with footwear and ties.

One small change - Summer Gingham Dresses can be worn from Easter until October half-term.

If you are unsure of the expectations or need any support, [please refer to the guidance below](#) or contact the school office, who will be happy to help.



Jewellery & Hair



- We kindly remind families that our school policy allows only stud earrings (one per ear), which must be removed for PE and swimming.
- Watches may be worn, but smart watches must have connectivity disabled during school hours.
- Other jewellery such as necklaces, rings or bracelets should not be worn.
- For safety and practicality, hair that is shoulder-length or longer should be tied back, and hair colours should remain natural.
- Hair accessories should be simple and in school colours where possible.



We appreciate your support in helping the children look smart and ready for learning every day.



We kindly ask for your support in helping the office run smoothly.

Last year, there was a big rise in forgotten items being dropped off or children asking staff to phone home.

Between 9:00 and 10:00am, our school office must focus on vital tasks such as attendance and meal numbers, so we ask that children arrive fully prepared for the day.



This not only helps the office but also builds independence, especially for our older pupils.

From September, non-urgent phone calls home will be made after 10:30am.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



LATE DROP-OFF OR EARLY PICK-UP?



To keep everyone safe and our records accurate, please follow these steps:

- ✓ If your child arrives after 9:00am, enter via the new pedestrian gate and come through the office.
- ✓ The adult dropping them off must sign them in using the office tablet.
- ✓ If your child is collected early, please make sure they are signed out on the tablet before leaving.

We kindly ask that children arrive on time each morning so they can make a calm and settled start to the day.
Thank you for helping us keep the process safe and simple for all.



SCHOOL GATES!

Some of you may have noticed that over the summer, new car park and pedestrian gates were installed to improve the security of our school site. This follows parental feedback, and we're grateful for your continued support.

These improvements mean we can provide an even safer and more welcoming environment for our children, families, and staff.

A few reminders to help us all use the gates safely:

- ✓ Use the buzzers at the pedestrian gates for Pre-School or Main Reception.
- ✓ Please wait for the car park gates to open fully before driving in.
- ✓ No turning, parking, waiting, or blocking in front of the gates.
- ✓ Remind children not to swing on or climb the gates.
- ✓ If you require a disabled parking space, this is now located in the main car-park, through the gates.

Thank you for helping us keep the site safe and welcoming for everyone.



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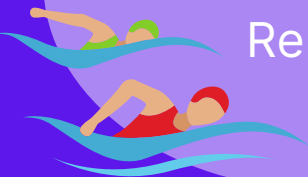
PE & Swimming



PE days – Children to wear PE Kit to school
 Swimming days – Children to wear uniform to school
 These days will run for the entire year

Day	EYFS	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
Monday		PE	PE	PE	PE	PE	PE
Tuesday	Swimming			Swimming	PE	PE	
Wednesday	PE	Swimming	PE		Swimming		PE
Thursday	PE	PE	Swimming	PE		Swimming	Swimming

Reminder that earrings are **not to be worn** for PE or Swimming



SCHOOL DINNERS

Home-cooked hot dinners with locally sourced food for just **£2.40**
 School meals are to be ordered and paid for on ParentPay

Week Beginning 8.9.25 - Week 2



Week 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pepperoni Pizza with Pasta, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw	Sausage Roll with New Potatoes, Broccoli or Beans	Roast Chicken with Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Fish Finger in a Wrap with wedges, salad and Mayo	Chicken Chunks with Chips, Beans or Peas
Option 2	Cheese Pizza with Pasta, Sweetcorn, Coleslaw	Cheese and Onion Roll with New Potatoes, Broccoli or Beans	Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire pudding, Roasted New Potatoes, Peas, Carrots and Gravy	Veggie Fish Finger in a Wrap with wedges, salad and Mayo	Omelette with Chips, Beans or Peas
Option 3	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese
Option 4	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham	Baguettes with Cheese, Tuna or Ham
Dessert	Peaches, Ice Cream and Fresh Berry Coulis	Fruit Platter or Yoghurt	Flapjack	Victoria Sponge	100% Fruit Ice Lolly
Week 2	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Pasta and Pepperoni Sauce with Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Picnic Day Filled Wrap with choice of Cheese, Tuna, Ham or Chicken with Carrot and Cucumber Sticks, Fruit	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, New Potatoes, Sweetcorn and Gravy	Jacket Potato with Baked Beans, Tuna or Cheese	Butchers Pork Sauce with Chips, Beans or Peas
Option 2	Pasta and Cheese or Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad		Quorn Fillet with Yorkshire pudding, New Potatoes, Peas, Sweetcorn and Gravy		Omelette with Chips, Beans or Peas
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Dessert	Waffles and Squirly Cream	Cupcake	Fruit Platter	Jelly	Ice Cream with Sauce
Week 3	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Option 1	Beef Burger with Homemade Wedges, Mixed Salad and Coleslaw	Popcorn Chicken with Sweet Chilli Sauce, Noodles, Peas and Sweetcorn	Roast Gammon with Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Sweetcorn and Gravy	Pasta and Pepperoni Sauce with Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Fish Fingers with Chips, Beans or Peas
Option 2	Quorn Burger with Homemade Wedges, Mixed Salad and Coleslaw	Quorn Dippers with Sweet Chilli Sauce, Noodles, Peas and Sweetcorn	Quorn Fillet with Stuffing, Yorkshire pudding, Roast Potatoes, Carrots, Sweetcorn and Gravy	Pasta and Cheese or Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread, Coleslaw and Mixed Salad	Omelette with Chips, Beans or Peas
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Dessert	Frozen Yoghurt or Fruit Smoothie	Fruit Platter	Cookies	Chocolate Cake	Meringue, Cream and Summer Berries



St John's Movie Night

KPOP DEMON HUNTERS



Friday 26th September

Key Stage Two

After School until 5.00pm.

£3.50 per ticket to be paid on ParentPay.

Children can bring a snack.

We will provide squash.

Money raised will go to enhancing the curriculum for the children at St John's.

Key Dates 2025-2026



Below are some of the key dates for the upcoming academic year as well as more detailed events for Autumn Term 2025.

Autumn Term	
15.09.25	Reception full days
24.09.25	Girls' Football Tournament
02.10.25	Year 2 Trip
06.10.25	Individual School Photos
7-14.10.25	Year 5 Bikeability
17.10.25	Harvest Service
17.10.25	Winter Disco (PTFA)
21 & 23.10.25	Parents Evening
24.10.25	INSET Day
27.10.25-31.10.25	HALF TERM
07.11.25	Flu Jabs
11.11.25	Year 6/All Remembrance Service
1-3.12.25	KS1 Nativity
12.12.25	Christmas Fayre (PTFA)
15.12.25	Year 3 & 4 Carol Service
16.12.25	Civic Theatre Pantomime
17.12.25	Christmas Dinner & Jumper Day
19.12.25	Last Day of Term

Spring Term	
05.01.26	INSET DAY
10.02.26 & 12.02.26	Parents' Evening
16.02.26-20.02.26	HALF TERM
05.03.26	World Book Day
27.03.26	INSET DAY
30.03.26-10.04.26	EASTER BREAK
Summer Term	
11.05.26-14.05.26	SATs Week
25.05.26	HALF TERM
08.06.26	Year 6 Residential
19.06.26	Year 5 Trip
17.07.26	Leavers' Service & Last Day
20.07.26	INSET DAY

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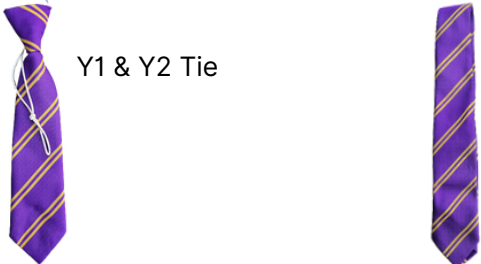
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St John's Uniform

Please see below a guide to what uniform to wear at St John's. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Uniform	Notes
 <p>White Shirt White Blouse White Polo Shirts (EYFS only)</p>	<p>The EYFS polo shirt can be bought with the school logo, or without. Children in Y1-Y6 should wear a shirt or blouse, not the polo shirt.</p>
 <p>Grey Trousers Grey Shorts Grey Skirt Grey Dress</p>	<p>Skirts and dresses should be knee-length or just above.</p>
 <p>Jumpers and Cardigans</p>	<p>The purple jumpers and cardigans can be bought with the school logo, or without.</p>
 <p>Gingham Summer Dresses</p>	<p>Summer dresses can be worn from Easter until October Half-term. White socks should be worn with the Summer dresses, not tights.</p>

Uniform	Notes
 <p data-bbox="277 468 384 501">PE Tops</p> <p data-bbox="707 468 858 501">PE Jumpers</p>	<p data-bbox="1066 253 1469 427">PE tops and jumpers can be bought with the school logo, or without. A plain black jumper or zip-up is absolutely fine, but no hooded jumpers.</p> <p data-bbox="1107 468 1422 501">No branded sportswear.</p>
 <p data-bbox="150 797 277 831">PE Shorts</p> <p data-bbox="309 797 501 831">Cycling Shorts</p> <p data-bbox="512 871 619 904">Joggers</p> <p data-bbox="635 871 842 904">Sports Leggings</p>	<p data-bbox="1123 663 1414 734">PE shorts should be of appropriate length.</p> <p data-bbox="1112 770 1425 804">No branded sportswear.</p>
 <p data-bbox="150 1178 284 1249">Swimming Costume</p> <p data-bbox="331 1178 555 1211">Swimming Shorts</p> <p data-bbox="584 1178 863 1211">Yellow Swimming Hat</p>	<p data-bbox="1059 1025 1477 1167">A plain black swimming costume or pair of swimming shorts should be worn, plus a yellow swimming hat.</p>
 <p data-bbox="280 1308 533 1341">Black School Shoes</p> <p data-bbox="699 1308 951 1341">Black School Shoes</p> <p data-bbox="293 1469 544 1503">Plain Black Trainers</p> <p data-bbox="724 1469 874 1503">PE Trainers</p>	<p data-bbox="1054 1352 1481 1458">Children can wear plain black shoes (matte or patent) or trainers with their formal uniform.</p> <p data-bbox="1070 1496 1465 1565">Children can wear any outdoor trainers with their PE kit.</p>
 <p data-bbox="304 1715 453 1749">Y1 & Y2 Tie</p> <p data-bbox="735 1715 868 1749">Y3-Y6 Tie</p>	<p data-bbox="1059 1700 1477 1771">Children in Y1 & Y2 can wear the elasticated school tie.</p> <p data-bbox="1070 1809 1465 1879">Children in Y3-Y6 should wear the standard tie.</p>

Extra Information

- Socks:** Black or grey with trousers, white or grey with skirts or dresses and white with Summer dresses.
- Hair:** Shoulder length or longer should be tied up. Small bands and bows can be worn in our school colours.
- Jewellery:** No jewellery is to be worn to school except small stud earrings.
- Shirts:** All shirts should be worn tucked in.