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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter 12th September 2025

Dear parents,

This week its been a pleasure to see all pupils settling in well and learning new routines and getting to know new class mates and teachers.

Behind the scenes we have been busy booking trips and visitors for the year and also planning information sessions and events for parents. Please keep an eye on your class page on the website for all new information.

Historically we have had an active and brilliant PTA. Overtime support for this has dwindled and its been left with a small and wonderful core group who are still actively involved but are unable to sustain all of the extra events without extra support. We have booked in an AGM followed by a meeting (with bacon rolls and refreshments!) on **Tuesday 23rd September at 9am.** This will be held in the school hall. We really need to see more parents coming along to show their support to ensure we can keep delivering all the great extra things. Also its lots of fun!

I would like to take this opportunity to say a massive thank you to everyone that is arriving at school on time every day, ready to learn. Please be aware school starts at 8.40am when the whistle goes. We are asking that children are left to line up on the playground without adults to ensure we can see the lines and send them into school quickly! Gates and doors will be locked as soon as the children have entered school and anyone arriving late will need to arrive via the main school Reception and will be marked as late.

Lessons start in school as soon as children are in class so it is vital they arrive on time please!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Quinn

Dates for your Diary

September

23rd—9.00am SJSA AGM followed by a meeting

29th—Harvest Assembly

October

6th— from 3.30pm—5.00pm Family Group Photos

7th—School Photos - Individuals

27th—Half Term

November

3rd—Children return to school

11th—Parents Evening

13th—Year 6 to Bletchley Park

13th—Parents Evening

19th—Flu Vaccinations (Rec—Year 6)

27th—Year 4 to Norwich Castle

27th /28th—Christmas Shopping Event

December

8th/9th—EYFS & KS1 Production

16th—R, 1 & 2 Christmas Party

17th—3 & 4 Christmas Party

18th—5 & 6 Christmas Party

19th—Christmas Jumper Day

19th—Last day of Term

January

6th—Children return to school

19th—Year 5 Bikeability

February

16th—20th—Half Term

23rd—Children Return to School

24th—Rec- Year 6 Class Group

Forest Schools—Updated Rota

Alternate Tuesdays – Year 1 - Starting 16th September

Alternate Tuesdays – Year 2 – Starting 23rd September

Wednesdays – Nursery and Reception Class every week starting 17th September

Thursdays - Year 3 (4 weeks) 18th & 25th September, 2nd October & 9th October

Thursdays—Year 5 (3 weeks) 16th October, 23rd October & 6th November

Please send your child to school in old clothes (long sleeves & long trousers) on Forest School days. Can they also bring waterproofs including coat, hat, gloves (if weather is cold) and wellies in school for these sessions.

Family Group Photographs

We have arranged for our school photographer from Tempest Photography to return to school on **Monday 6th October from 3.30pm - 5.00pm** for you to have Family Group photographs taken. These photographs can then include older and younger siblings who do not attend our school. There is no need to book, just turn up on the day between the times above.

Please note that while the school is happy to facilitate this photography, it is essentially an arrangement between the photographer and you as a parent. The school does not hold the negatives or the copyright and is not responsible for your orders, or the future use of the pictures.

Portrait Photographs

On **Tuesday 7th October** professional photographers from 'Tempest Photography' will be coming into school to take individual pictures of the children. Class photographs will be taken in the summer term. Staff from 'Tempest Photography' regularly work in other schools and we are happy to provide facilities in the usual way.

If you do not wish your child to be photographed, please contact the school before the photography takes place. Otherwise, the photographer will send proofs home with children and you will be able to decide whether or not to place an order.

Class Attendance

3rd—12th September

Reception	99.48%
Year 1	95.69%
Year 2	99.51%
Year 3	95.56%
Year 4	96.56%
Year 5	95.19%
Year 6	97.63%

House Points

Date	Bader	Cavell	Nelson	Sewell
2.9.25	268	275	277	277

Absences

First and Second Day

- Parents are expected to inform the school by phoning 01603 782520 to leave a message on the Pupil Absence line by 9.00am

Third and Subsequent Days Absence

- Appropriate follow up phone call to update, you may be asked to provide a Doctors note

Unexplained and Holiday Absence

- Any pupil who is absent without an explanation or takes term time holiday for 9 consecutive sessions will be referred to the Local Authority for action to be considered, This could result in a fixed penalty notice.

NO PARKING

Just a polite reminder that there is no parking permitted on the school site at any time unless permission has been granted by the Headteacher. This includes after school when collecting from clubs. On certain nights there are several children attending clubs and it is very dangerous when cars park on site for collection. The gate may not be closed but parking is not permitted!



Thank you for your understanding and support in keeping children safe on the school site.

A Harvest Appeal to support local people in crisis



This harvest we're asking you to help feed local people in crisis by collecting non-perishable food for **Norwich Foodbank**.

When families have no financial safety net, a sudden crisis such as bereavement, benefit delay, redundancy or illness can throw people living on the edge of poverty into crisis. Every day local people are forced to send their children to bed hungry but the good news is that you can be part of the solution.

Local care professionals such as Age UK, Children Services and Citizens Advice Bureau refer clients to the Foodbank who provide short term emergency food to these local people in crisis. Food is given as an intervention strategy which allows the care agencies time to put longer term measures in place.

All food given out by the Foodbank is donated by generous members of the public and Norwich Foodbank continues to see more and more people turn to them for help. Food banks in the Trussell Trust network distributed 51% more food parcels in 2024/25 compared to 2023/24, reaching 2.9 million parcels.

Below is a list of items they ideally need, although any in-date non-perishable item would be appreciated and used.

Milk (UHT Long Life), Sugar (500g), Fruit Juice (Long Life Carton), Rice Pudding (Tinned), Sponge Pudding (Tinned), Instant Custard (Packets), Tomatoes (Tinned), Instant Mash Potato, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Instant Coffee (small jars), Snack Bars, Tea Bags (pack of 40), Pasta Sauce, Jam, Baby Milk and Nappies.

Please send any donations into school by Friday 26th September

We want to help Norwich Foodbank feed local people in need. Please join with us by giving food so that those less fortunate don't go hungry.

Thank you