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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter
19th September 2025

Dear parents,

This week we have interviewed for leadership roles to be fulfilled by our older pupils, congratulations to those successful in their new posts, we look forward to working with you.

A polite reminder that the play equipment should not be used at the start or end of the school day. This is due to a lack of supervision and we thank you for supporting us with this.

We have the PTA meeting on Tuesday 23rd at 9am in the school hall- we are unable to continue to offer the wonderful additional things we do without some support for this. If you have a spare hour on Tuesday please come along- it's a great way to meet other parents and really support the school. There will be refreshments!

A massive thank you to the three parents that have volunteered to help with our new Uniform shop. They have been busy working to prepare this for a grand opening - watch this space for details!

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Quinn

Dates for your Diary

September

23rd—9.00am SJSA AGM followed by a meeting

24th—Phonics Meetings for Parents

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

Student Leadership Team

We were absolutely blown away by the number and quality of applications we received for the roles of Head Boy and Head Girl this year – over 20 children put themselves forward, each one showing maturity, confidence and a real passion for our school.

After much thought, we've decided to take a **different approach this year** and are really excited to launch a brand-new **Student Leadership Team** instead.

This team will be made up of **8 children – 4 boys and 4 girls** – who will take on shared leadership responsibilities. They'll be working closely with the **School Leadership Team** to:

- Share pupil voice and bring new ideas to the table
- Help lead new initiatives and projects
- Represent the school both in day-to-day life and at special events

While we would have loved to choose every applicant, we've selected 8 children who will represent their peers as part of the team this year. It wasn't an easy decision – the standard was incredibly high – and we're so proud of every single child who put themselves forward.

Our Student Leadership Team will be:

Rafe

Thomas

Hugo

Brooklyn

Pixie

Danika

Sophia

Beth

We're also thrilled to be launching a new **Eco Council**, with **Tolly and Noah D** stepping into the role of our first ever **Eco Warriors**. They'll be leading the way with environmental projects and helping all classes look after our school, local area, and the wider world.

We're really excited to see what both teams achieve this year and will be sharing updates with you as they get started in their roles.
Thank you for your continued support,

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

15th—19th September

Reception	92.77%
Year 1	99.35%
Year 2	99.18%
Year 3	93.33%
Year 4	96.30%
Year 5	95.44%
Year 6	98.32%

House Points

Date	Bader	Cavell	Nelson	Sewell
12.9.25	268	276	277	278
19.9.25	239	210	231	189

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