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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter
17th October 2025

Dear parents,

This year we are working very yard to ensure the children's writing is the best it can be. We have had visitors in our school this week also looking at our writing and it was really pleasing to be able to show lovely mark making in Reception, sentence writing in KS1 and some super extended writing in KS2. It was also noted how well in Year 6 children are applying what they have learnt in English lesson to their Science writing.

We have also been entertained this week by Dorothy- the escape artist chicken! Dorothy lives with her three sisters in Cluckingham Palace at St John's school. Everyday Dorothy decides to challenge herself- escape and search the school site for children and fun! This week she tried hard to join KS2 and also spent lots of time exploring the playground whilst children were in lessons. A big thank you to our Chicken Experts who help to look after them everyday in school.

Have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Quinn

Dates for your Diary

October

27th—Half Term

November

3rd—Children return to school

10th - Year 6 Parent/Teacher Meetings

11th—Parent/Teacher Meetings

13th—Year 6 to Bletchley Park

13th—Parents/Teacher Meetings

14th—Year 1 to Thrigby Hall

14th—Casual Clothes Day for Children in Need

19th—Flu Vaccinations (Rec—Year 6)

21st—Year 2 to The Bug Parc

27th—Year 4 to Norwich Castle

27th /28th—Christmas Shopping Event

December

8th/9th—EYFS & KS1 Production

16th—R, 1 & 2 Christmas Party

17th—5 & 6 Christmas Party

18th—3 & 4 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 Photographs

25th—27th—Year 4 Horstead Residential

Class Attendance

13th—17th October

Reception	91.56%
Year 1	96.08%
Year 2	99.59%
Year 3	98.52%
Year 4	97.41%
Year 5	98.47%
Year 6	96.98%

House Points

Date	Bader	Cavell	Nelson	Sewell
12.9.25	268	276	277	278
19.9.25	239	210	231	189
26.9.25	228	169	223	174
03.10.25	321	247	353	272
10.10.25	292	220	263	285
17.10.25	168	241	267	161

Winter Uniform

This is a reminder of our winter uniform which is to be worn from

3rd November 2025—27th March 2026

Boys	Girls
grey trousers	grey trousers/skirt/pinafore
white shirt (not a polo shirt)	white shirt (not a polo shirt)
school tie	school tie
green V necked jumper	green V necked jumper/cardigan
black/grey/white socks	black/grey/green tights or white socks
black shoes	black shoes

The Foundation Stage uniform (Nursery and Reception Classes) remains unchanged.

You can purchase the following items from the School Office. Please add items to ParentPay.

School Ties £3.95

Large Book Bags £5.80

Small Book Bags £4.10

Would you also note the following:

Trainers should not be worn, and sweatshirts are not part of our school uniform except in the Foundation Stage. Studs are the only earrings allowed to be worn in school and these must be removed for PE and swimming. Hair accessories should be of an appropriate school colour and long hair should be tied back on PE days.



Christmas Shopping



SJSA are delighted to be able to hold a Christmas shopping event over 27th and 28th November. The children will have the opportunity to choose, wrap & label (with helpers) and pay for their own gifts to take home and give to their loved ones on Christmas Day. From past events, we know the children get very excited to be able to surprise their families with a gift they have chosen themselves.

Children will visit the shop in their classes over the two days. It takes place during school hours. All items will be priced at £1.00

We need your help

If you're planning on having a pre-Christmas clear out, we would love your unwanted gifts, things you put aside to sell at a car boot, anything you think a child might like to buy for their Mum, Dad, brother, sister and any loved ones.

We need lots and LOTS of little items that would make lovely gifts – we have over 200 children in school and if each buys an average of 4 presents then we would need close to a thousand items!

As long as it is in good condition, and you think that it is something a child might like to buy, we would be grateful for it. **Please do not send in half used toiletries.**

Please bring any items into the office. Please let Mrs Steele know if you are available to help at any of the sessions.

Thank you!

(All proceeds to SJSA)

FANCY DRESS

SPOOKTACULAR DISCO

23RD OCTOBER 2025

SJSA would like to invite all children to a Halloween Disco!

5PM-6:15PM	NURSERY, RECEPTION* YR1 & YR2
6:30PM-8PM	YR3, YR4, YR5 & YR6

*All children in Nursery & Reception will need a parent/carer to stay with their child.

Spooky costumes encouraged but not obligatory!

If you choose to give your child spending money, there will be a selection of items to buy, plus refreshments and snacks.
Squash will be provided free of charge.
Temporary tattoos will be available. Please inform us if you do not want your child to have one.

£3.50 CHILD £6.50 FAMILY

Tickets to be pre-paid via ParentPay.

CAN YOU HELP?

Any volunteers greatly appreciated!

ALL PROCEEDS TO SJSA
Charity No. 1044213

It's time for

SPOOKTACULAR EXPLORERS IN STALHAM

WE ARE HOSTING THIS EVENT IN STALHAM TO SHOW THE LOCAL SEN COMMUNITY WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT & ARE LOOKING TO START REGULAR CLUBS IN THE AREA!

ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

DECORATE A HALLOWEEN BAG,
ARTS & CRAFTS,
SENSORY SLIME,
SENSORY STATIONS,
PHOTO BOOTH,
CALM CORNER & MORE SEN FUN!

Friday 31st October from 3pm-6pm
Stalham Poppy Centre, NR129BJ

For Information:
www.autismexplorersnorwich.com

*COSTUMES ARE OPTIONAL BUT HIGHLY ENCOURAGED!