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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter
24th October 2025

Dear parents,

As we wrap up this half term, we want to say a huge **thank you** to our amazing PTA, students, and staff who made the **Halloween Disco** such a brilliant success! The costumes were fantastic, the dancing was super, and it was lots of fun! What a wonderful way to celebrate together!

After a **blustery week of wind and rain**, we unfortunately had to postpone the **St John's Challenge**. But don't worry—it will be back **after half term**, and we're looking forward to seeing everyone take part with renewed energy.

It was also lovely to welcome our **Year 2 parents** into class this week for our **Parent Cafés**. Thank you for coming along and sharing in your children's learning—it means so much to us and to them.

We also loved seeing all **Reception** parents enjoy lunch with their children this week on Wednesday. Top star ratings from everyone- thank you for joining us.

Wishing everyone a safe, restful, and happy half term holiday. We will see you back at school at 8.40am on Monday 3rd November.

Regards
Mrs Quinn

Dates for your Diary

October

27th—Half Term

November

3rd—Children return to school

5th—SJSA AGM

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

Class Attendance

20th—24th October

Reception	92.02%
Year 1	99.35%
Year 2	97.14%
Year 3	95.96%
Year 4	95.57%
Year 5	95.45%
Year 6	96.63%

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
24.10.25	287	282	275	257

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.



We are a small team of willing volunteers that desperately need more helping hands. Please take a look at what we do and why our fundraising is so important to the school.

If you would like to find out more, either email office@hoveton-st-johns.norfolk.sch.uk and we will get in touch.

Please come along to our AGM Wednesday 5th Nov at 9am.

Anyone welcome. We are a friendly bunch. Promise!

Many Thanks
SJSA





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)

Thank you from Bumblebee Class

The Bumblebee team would like to thank Mr Kent of Greys Fish & Chip Shop for hosting Reception Class for a chips on our way back from their Library visit on Monday 20th October.



Bumblebee Parents lunch

On Wednesday 22nd October some of the Bumblebee class parents came in for lunch with their children. Thank you to all the staff from Norse Catering for everything.








New Autumn / Winter Menu from 3rd November

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Potato Wedges (v)	Breaded Chicken in a Wrap with Steamed Rice and a Dip	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Pork and Carrot Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Spaghetti	Breaded Fish Fingers or Salmon Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Vegemince Bolognese with Spaghetti (v)	Homemade Bean Burger in a Wrap with Steamed Rice and a Dip (v)	Plant Sausages with Roast Potatoes and Gravy (v)	Tex Mex Chilli Loaded Wedges (v)	Spanish Omelette and Chips (v)
Served with	Peas and Sweetcorn	Salad Sticks	Carrots and Cabbage	Mixed Vegetables	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Cocoa Mousse	Jam Sponge with Custard	Chewy Krispie Bar	Apple Crunch with Greek Yogurt	Cocoa Oatcake with Orange Wedges

Week One: 3 Nov | 24 Nov | 15 Dec | 19 Jan | 9 Feb | 9 Mar — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Margherita Pizza with Tomato Pasta (v)	Chicken Burrito Bake with Steamed Rice	Roast Chicken with Stuffing, Roast Potatoes with Gravy	Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges	Chicken Fillet Bites and Chips
Hot Option 2	Sweet Potato and Lentil Curry with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Cheese and Potato Pie with Gravy (v)	Plant Sausage Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Garden Vegetable Goujons and Chips (v)
Served with	Salad Sticks	Peas and Sweetcorn	Carrots and Green Beans	Baked Beans	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Cocoa Orange Cupcake	Shortbread with Apple Wedges	Oaty Cookie	Fruit Jelly	Iced Sprinkle Cake

Week Two: 10 Nov | 1 Dec | 5 Jan | 26 Jan | 23 Feb | 16 Mar — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Hot Option 1	Cheesy Pasta (v)	Pork Chilli Loaded Wedges	Chipolata Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy	Chinese-Style Chicken with Noodles	Breaded Fish Fingers and Chips
Hot Option 2	Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Steamed Rice (v)	Cheese and Tomato Pasta Bake (v)	Plant Sausages with Yorkshire Pudding, Mashed Potato and Gravy (v)	Cheese and Potato Pastry Pinwheel with Potato Wedges (v)	Vegetarian Enchilada with Chips (v)
Served with	Mixed Vegetables	Mixed Salad	Carrots and Peas	Sweetcorn and Broccoli	Peas or Baked Beans
And for Pudding	Flapjack and Apple Wedges	Cocoa Sponge with Cocoa Sauce	Peach Crunch with Greek Yogurt	Vanilla Ice Cream	Carrot Cake

Week Three: 17 Nov | 8 Dec | 12 Jan | 2 Feb | 2 Mar | 23 Mar — Fresh Fruit Available Daily

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