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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter
11th September 2026

Dear parents,

Welcome back- already the Summer holidays seem very far behind us!

The children have all started the new year in the very best way possible. We have been delighted and super proud of the amazing start Bumblebees and Butterflies have made to their new year. All children through school have settled well and are forming positive class routines and relationships with their new teachers.

We have a busy year planned and details of events already booked are displayed on the calendar section. Please keep checking as things change and new things will be added.

Attendance is very important to us and we will be working hard to ensure every child attends school every day and on time- we very much appreciate your support with this.

The school website is being updated currently but check over the coming weeks for class and school information, pictures and helpful videos.

We are excited for another successful year at St Johns and cant wait to share the children's successes with you along the way. If your child is taking part in anything at home that you would like us to celebrate in school please feel free to email the school office with details and pictures- its always lovely to hear about what children are doing out of school too.

Wishing you a relaxing weekend.

Mrs Quinn

Dates for your Diary

September

25th—RSE Meeting for Parents

28th—Harvest Assembly

October

5th—Reception and Year 6 Height and Weight

5th— from 3.30pm—5.00pm Family Group Photos

6th—School Photos - Individuals

15th—SJSA Disco

26th—Half Term

November

2nd—Children return to school

10th—Parents Evening

11th—Flu Vaccinations (Rec—Year 6)

12th—Parents Evening

26th /27th—Christmas Shopping Event

December

8th/9th—EYFS & KS1 Production

14th—SJSA Disco

15th—R, 1 & 2 Christmas Party

16th—5 & 6 Christmas Party

17th—3 & 4 Christmas Party

18th—Christmas Jumper Day

18th—Last day of Term

January

5th—Children return to school

February

15th—19th—Half Term

22nd—Children Return to School

23rd—Rec- Year 6 Class Group Photographs

24th—26th—Year 4 Horstead Residential

Forest Schools—Updated Rota

Alternate Tuesdays – Year 1 - Starting 15th September

Alternate Tuesdays – Year 2 – Starting 22nd September

Wednesdays – Nursery and Reception Class every week

Thursdays - Focus Group (7 weeks) 10th September—22nd October

Thursdays—Year 3 (3 weeks) 5th, 12th & 19th November

Thursdays—Year 5 (3 weeks) S26th November, 3rd & 10th December

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 5th 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 6th 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—11th September

Reception	98.91%
Year 1	98.29%
Year 2	88.46%
Year 3	98.89%
Year 4	94.17%
Year 5	99.01%
Year 6	96.41%

House Points

Date	Bader	Cavell	Nelson	Sewell
11.9.26	216	195	238	113

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.

Norwich Foodbank is a community-based charity operating in the city and surrounding area including Wroxham, Loddon, Poringland and Wymondham. Our aim is to be a collaborative project that engages with the whole community to tackle poverty in our local area. We don't receive any government funding and are therefore totally reliant on donations from the local community. In the last 12 months, we fulfilled 5284 vouchers, feeding 10429 people.

The Foodbank helps individuals and families in crisis through the provision of emergency food supplies, donated by local organisations and the general public. We partner with frontline care professionals, such as Citizens Advice, housing agencies, Family hubs and debt support who can identify and refer people to the Foodbank. People will receive a food parcel, are welcomed with a cup of tea and signposted or introduced to agencies that are able to help resolve the underlying cause of the problem.

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),

Microwave Rice, Tomatoes (Tinned), Instant Mash Potato, Tinned Meat, Tinned Fish, Tinned Vegetables, Tinned Fruit, Instant Coffee (small jars), Individually wrapped snack Bars, Tea Bags (pack of 40), Pasta Sauce, Jam, Peanut butter

Please send any donations into school by Friday 25th 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

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MAKING SENSE OF SEND

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In person, free, friendly information and support about SEND for families and professionals.

Saturday 3 October 2026,
11.30am-1.30pm at
Hellesdon Community Centre, NR6 5SB

Are you looking for support for your child /young person with SEND and your family?

- Listen to an expert-led talk
- A chance to give feedback and be heard by the Education Health Care Plan (EHCP) team or SEND advisor. Bookable on the day.
- Speak directly with more than 20 services and get personalised, face-to-face advice all in one place.

No need to book - please just come along.

Find out more:

www.norfolk.gov.uk/msos

Norfolk County Council

Messy Church

Messy Church, Wroxham

A relaxed, friendly time for all the family!

Saturday 26th September 4pm-6pm

Everyone welcome!



FREE!

Please register by Saturday 19th September 2026

All children must be accompanied by an adult

fun · bible stories · crafts · songs · food · games

TO BOOK:

norwichcfw@urceastern.org.uk

07517 164925

Scan to register

Wroxham URC (The Hub)

114 Norwich Road, Wroxham, NR12 8SA

Jesus And Me