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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter
16th October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy week in school, and we would like to thank the children for their continued hard work and positive attitudes.

Our KS2 children thoroughly enjoyed watching the visiting theatre production of Wizard of Oz. It was a wonderful opportunity for them to experience live theatre and enjoy a different type of performance in school.

We have had lots of staff and pupil sickness and absences this week, which has meant that different members of staff have sometimes been covering classes. We are incredibly proud of how well the children have behaved and adapted to these changes, showing maturity and resilience throughout the week.

We would also like to let you know that Mr Popey will be absent until half term. His absence is being covered by members of staff the children already know, helping to maintain consistency and ensure that routines continue as normal. We would like to wish Mr Popey all the very best and look forward to welcoming him back.

A reminder about the weather
As the weather becomes wetter and colder, please ensure that children bring a **coat to school every day**. We aim to get the children outside as much as possible, whatever the weather, so having suitable clothing is important.

Inset Day – Friday 23rd October
Please remember that school will be **closed to pupils on Friday 23rd October for an INSET day**. Therefore, the last day of school before half term will be **Thursday 22nd October**.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We hope you all have a lovely weekend!

Best wishes,
Mrs Quinn

Dates for your Diary

October
20th—Year 2 Gruffalo Day
21st—Year 4 Cake Sale—3.10pm
22nd—Children break up from school
23rd—School Closed for INSET day
26th—30th—Half Term

November
2nd—Children return to school
9th—Parents Evening (Year 6 & Nursery only)
10th—Parents Evening (All Classes)
11th—Flu Vaccinations (Rec—Year 6)
12th—Parents Evening (R,1,2,3,4 & 5)
20th—Year 2 Bug Parc visit
26th /27th—Christmas Shopping Event

December
8th/9th—EYFS & KS1 Production
11th—Visiting Pantomime
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
20th—Year 6 Crucial Crew

February
15th—19th—Half Term
22nd—Children Return to School
23rd—Rec- Year 6 Class Group Photographs
24th—26th—Year 4 Horstead Residential

Class Attendance

12th—16th October

Reception	89.86%
Year 1	84.77%
Year 2	94.07%
Year 3	91.67%
Year 4	95.7%
Year 5	92.59%
Year 6	90.74%

House Points

Date	Bader	Cavell	Nelson	Sewell
11.09.26	216	195	238	113
18.09.26	215	274	247	129
25.09.26	179	251	227	201
02.10.26	117	99	141	121
09.10.26	169	112	151	175
16.10.26	81	131	137	115

Winter Uniform

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

2nd November 2026—25th March 2027

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

Email: office@hoveton-st-johns.norfolk.sch.uk to order items and the cost will be added to your child's ARBOR account for you to make a payment

School Ties £4.10

Large Book Bags £5.80

Small Book Bags £4.80

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.

Forest Schools—Updated Rota

Alternate Tuesdays – Year 1 - from 3rd November

Alternate Tuesdays – Year 2 – from 10th November

Wednesdays – Nursery and Reception Class every week

Thursdays—Year 3 (3 weeks) 22nd October, 5th & 12th November

Thursdays—Year 5 (3 weeks) 19th, 26th November & 3rd December



On Friday 9th October KS2 pupils had a visiting Theatre Company in to perform The Wizard of Oz. After the performance the children took part in a workshop to see how the production works behind the scenes



Children In Need—Casual Clothes Day

Friday 13th November

Children wishing to take part should make a donation of £1.00 on the day.



Help us win £1,000 of LEGO® Education resources!

We're taking part in the LEGO® Education Token Collect Competition and need your help!

From 26th September to 5th November, tokens will be printed in your local newspaper. The more tokens our school collects, the greater our chance of winning fantastic LEGO® Education resources worth up to £1,000.

Tokens will be printed in: • Eastern Daily Press, Norwich Evening News, Dereham and Fakenham Times, North Norfolk News, Beccles and Bungay Journal and Lowestoft Journal

How you can help:

• Pick up a participating local newspaper during the promotion period

• Cut out and save the LEGO® Education tokens

• Gather as many as tokens as possible and take them to your nearest participating school,

or post them to FOR NORFOLK SCHOOLS: School Name, Lego Education Tokens, Newspaper name, Prospect House, Rouen Road, Norwich, NR1 1RE

Every token counts, so please ask family members, friends and neighbours to get involved too. Thank you for supporting our school and helping us bring more LEGO® Education resources into the classroom!



Christmas Shopping



SJSA are delighted to be able to hold a Christmas shopping event over 26th and 27th 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)