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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter
23rd October 2026

Play Leader's Surprise Guest

Our fantastic Year 6 Play Leaders enjoyed a well-deserved ice cream treat on Thursday 22nd October as a thank you for being so helpful and supportive of our younger children throughout this half term.



Whilst out enjoying their treat, they had a very special surprise when they bumped into the Princess of Wales! She took the time to ask them all about their roles as Play Leaders and even commented on what brilliant role models they are. What an amazing experience and a lovely way to end the half term!

Dates for your Diary

October

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

March

27th—Last day of Term

April

14th—Children return to school

St John's Challenge – Well Done, Everyone!

A huge well done to all the children who took part in today's St John's Challenge! Children from Years 3–6 put their running skills and determination to the test as they completed laps of the school field.

It was fantastic to see so much effort, enthusiasm and perseverance from everyone involved. Whether sprinting for the finish line or encouraging their friends along the way, the children showed brilliant sportsmanship and team spirit!

Individual Winners

Congratulations to our fastest runners in each category!

Category	Winner
Year 3/4 Boys (1 lap)	Roman: 3 minutes 1 second
Year 3/4 Girls (1 lap)	Annie: 3 minutes 28 seconds
Year 5/6 Boys (2 laps)	Henry: 6 minutes 11 seconds
Year 5/6 Girls (2 laps)	Harper: 6 minutes 55 seconds

House Competition Results

The 10 fastest runners in each class earned points for their houses, making every lap and every finishing position count!

Position	House	Points
1st	Sewell	72
2nd	Bader	57
3rd	Nelson	53
4th	Cavell	38
	Total	220

A massive congratulations to Sewell House, our St John's Challenge champions!



Class Attendance

19th—22nd October

Reception	91.85%
Year 1	99.07%
Year 2	98.33%
Year 3	92.41%
Year 4	93.36%
Year 5	94.17%
Year 6	**100%**

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
22.10.26	94	135	82	108

Year 4 Cake Sale

Thank you to everyone purchased items at the Year 4 Halloween Themed Cake sale on Wednesday 21st October.

They raised a fantastic **£150.00**

Well done Year 4, the bakes looked amazing!!

Poppy Appeal 2026

From Monday 2nd - Wednesday 11th November we will have poppies and other items for sale in the playground (weather permitting) before and after school. Please bring cash to donate. Thank you in advance.

Children In Need—Casual Clothes Day

Friday 13th November

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



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

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)