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St John's Community Primary School and Nursery

Weekly Newsletter
2nd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you for another busy and productive week! We have enjoyed seeing the children learning, exploring and making progress, and we appreciate your continued support.

A Reminder About Punctuality

Please ensure that all children arrive at school on time and are ready to begin learning at the start of the school day. Arriving late can be disruptive for the child, as they may miss important instructions and the start of their learning, as well as interrupting the learning of others in the class. Thank you for helping us ensure that every child has a settled and positive start to their day.

Thank You to Our Reception Parents

A big thank you to all our Reception parents and carers who joined us for our Phonics and Early Reading Workshop. We really appreciate you taking the time to attend and support your child's learning. Working together helps us build strong foundations for the children's reading journey.

Winter Bugs and Handwashing

As the colder weather approaches, we are beginning to see more winter bugs circulating. Please remind your children of the importance of washing their hands regularly, particularly before eating and after using the toilet. These simple habits can help reduce the spread of germs and keep our school community as healthy as possible.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support and cooperation. We hope you all have a lovely weekend, and we look forward to welcoming the children back next week!

Warm regards,
Mrs Quinn

Dates for your Diary

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

20th—Year 2 Gruffalo Day

22nd—Children break up from school

23rd—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

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



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!



www.ticketsource.com/st-johns-student-association

Join the SJSA

St John's School Association



Can you spare a few hours a month to help prepare events, run events or just pop along to help with ideas.

PREPARE
Help plan and organise fun events.

RUN
Lend a hand on the day and make it happen.

IDEAS
Share your ideas and help make a difference.

EVERY LITTLE BIT HELPS!

Interested? We'd love to hear from you!
Get in touch via the school office or speak to a member of the SJSA team.



St John's School Association

AGM

13th October

at

The Hotel Wroxham

7pm

If you would like to join
our SJSA please come along

Class Attendance

28th September—2nd October

Reception	96.62%
Year 1	96.30%
Year 2	98.61%
Year 3	96.88%
Year 4	98.79%
Year 5	96.06%
Year 6	97.92%

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

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.

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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

Is my child too ill for school?

UK Government

NHS

Does your child have a high temperature (38ºC or more)?

YES Keep them off school until it goes away.

NO Follow the guidance below.

Your child can usually go to school with a mild cough or cold if they are otherwise well. If you do keep your child at home, it's important to phone the school or nursery on the first day and give them the reason.

Should go in

A cough, cold or sore throat

Fine with slight cough or common cold symptoms, such as a runny nose, sore throat or headache, as long as they're otherwise well and do not have a high temperature.

Threadworms

Speak to your pharmacist, who can recommend a treatment.

Should go in (let the school know)

Cold sores

Encourage them not to touch the blister or kiss anyone while they have the cold sore, or to share things like cups and towels.

Conjunctivitis

Fine unless they are feeling very unwell. Seek advice from your pharmacist. Encourage your child not to rub their eyes and to wash their hands regularly.

Head lice & nits

You can treat head lice and nits without seeing a GP.

Hand, foot & mouth disease

If they seem well enough to go to school, there's no need to keep them off. Encourage your child to throw away any used tissues straight away and to wash their hands regularly.

Slapped cheek syndrome

Once the rash appears, they're no longer infectious. Let the school or teacher know if you think your child has slapped cheek syndrome.

Seek treatment before returning to school

Impetigo

They'll need treatment from a pharmacist or GP, often with antibiotics. Keep them off school until all the sores have crusted over and healed, or for 48 hours after they start antibiotic treatment. Encourage your child to wash their hands regularly and not to share things like towels and cups with other children at school.

Ringworm

See your pharmacist unless it's on their scalp, in which case you should see a GP. It's fine for your child to go to school once they have started treatment.

Scarlet fever

They'll need treatment with antibiotics from a GP. Otherwise they'll be infectious for 2 to 3 weeks. Your child can go back to school 24 hours after starting antibiotics.

Chickenpox

Keep them off school until all the spots have crusted over. This is usually about 5 days after the spots first appeared.

Keep them off (at first)

Ear infection

If your child has an ear infection and a high temperature or severe earache, keep them off school until they're feeling better or their high temperature goes away.

Measles

They'll need to see a GP. Call the GP surgery before you go in, as measles can spread to others easily. Keep your child off school for at least 4 days from when the rash first appears. They should also avoid close contact with babies and anyone who is pregnant or has a weakened immune system.

Vomiting & diarrhoea

Stay away from school until they have not been sick or had diarrhoea due to illness for at least 2 days (48 hours).

Feeling worried or anxious: It's normal for any of us to feel worried sometimes. We may get a tummy ache or headache, or have problems eating or sleeping. Avoiding school can sometimes make a child's worries about going to school worse. If your child is struggling, please speak to school as soon as possible to explore available help. If your child is still struggling and it's affecting their everyday life, you should contact GP or school nurse.

To find out more, search www.NHS.uk for the specific illness or infection, or 'Is my child too ill for school?'