



Newsletter Welcome Back 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I just wanted to send out a short newsletter to say how lovely it has been to welcome you and your children back to St John's School this week. A very special welcome to our new families, including our Reception and Nursery classes, it's great to have you joining us.

Today all of the children came to school with excellent ready /respectful/safe behaviours and the whole school environment feels very calm, well behaved and purposeful.

Meet the teacher sessions

Next week and the week after we will be holding our meet the teacher sessions for Years 1 through to 6 so that you have a chance to find out about your child's new class and what they will be learning and doing over the next academic year. I would like to strongly encourage all parents and carers to attend this 30-minute event, especially if you are already collecting your child from school. This meeting provides a great opportunity to create positive partnership between you and your child's class teacher. It will also be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. These will take place in your child's classroom and will last around 30 minutes. We look forward to seeing you.

- **Years 5 & 6 Friday 12th September at 3.30pm**
- **Years 1 & 2 Monday 15th September at 3.30pm**
- **Year 3 & 4 Tuesday 16th September at 3.30pm**

Reception parents will be invited to an EYFS Curriculum event, to find out more about what the class will be learning. This will take place at another point during this half term, more information will be sent nearer to the time once the children have settled into their routines.

Just a reminder that we open the Year 1 & 2 classrooms at 8.30am, in line with Key Stage 2, meaning that all parents will be able to bring their children to their classroom at 8.30am, where the children can engage in a learning activity and start the day in a calm way. Please remember that the register will be taken at 8.45am and anyone arriving after this time must sign in at the school office. Learning begins at 8.30am onwards so it is important to get to school on time.

We are really looking forward to a great year at St John's School and want to work with you to make sure we can offer all children an excellent education in a welcoming and supportive environment.

Have a great weekend!

Best wishes,

Amanda Aze, Head Teacher

New Water Bottles

We have given every child a new water bottle today. Each day we will be sending this home with your child so that you can give it a wash and refill it with fresh water (no squash/flavoured water please) We are asking that this is brought into school each day so all the children stay well hydrated. All bottles have the children's names on them.

If the bottle we have supplied gets lost/needs replacing we would ask that any other water bottle brought into school is clear, transparent and not a big 'Stanley' style one please.

Data Collection Updates

We need to know if there are any changes to information relating to your child e.g. medical details (any new allergies, asthma, medication etc.) change of address, telephone numbers or email addresses.

You can amend details regarding your child or yourself via our Parent Portal—The Arbor App.

If you would like to make changes to another contact on your child's profile, you will need to do this at the school office. Thank you.

Dates for your diary

September

12th- Years 5 & 6 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm

15th- Years 1 & 2 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm

16th- Years 3 & 4 Meet the Teacher 3.30pm

16th Fraser Portraits Individual Portraits

17th Years 3 & 6 first swimming lesson

18th Year 6 visit to All Saints Academy

26th Year 6 visit to Nothe Fort



Safeguarding - Child Protection

Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility

REMEMBER: If you have a suspicion or concern about child abuse you should always take some consult, seek advice and take action. Families and members of the public can contact the Family Support and Advice Line (FSAAL) on 01305 228558

Alternatively, during term time, you can contact the school to speak to Amanda Aze (Designated Safeguarding Lead – DSL), Heidi Martin (Deputy DSL) or Alice Rist (Deputy DSL). The safety of our children is the responsibility of us all.

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