



St John's
CE Primary School

Isaiah 40:31 'They will soar on wings like eagles'

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Autumn Term Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to our first newsletter with diary dates of the new school year.

Ofsted Update

We hope you have enjoyed reading our Ofsted report which is on the school website.

Dates for Next School Year:

Academic Year 2026	School Closes	School Re-Opens
Return to School		Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Half Term	Friday 23rd October 2026	Monday 2nd November 2026
Christmas	Friday 18th December 2026	Monday 4th January 2027
Half Term	Friday 12th February 2027	Monday 22nd February 2027
Easter	Thursday 25th March 2027	Monday 12th April 2027
May Day	Friday 30th April 2027	Tuesday 4th May 2027
Local Elections	Wednesday 5th May 2027	Friday 7th May 2027
Half Term	Friday 28th May 2027	Monday 7th June 2027
Summer Holiday	Friday 16th July 2027	Thursday 2nd September 2027 (Provisional)

September 2026

When?	What?	Who?
Tuesday 8 th September 9am	Front Row Music Assembly	If you might want your child to do guitar or ukelele lessons come along
Wednesday 9 th September 3.30pm	Look around of classrooms	Everyone is welcome to come and see their child's classroom
Friday 11 th September 9am and every Friday	Celebration Assembly	Parents welcome to come and hear about the week in school
Monday 21 st September 10am	EYFS Open Morning for Prospective Parents	If you have a young child and want to have a look for nursery or Sept 27 place, come and see Nursery and Reception
Wednesday 23 rd September	Folk Tales and Fables Workshop	Author visit for Y5 children
Wednesday 30 th September 3.30-5.30pm	Parents Evening	All parents will be able to sign up for appointments to discuss how children are settling into school

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October 2026

When?	What?	Who?
Friday 2 nd October	Learn to Ride Bike Course	Y5 children (letter sent as consent needs to be returned)
Monday 5 th -Thursday 8 th October	Bikeability Sessions	Y5 children (letter sent as consent needs to be returned)
Monday 12 th October	Individual School Photos	All children
Wednesday 14 th October	Flu sprays	All children whose parents give consent (forms will come out)
Thursday 15 th October	Visit to Manchester Museum	Y4 children
Thursday 22 nd October at 8am	Family Breakfast	All welcome for a free breakfast – parents, staff, children
Thursday 22 nd October at 9am	Digital Concerns	Talk about screen time – does it just make parents feel guilty – workshop for parents on helping children use devices for the right amount of time
Friday 23 rd October	School Librarians trip to Manchester	Y5 and Y6 librarians

The Bread and Butter Thing

Every Monday afternoon we have a food share which distributes excess food from supermarkets and gives families the opportunity to buy produce at reduced prices. A text will come out later this week letting you know how to sign up.

Extension of Free School Meals

All families in receipt of any level of Universal Credit are now entitled to free school meals. Please see the School Office or look at the council website to sign up if you need more information.

We look forward to welcoming you into children's classrooms this week and getting to know you over this school year. Teachers will soon be sending out details of what their class will be learning but please do feel free to ask if you have any questions.

Tracey Cansdale
Headteacher