



Welcome to our May half term newsletter:

Congratulations to St John's!

St John's have been awarded a Bronze Award for being an 'Emotionally Friendly Setting' meaning that we are working hard to make St John's a safe and secure space for children to belong, flourish and achieve and looking after our staff too. It was lovely to welcome Romessa Lak our community educational psychologist to Family Breakfast yesterday morning – I know she chatted with a few families who valued her input. Romessa has been helping us with being 'emotionally friendly' along with other colleagues from her service.

Well Done to our Y6s and Netball Squad

They worked incredibly hard in SATS week and we are so proud of them and their attitude. We are working hard to help them make a good transition to high school. If you have any concerns as a parent, please come and talk to us. We have already met with most of the high schools to talk about your child's strengths and 'next steps' but we know this can feel a big change! Well done to the netball squad who won their last match 8-0 and are going forward to the Quarter Finals.

New Beginnings

Next half term we will be welcoming our new starters in Reception and Nursery for visits – if you have a child or know a child that needs a place, please speak to the Office so that we can make sure they take part in these events too. Dates are below on the school calendar.

We are delighted for Mr Seale who has gained a promotion with the Sycamore Trust (who lead our school). Sadly, for us this means Mr Seale will be working at another school within the Trust where he will be a Senior Leader responsible for Personal Development at Radcliffe Hall school. However, we feel very glad that his talent and great teaching will remain within the Sycamore family of schools.

This week we interviewed for new teachers to replace Mr Seale and Mr Thomas. We are excited to announce that we have recruited three brilliant new teachers including Mrs Kennett who has been working with us since January. Year 3 and Year 4 met all the teachers as they taught them during the interview process and they gave us great feedback. They are excited to hear that their feedback helped us pick the right staff for us.

Classes in September

We will let you know who will be teaching your child in our June newsletter when we can introduce our new staff properly (we have to wait for all the paperwork to go through before we can pass on their names) and we will have plenty of transition time and opportunities for you to meet staff and see new classrooms. We have an extended plan for Reception so they will have lots of opportunities to get to know the Y1 classroom and staff on a regular basis starting after half term.

Uniform in Summer 2

Let's keep the smartness up for the last half term. We appreciate that parents might not want to buy new school shoes if children's feet grow now – black pumps (about £4 at Asda) or any type of black trainer are fine to wear. Red and white checked summer dresses and grey/black shorts are great – please send children in mid-thigh length shorts – very short -hot-pant style shorts mean their legs get stuck to the chairs and they get uncomfortable.

June & July 2026 – Key Dates for Parents and Carers

June

Week beginning 1 June

- Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check (this week and next)
- Educational Psychology training on social communication for parents - online – Tuesday 2 June in evening – see office for a Teams link
- Class photographs on Friday 5 June

Week beginning 8 June

- Reception Transition Event 1 – Teddy Bear's Picnic - Monday 8th June 2.30 – 3.15pm, parents and children attend together if your child is starting YR in September
- Girls' Football Team trip to Manchester Football Museum on Tuesday 9th June
- Boys' Puberty talk from School Nurse for Y6 boys
- Phonics Screening Check Week begins for all Y1 and some Y2s

Week beginning 15 June

- Year 6 Bury Transition Event - Wednesday 17 June
- Reception Transition Event 2 Thursday 18 June. 1.30 – 3.30pm, children only – no parents

Week beginning 22 June

- Sports Morning from 9am – Years 4–6 Tuesday 23 June (*Reserve date: 8 July*) – families very welcome to come and spectate on the field
- Sports Morning from 9am – Years 1–3 Wednesday 24 June (*Reserve date: 3 July*) – families very welcome to come and spectate on the field
- Final new YR Transition Event 9.15 – 11.15am- children only on Thursday 25 June
- Y2 out at Fire Safety Centre in Bury for educational visit
- Year 5/6 World Cup Cricket Tournament (afternoon trip on 25 June) for those children and families who have already ordered tickets

Week beginning 29 June

- EYFS Sports Morning on Monday 29 June from 9am (*Reserve date: 7 July*) – families very welcome to come and spectate on the field
- Trust Choir Concert at Bury Church on Tuesday 30 June – letters will come home with choir participants later this term, as families are welcome to come and support (afternoon event – children are there all day)
- Nursery New Starters Visit 1 (1.30 – 2.30pm on Tuesday 30th June, parents welcome to stay)

July

- Wednesday 1 July - Guitar and Ukulele Concert – parents of musicians welcome at 9am
- Thursday 2 July - Year 6 Leavers' Service at the Cathedral

Week beginning Monday 6 July

- Reports will come out on Monday 6 July



- DT Week (Design & Technology focus across school)
- Open Afternoon (3.30 – 4.30pm) Wednesday 8 July Parents and carers welcome to visit classrooms and meet teachers old and new (see next year's classroom) and chat about anything arising from your child's report.
- Family Breakfast on Thursday 9th July with no-guilt trip ideas for families to reduce screen time over the summer holidays (8.00 – 9.00am)
- EYFS Beach Party – it's too far to visit the seaside by coach with little ones so the seaside is coming to them on Friday 10 July – more details to come
- Year 6 Leaver's Performance – Friday 10 July 1.30pm – tickets will be available for Y6 parents and families

Final Week of Term

Week beginning Monday 13 July

- Y6 have organ workshop at St Thomas and St John Church on Tuesday 14 July
- Final Nursery New Starters Visit on Tuesday 14 July (1.30 – 2.30pm, no parents)
- Y5 are visiting the Greater Manchester Transport Museum in Cheetham Hill for their class visit on Wednesday 15 July
- Year 6 leavers event will be on Thursday 16 July (details to follow)
- School Summer Service at Church for KS2 with parents welcome to attend (*date to be confirmed*)

Friday 18 July – Last Day of Term

- All pupils finish at **2.00pm**

Y3 class visit date tbc - we will add all these dates to the school calendar on the website so please check in there for the most up to date information.