

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



"Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. [Philippians 4:4](#)

As we journey through the season of Advent, we prepare for the third Sunday before Advent where our pink candle on the Advent wreath symbolises John the Baptist. John the Baptist was the cousin of Jesus. His mother was Elizabeth. He preached the need for repentance and to be baptized. He prepared the way for Christ. He is known as the forerunner of Christ. He told people that he baptises with water but the one that follows will baptise with the Holy Spirit. This Sunday is one of celebration as the excitement of Christmas Day draws near.

We certainly have very excited children especially in Ruby Class where they have now posted their letters to Father Christmas and wait in anticipation as to what arrives on Christmas morning. As we enter our final week of this term, we have many fun activities to celebrate this festive season. These are as follows:

Monday 16th December at 9am – Diamond Class to lead the Collective Worship for parents/carers

Tuesday 17th December at 9am – Emerald Class to lead the Collective Worship for parents/carers

Tuesday 17th December—No Nursery Class today, due to the Pantomime Trip for Reception Class

Wednesday 18th December at 9am – Sapphire Class to lead the Collective Worship for parents/carers

Wednesday 18th December at 2pm – Carol Service at St. John's Church for Yr.1 – Yr.6

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Jumper day & Christmas lunch followed by class Christmas parties

Friday 20th December – School finishes (please see below the times for each class) for Christmas holidays

Please note that we will be finishing after lunch on Friday with a staggered exit plan to avoid congestion at the gate. These times are as follows:

Reception Class to be collected at 12.45pm

Sapphire Class to be collected at 12.50pm

Diamond Class to be collected at 12.55pm

Emerald Class to be collected at 1pm

Please note that the list of clubs and booking details for the Spring Term were sent out last week, so please ensure that you book early to avoid disappointment. We are also noticing that children who stay for clubs are hungry at this time, so please send them in with a healthy snack so they can have it at the start of the club.

On behalf of everyone at St. John's School, may I wish you all a very Happy Christmas and all our very best wishes for 2025. We look forward to seeing everyone back with us on the 7th January for another successful year.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Notley

Blue Christmas

A quiet, meditative service for those going through tough times.



Grieving?

Sad?

NOT the most magical time of year?

Join us this

Saturday 14 December

at 4.00pm

A FESTIVAL OF *Nine Lessons & Carols*



Enjoy an Evening of
Christmas Carols and
Worship



Sunday 22 December

*St John's Church
Strayfield Road*

7:00pm

St. John's C.E. Primary School Academic Year 2025-2026

| September 2025 | | | | | | | October 2025 | | | | | | | November 2025 | | | | | | | December 2025 | | | | | | |
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- = Schooldays
- = School holidays
- = Bank holidays
- = Weekends
- = Inset day

Autumn Term: Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025
Half Term 27 October – 31 October
 Inset days Thursday 23 October, Friday 24 October Monday 3 November & Friday 28 November 2025

Spring Term: Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026
Half Term 16 February - 20 February

Summer Term: Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026
Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May
 Inset day Monday 20 July 2026