

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



Welcome back to the entire St. John's School community for another exciting year. I am very impressed with the majority of pupils being at the gate for 8.40am as this year we are really adamant that we will achieve our target of 95% for attendance. Please remember to book your child into the clubs that are on offer as these will be starting from the 14th September. On behalf of all the staff at St. John's School, I would like to take this opportunity to thank so many parents for your extremely generous gifts and thoughtful messages at the end of last term - this means so much to our dedicated team.

This year we are delighted that Miss Dall'Aglio has been accepted on the teacher training programme and will be working with us to complete this training in Ruby Class alongside Miss Kelleher and Mrs. Gatward. Please have a look at the dates attached to this newsletter and please note that our October break has been extended so that parents are not booking holidays during school time.

I am delighted to welcome back Noah's Ark Children's Hospice to St. John's School again this year where we will be encouraging pupils to participate in the Step-tember challenge to do 90 miles your own way, whether it is walking, running, cycling, swimming, hopping... etc! 90 miles equates to 3 miles, or about 7,000 steps a day, which I am sure some of our pupils will find easy! This Friday we will be sending home the paper step trackers that can be filled out daily with the number of miles done, with a totaliser at the end of the month, as well as a weekly fundraising total tracker too! The completed sponsor forms and money raised will need to be brought into school at the end of the month and a certificate will be presented to these children in assembly. If the school raises over £500 we will receive a trophy to keep and proud display. Please note that there is no obligation to take part in this - pupils can take part if they would like, but no one has to participate! To ensure that everyone has a chance to do the 30 days we do ask that all fundraising is completed by the 12th of October, as this is when the matched funding ends!

As part of our drive in making our school more sustainable, we are really focusing on trying to reduce our lost property throughout the school. Every year we are wasting at least £1,000 on uniform that has not been claimed. Therefore, we would really appreciate if all parents can ensure that all items of their child's school uniform are clearly labelled.

I am looking forward to meeting with parents at our Parents' Meetings next week, if you are unable to attend, please ensure that you have requested a copy of the information sheet. Please refer to the dates at the end of this newsletter as we will now be only sending a newsletter out monthly.

We are very much looking forward to welcoming parents back on a Friday morning at 8.55am for our weekly Celebration Assembly.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Notley

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CAN YOU HELP US TO KEEP ST JOHN'S CHURCH OPEN?

St John's church has cracks!

As these are in the porch area, if we don't get them fixed we will have to close the church building. The cost of the repair work is estimated to be at least £18,000 (plus VAT)

We know times are very difficult, but

any small financial help you can support us with will be really appreciated and help to ensure that our church buildings remain open for the community as well as our school.

If anyone is in a position to donate please do so **ON PARENTPAY** OR at:

Bank: Metro Bank plc: Bank Account Name: PCC of St John and St Luke Clay Hill Sort Code: 23-05-80 Account Number: 31851777 Ref: St John's (school)

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT Mthr Mitzi and all at St John's and Clay Hill Parish



At
St John's Church
Strayfield Road
9:00am
Every 2nd Sunday of the Month

**Come
And See**



At
St Luke's Church
10:00am
Every **First Sunday** of the
Month

**Come
And See**

The Enfield Society 90th anniversary photo competition - MY ENFIELD, which is open to all who live, study, work in or visit the London Borough of Enfield. The closing date for entries is 30 October 2026.

We invite entrants to share photographs that capture the places, people, buildings, landscapes and stories that make ENFIELD special.

How to enter and competition rules please email:

myenfield@enfieldsociety.org.uk

Trustee and Committee Member
The Enfield Society

After School Clubs & Breakfast Club Agenda

Monday

- 8.00am Breakfast Club
- During the day Rocksteady (for pupils who have signed up)
- 3.00-4.00pm Netball Club (KS2)
- 3.00-4.00pm Arts & Crafts (Recep, Sapphire Class)
- 3.00-4.00pm Jiu-Jitsu (KS2 & Year 2)

Tuesday

- 8.00am Breakfast Club
- 3.00-4.00pm Girls' Football Club (KS2)
- 3.00-4.00pm Indoor/Outdoor Games (Recep, Sapphire Class & Year 3)
- 3.00-4.00pm Table Tennis (KS2)

Wednesday

- 8.00am Breakfast Club
- During school Keyboard
- During school Recorder
- 3.00-4.00pm Multi Sports (Reception & Sapphire Class)
- 3.00-4.00pm Choir Club (KS2 & Year 2)
- 3.00-4.00pm Pathways combined with Table Tennis/Board Games (Reception & Sapphire Class)
- 3.00-4.00pm Boys' Football Club (KS2)

Thursday

- 8.00am Breakfast Club
- 3.00-4.00pm Rounders Club (KS2)
- 3.00-4.00pm Activities Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)
- 3.00-4.00pm Chess Club (KS2)

Friday

- 8.00am Breakfast Club
- 8.00am Rugby Club (KS2)

Support Our School Through easyfundraising!

Did you know you can help raise money for St John's *without spending anything extra*? By signing up to **easyfundraising**, every time you shop online with your favourite retailers, a small donation is made to our school. It's completely free to use and takes just a couple of minutes to set up.

Please register using this link - just click sign up -

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=370813&invite=8wrl27&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

There's no catch or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations. These donations really do make a difference. The more people who join, the more we can support school projects, resources, and experiences for all our children.

So far, we have raised **£1,648**, a BIG thank you to our 22 supporters (staff and parents)!

NOTICES

Attendance for the week

RUBY CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 14 September in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week



This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	98.2%
Sapphire	94.1%
Diamond	98.1%
Emerald	97.6%
Overall	97%

After School Clubs Autumn 2026

Please ensure that all clubs are paid for before they start from Monday 14 September.

Places will be allocated to children on the waiting list if they have not been finalised as we will assume that the place is no longer required.

There are still places available with the following clubs:

Choir

Indoor/Outdoor Games

Pathway

Activities

Chess

Rugby

Please note that we are combining Wednesdays Table Tennis/Board Games with Pathway After School Club due to the low uptake.

Absent Procedures

Please may we remind parents/carers of the following if your child is absent.

- Please telephone or email the school office on the morning your child is absent.
- On the return of your child's absence a letter with an explanation needs to be brought into school or you can email the school with the reasons.

INFORMATION

- If your child is absent for more than 3 days then we do require medical evidence, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence.

School Dinners

This is a reminder that Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are all receiving & entitled to UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) & KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) are receiving free school meals as the Mayor of London has given schools some funds towards this.

Nursery do have to pay for school dinners at £3.74, so please ensure that your ParentPay school dinner account is in credit.

Breakfast Club

- Starts at 8.00am (please do not bring children any earlier, they will not be allowed in)
- Please ring the Breakfast Club bell
- If you require breakfast for your child, please ensure you are at school by 8.10am
- Breakfast Club account should always be in credit (either weekly, monthly or termly) £4.00 per day
- Any changes to the days your child is attending, please leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.
- If you would like to join Breakfast Club, please collect a form from the school office

School Uniform

This can be purchased from Smiths Schoolwear, 223 Baker Street, EN1 3LA.

Nursery Admissions

- Complete our supplementary forms, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary forms to the school office as soon as possible.
- Full time places available

RUBY CLASS

What a fantastic start to the school year we have had in Ruby Class!

We have now completed our first full week in Reception, and I have been incredibly proud of all the children. They have settled into school life wonderfully and are already beginning to form such lovely friendships. It has been especially heartwarming to see the care, kindness and consideration they have shown towards one another, particularly in welcoming new children to our school community.

A special mention must also go to our Nursery children, who are doing an amazing job settling into their new routines. It has been a pleasure to watch their confidence grow each day.

As the children are now feeling happy and secure in their environment, we are excited to begin our learning programmes next week. Reception children will be completing their baseline assessments, and then the real fun begins as we embark on a year full of exciting learning, discovery and adventure together!

Thank you to all our families for your support during these first few weeks. I am delighted that every family has signed up to ClassDojo, which makes communication between home and school so much easier. If you experience any difficulties accessing the platform at any point, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

I would also like to warmly welcome Ms Dall'Aglio, our trainee teacher. Ms Dall'Aglio has been working in Ruby Class for a long time and already brings a wealth of experience and knowledge to the team. We are thrilled to have her joining us in this new role and know she will be a wonderful addition to the classroom.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year ahead and cannot wait to share all of the children's achievements and experiences with you.

Thank you for your continued support, and here's to a wonderful year in Ruby Class! ✨

Miss Kelleher, Ms Dall'Aglio & Mrs Dall'Aglio mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS

It has been wonderful to see both new and returning faces in Diamond Class, and we are already a busy, bustling classroom. Thanks to the transition work before the summer, the children slipped quickly back into routine, and we've been able to make great progress straight away.

In English, the children are learning about the legend of mermaids in Zennor and have been busy writing letters linked to the story. In Maths, we have been exploring numbers to 10,000 and using number lines to help us estimate with confidence.

To support successful learning, we have been focusing on staying calm and focused, and I have been teaching the children a range of regulation strategies to help them reset after break times – these techniques can be used anywhere, so please ask your child to show you a few at home.

Homework has been reintroduced gently after the holidays to help everyone settle back into routine; MyMaths and Times Tables Rockstars have been set today and should be completed by next Friday, and this will now continue weekly.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Anderson & Ms Thomas lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS

We have had a wonderful start to the year in Sapphire Class! The children have settled into their new routines beautifully and have already become familiar with our classroom expectations. It has been lovely to see them so happy, confident and ready to learn. We are incredibly proud of how well they have settled in!

English - We are exploring the wonderful book *Cave Baby*. The children are developing their vocabulary and sentence structure while exploring the characters and events in the story. We are also focusing on **letter formation, sentence composition and using descriptive language** to bring our ideas to life.

How you can help at home: Read stories together and encourage your child to describe characters, settings and events using interesting vocabulary.

Maths - Children are developing their understanding of **numbers and place value up to 20**. They are learning to recognise, count and represent numbers, compare quantities and explore the value of each digit in a number. We are using practical resources and games to help build confidence with numbers.

How you can help at home: Practise counting objects around the house and ask your child to find, order and compare numbers up to 20.

Religious Education - Our RE unit explores the question, 'Why are special events and celebrations important in a Christian life?' We are exploring different Christian celebrations and important events, thinking about why Christians celebrate them and how celebrations bring families and communities together. We are also learning about the meaning behind special symbols, traditions and ceremonies.

How you can help at home: Talk about special events your family celebrates and discuss what makes them meaningful and important.

Science - Park Explorers - We are becoming **Park Explorers** as we learn about plants and the natural world around us. Children are identifying different plants and trees, exploring the parts of a plant and learning what plants need to grow and stay healthy. We are enjoying plenty of opportunities to observe and investigate nature around us.

How you can help at home: Look at plants together when you are out and about and encourage your child to notice different leaves, flowers, trees and plants.

Dear God,

Thank you for bringing us together as a new Sapphire Class.

Help us to learn, grow and discover new things each day.

Fill our classroom with **kindness, friendship, happiness and courage**.

Help us to care for one another, celebrate our differences and always try our best.

Ms Chebbi, Mrs Hargate & Mrs Stamatakis asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS

Welcome back to everybody involved in Emerald class. I hope you have all had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. We have hit the ground running, completing lots of work based around place value, writing some excellent pieces based on our book 'The Man who Walked Between the Towers' and already finishing a book in guided reading.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Friday where your child is allowed to wear their PE kit for the whole day. I will also explain a typical week in Emerald class next Thursday (17th) at 2:30pm during our class meeting including homework that they are asked to complete.

I have booked a trip to St. Paul's Cathedral for Monday 28th September. If any parents are able to volunteer their help for the day it would be greatly appreciated, please just let me know at the gate.

If anybody has any queries or questions that need answering please don't hesitate to contact me on my email joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Mr Law & Mr Pople joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

Dates List for Autumn Term 2026

Monday 14	After School Clubs start		
Tuesday 15	Meet the Teacher—Ruby Class parents & carers	2.30pm	
Wednesday 16	Meet the Teacher—Sapphire Class parents & carers	2.30pm	
Thursday 17	Meet the Teacher—Emerald Class parents & carers	2.30pm	
Friday 18	Meet the Teacher—Diamond Class parents & carers	2.30pm	
Friday 18	Jeans for Genes Day (pupils to come to school in Jeanswear) donation of £2 on ParentPay		
Friday 25	Coffee morning for parents – Our Voice	9.30am	
OCTOBER			
Wednesday 7	Harvest Service in St. John’s Church (supporting North Enfield Foodbank)	2.15pm	
Friday 9	Fundraising event for the Bridge of Hope Charity		
Tuesday 13	Open morning for prospective parents	9.00am	
Friday 16	Poet visit for all classes Eucharist Service for KS2 & parents	9.00am 2.15pm	
Wednesday 21	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils		
Thursday 22	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils		
Friday 23	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils		
Monday 26 to Friday 30 HALF-TERM			
NOVEMBER			
Monday 2	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils		
Tuesday 3	Pupils return to school—After School Clubs commence	8.40am	
Monday 9	Open morning for prospective parents	9.00am	
Wednesday 11	Remembrance Service at St. John’s Church Parents’ Evening	2.15pm	
Thursday 12	Parents’ Evening		
Friday 27	Mental Health and Wellbeing Day for staff and pupils – School closed		
DECEMBER			
Friday 4	Catriona Fathers’ Writing Awards Assembly – parents welcome	9.00am	
Tuesday 15	Collective Worship for Emerald Class parents Collective Worship for Ruby Class parents	8.55am 2.45pm	
Wednesday 16	Collective Worship for Diamond Class parents Nativity for Ruby Class parents at St. John’s Church Carol Service at St. John’s Church for all classes	8.55am 11.00am 2.15pm	
Thursday 17	Collective Worship for Sapphire Class parents	8.55am	
Friday 18	Values Cup presentation in Celebration Assembly End of Autumn Term – School closed at 1.00pm Ruby Class Collection time is 12.45pm Sapphire Class Collection time is 12.50pm Diamond Class Collection time is 12.55pm Emerald Class Collection time is 1.00pm	8.55am	

Please remember that any of these dates may alter because of changing circumstances.
On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.

St. John's C.E. Primary School

Academic Year 2026-2027

September 2026

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April 2027

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May 2027

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June 2027

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July 2027

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	INSET DAYS
	BANK HOLIDAYS
	HOLIDAYS

Term	Dates	Half term	Break
Autumn term	Wednesday 2 September to Friday 18 December 2026	Monday 26 to Friday 30 October 2026	Christmas break Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027
Spring term	Monday 4 January to Thursday 25 March 2027	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February 2027	Easter break Friday 26 March to Friday 9 April 2027 Good Friday bank holiday 26 March 2027 Easter Monday bank holiday 29 March 2027
Summer term	Monday 12 April to Thursday 22 July 2027	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027	Summer break Friday 23 July 2027

Inset Days

- 21 October 2026
- 22 October 2026

- 23 October 2026
- 2 November 2026
- 27 November 2026