9 October 2026

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER
HEADTEACHER'S NEWS

The law of the Lord is perfect; it gives new strength
Psalm 19: v7

I am delighted to be able to report that we completed our Ofsted inspection last Tuesday and Wednesday and should be able to report the findings to you at some point after half-term. Thank you to all our parents and pupils who submitted extremely supportive and positive feedback for the inspectors which highlighted the thriving school community that we are fortunate to have here at St. John's School. Personally, I would like to extend my sincere gratitude to the highly committed and hard-working team of staff who certainly went over and beyond the call of duty to ensure that the inspection team saw St. John's School in the best possible light. Finally, my sincere thanks to our very dedicated and supportive governing body who gave up so much of their time to meet with inspectors and support staff throughout this time.

Could I please request that any pupils who participated in the September challenge to do 90 miles your own way, whether it is walking, running, cycling, swimming, hopping... etc. that you donate the money that you have raised on the Noah's Ark website.

It is that time of the year again where we will be participating in the Shoebox Appeal and next week members of the School Council and the Eco-Committee will be outside the school gates with information regarding this very worthy charity and also shoe boxes will be available for you to take and fill over the half-term period. We will need to have the all the boxes returned to us with the £5 donation by Friday the 6th November. Please visit SamaritansPurse.org.uk/ShoeboxOnline to get started. Thank you as always for your support, it is greatly appreciated. Thank you to all the families who donated so generously to the Enfield Food Bank for our harvest appeal, this is always so encouraging to see how generous our entire school community is.

It is great to see that our competitive sport for both boys and girls is back up and running again with much success, I am delighted to say! We are certainly keeping up the St. John's style whilst also really enjoying participating in these activities.

Next week we will be joined by Paul Lyalls in Celebration assembly who undoubtedly will entertain us in his usual humorous fashion, bringing poetry to life for all our school community.

Have an enjoyable weekend and really relaxing half-term when it comes around.

Mrs. Susan Notley
Headteacher

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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 12 October in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week



This Week's Attendance

Class	Week
Ruby	98.6%
Sapphire	97.4%
Diamond	95.2%
Emerald	97.0%
Overall	97.1%

Clay Hill Activities

26 October half term Children's craft morning
31 October URC Hall in Armfield Road from 4.30pm Light Party the alternative to Halloween
13 October St Luke's 6.30pm Poetry Evening
This Sunday 11 October 9.00am Children's church at St John's.

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

INFORMATION

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 We are truly getting into the swing of autumn in Ruby Class! Yesterday, we attended our first church service of the year and we were incredibly proud of how beautifully the children sat, listened and participated throughout. It was wonderful to see such confidence and respect, and it reflects just how well they have settled into school life.

In Maths, we have been learning about sorting objects into different groups and explaining our reasoning. The children have enjoyed exploring different ways to organise items and discussing why they belong together. A particular favourite has been the story of *Simon Sock*, which sparked lots of thoughtful conversations and sorting activities.

In English, we have been captivated by the Ashanti tale *Anansi the Spider and His Six Sons*. The children have loved bringing the story to life through role play and re-enactment. They thoroughly enjoyed watching the classic 1969 animated version of the story and, much to the amusement (and surprise!) of the adults, have particularly enjoyed hiding pretend spiders around the classroom to startle their teachers!

We have also been extremely impressed with both our Reception and Nursery children during our Letter-join sessions. The children have enthusiastically taken part in activities designed to develop the fine and gross motor skills needed for handwriting. We have practised patterns in lots of exciting ways, including using magic sticks, chalks in the playground, paint on paper, paint directly onto tables, whiteboard markers and more. Their concentration and pride in their achievements has been fantastic.

Now that everyone has settled so well into school, it is wonderful to be fully immersed in our learning and routines. We would also like to say a heartfelt thank you to all the families who donated to our Harvest collection for the North Enfield Foodbank. As part of our Harvest reflections, Ruby Class has been thinking about gratitude and how our lunchtime prayer links so beautifully with this special time of year:

"Hands, hands, hands, thank you God for hands!
Food, food, food, thank you God for food!
Friends, friends, friends, thank you God for friends!
Family, family, family, thank you God for family!
Farmers, farmers, farmers, thank you God for farmers!
Amen."

Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to all the exciting learning that the rest of the autumn term will bring!

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

DIAMOND CLASS What a fantastic month we have had in Diamond Class!

In English, we have been transported to the circus through our writing. The children began by exploring the circus using their five senses before moving on to writing detailed descriptions and reviews of an amazing circus show. We have also been placing a strong focus on handwriting, and the children have worked hard to include adjectives and adverbials to add more detail and interest to their writing.

In Maths, I have been incredibly pleased with the children's hard work and progress. We have focused on learning the column method for addition, and the children have shown great determination and understanding. Next week, we will begin applying similar strategies to subtraction.

Our Science lessons have been a real highlight this half term. The children have thoroughly enjoyed investigating different states of matter and exploring the processes that cause materials to change state. We have carried out some exciting practical investigations and have even managed to make it rain in the classroom!

In History, the children continue to be captivated by our topic on the Ancient Egyptians. They have particularly enjoyed learning about mummification and discovering the many Egyptian gods and goddesses. To further support their learning, we will be visiting the British Museum to see Egyptian artefacts first-hand. If you are available to volunteer your time and accompany us on our trip on Monday 19th October, please do send me an email to let me know. Letters containing all the trip details will be sent home on Friday.

MyMaths and Times Tables Rock Stars have been set as usual.
Have a lovely weekend!

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Sapphire children continue to demonstrate enthusiasm, curiosity and resilience in their learning. It has been wonderful to see their confidence grow as they challenge themselves and develop new skills across the curriculum.

English – Letter Writing Children have been developing their letter-writing skills through a range of exciting writing opportunities. They have learned how to organise a letter correctly and have been using creative vocabulary, powerful adjectives and thoughtful sentence choices to make their writing engaging for the reader.

How you can help at home: Encourage your child to write short letters or notes to family members and challenge them to use interesting vocabulary.

Maths – Number Sense We have been strengthening our understanding of number through practical activities and investigations. Children have been using number lines to estimate and locate numbers, developing their confidence in recognising number patterns and positions. They have also explored doubles and near doubles and used these strategies to support their addition skills and mental fluency.

How you can help at home: Practise counting forwards and backwards, spotting doubles in everyday life and estimating where numbers belong on a number line.

Religious Education – Important Events in a Christian's Life Children have learned about Baptism, Marriage and Confirmation, discovering why these events are meaningful for Christians. They have also explored aspects of Global Christianity, learning how Christians around the world may celebrate and mark these occasions in different ways while sharing the same faith.

How you can help at home: Talk about special events and celebrations in your own family and discuss why they are important.

History – Schools Then and Now Children have been investigating how schools have changed over time. They have explored schools from the past and present, created timelines and used their understanding of living memory to compare experiences. Children have also developed their skills in expressing personal opinions and identifying their preferences.

How you can help at home: Share your own memories of school and discuss similarities and differences with your child's experiences today.

Science – Growing as Young Scientists Children have continued developing their scientific enquiry skills while exploring the natural world around them. They have been observing, identifying and comparing plants, learning about their features and understanding what living things need to grow and thrive.

How you can help at home: Encourage your child to observe plants, trees and flowers outdoors and talk about how they change throughout the seasons.

Dear God,
Thank you for helping us to learn, explore and grow each day.
Help us to be curious learners, kind friends and confident thinkers. Guide us as we make good choices, show respect to others and always try our best.
Amen.

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

Dates List for Autumn Term 2026

OCTOBER		
Monday 12	Flu vaccinations available, please consent online—Reception to Year 6	
Tuesday 13	Open morning for prospective parents	9.00am
Friday 16	Poet visit for all classes	9.00am
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	2.15pm
Wednesday 18	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 19	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.

EMERALD CLASS Last Monday we had a thoroughly enjoyable trip to St. Paul's Cathedral. After our guided tour, we managed to climb the 528 steps to the top of the dome to experience the amazing views over London. Before this we lay down in the main part of the church and looked upwards towards the dome. Thank you very much to Michael and Zara's mum for making the day run smoothly and also to Mother Mitzi for all her support.







This week in English we have been looking at our book 'The Promise' all about how an ugly and mean city was transformed by a thief and some acorns! The children have produced some encouraging pieces of writing based around this, using some great language. In maths we have focused on a range of addition and subtraction strategies looking at using bar models and finding the inverse. In science we looked at how we can separate different materials through a range of different techniques including sieving, filtering and evaporation. I really hope you have a relaxing and enjoyable weekend.

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

Sports News

For the first time ever, St. John's fielded a girls' football team in a friendly tournament at Raglan Primary School. After a slow start losing their first game 4-0 the girls really upped their level of performance and managed a 1-1 draw and then to everyone's delight they managed to win their last game 2-0. Well done to Elodie for scoring all of the goals and also to Ivy who was named player of the tournament for her huge improvement over the three matches. As a whole school we were thrilled that the girls firstly played in competitive matches but also with some success. Thank you as always to Mr Pople for his fine coaching skills.

The following evening the boys were in action in the Enfield Town Football league. After being undefeated in the first week they carried this through to the end of the second week which is a great achievement with a new team. The first match saw St. John's defeat Chase Side with a convincing 5-0 victory Costa scoring a brilliant hat-trick and Petar twice. The next match was a top of the table clash against George Spicer which ended in a 0-0 draw. This was followed by a competitive 1-1 draw, Michael scoring the equalizer near the end. We lie second in the table with the final matches next week. Well done to Michael who was named player of the tournament.



	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
George Spicer	6	4	2	0	16	3	13	14
St John's	6	2	4	0	10	1	9	10
Lavender	5	2	3	0	11	3	8	9
St George's	6	2	3	1	11	5	6	9
St Andrew's Enf	5	2	2	1	4	5	-1	8
Worcesters	5	1	2	2	5	9	-4	5
One Degree	3	0	2	1	2	3	-1	2
St Michael's	6	0	2	4	4	14	-10	2
Chase Side	4	0	0	4	0	20	-20	0

A key part of our learning is developing an understanding of **Global Christianity**. Children are discovering that Christianity is lived out in many different communities around the world, with different traditions, celebrations and ways of worshipping, while sharing a common Christian faith. Across RE, children have deepened their understanding and produced **thoughtful, insightful reflections**, some of which they proudly shared with the school in assembly, connecting their learning to their own lives and experiences.

We are also using our C.A.R.E. **strategy** to deepen children's thinking:

C – **Curious**: What makes us wonder?

A – **Ask**: What questions can we ask?

R – **Reflect**: What does this make us think about?

E – **Evaluate**: What have we learned and how might our thinking have changed?

Sapphire Class

What are some of the important events in a Christian's life?

Sapphire Class have been developing their understanding of important events in a Christian's life, including Baptism, Marriage, Confirmation and Funerals. They have explored why these events are meaningful and how Christians celebrate them in different ways around the world, strengthening their understanding of Global Christianity. Children have also made links to special events in their own lives and reflected on what makes an event meaningful.

Through our C.A.R.E. **strategy**, children are encouraged to be curious, ask thoughtful questions, reflect on different experiences and evaluate their learning.

Diamond Class

How did belief in God affect the actions of people from the Old Testament?

Diamond Class have been deepening their understanding of God's call, covenant and vocation through stories from the Old Testament, including Abraham, Noah, Moses and David. They have explored how faith influenced their choices and actions, developing their understanding of faith, courage, trust and obedience.

Children have also reflected on how their own beliefs and values can guide the choices they make.

Using C.A.R.E., children will ask questions about the choices people made, reflect on the challenges they faced and evaluate how beliefs can influence the way people live.

Emerald Class

What might the journey of life and death look like from a Christian perspective?

Emerald Class have deepened their understanding of the Christian journey of life, exploring physical acts of worship such as Baptism and Marriage and how these can strengthen a person's spiritual connection with God. They have also explored Christian beliefs about death and what happens after death, alongside the seven sacraments and Global Christianity.

Using the C.A.R.E. strategy, pupils are becoming more confident in asking thoughtful questions, reflecting on different perspectives and making meaningful connections between Christian beliefs, life experiences and their own understanding.

Community Reflection

C – Curious

What have you noticed about the ways people's faith and beliefs shape their everyday lives?

A – Ask

What would you like to understand more about someone else's faith, beliefs or traditions?

R – Reflect

What gives you hope, strength or a sense of belonging during important moments in life?

E – Evaluate

What could we each do to help create a community where everyone feels understood, respected and that they belong?

Dear God,

Thank you for the many ways people express their faith, beliefs and traditions.

Help us to remain curious about one another, to listen with open hearts and to value the different experiences that shape each person's life.

May our school community be a place where everyone feels respected, valued and that they belong.

Amen.

St. John's Online Safety Newsletter



Talk, Don't Just Track

October 2026

The best online safety tool is a conversation.

Help your child feel comfortable talking about their online life.



1 Get Curious, Not Critical



Show an interest in what your child enjoys online. Ask open questions and be positive, even if it's not something you would choose yourself.

"'What do you like about this game/app?"

2 Explore Their Digital World Together



Ask your child to show you their favourite apps, games and websites. Let them be the expert and explain what they like about them.

This helps you understand their online world and gives you the chance to talk naturally about safety.

3 Make Talking a Habit



Have small, regular conversations about the online world, not just when something goes wrong. A relaxed chat over dinner or in the car can make it easier for your child to open up.

4 Listen Before Reacting



If your child tells you about something worrying or a mistake they've made, try to stay calm. Thank them for telling you. This helps build trust and means they are more likely to come to you again.

5 Build Trust, Not Just Rules



Parental controls and device settings can be helpful, but they work best alongside open conversations. Explain the reasons behind any rules and involve your child where possible.

Try This Tonight

Three simple converstation starters:

1. "What's the best thing you've done online this week?"
2. "Is there anything online that has made you feel uncomfortable?"
3. "Is there anything you'd like my advice or help with?"



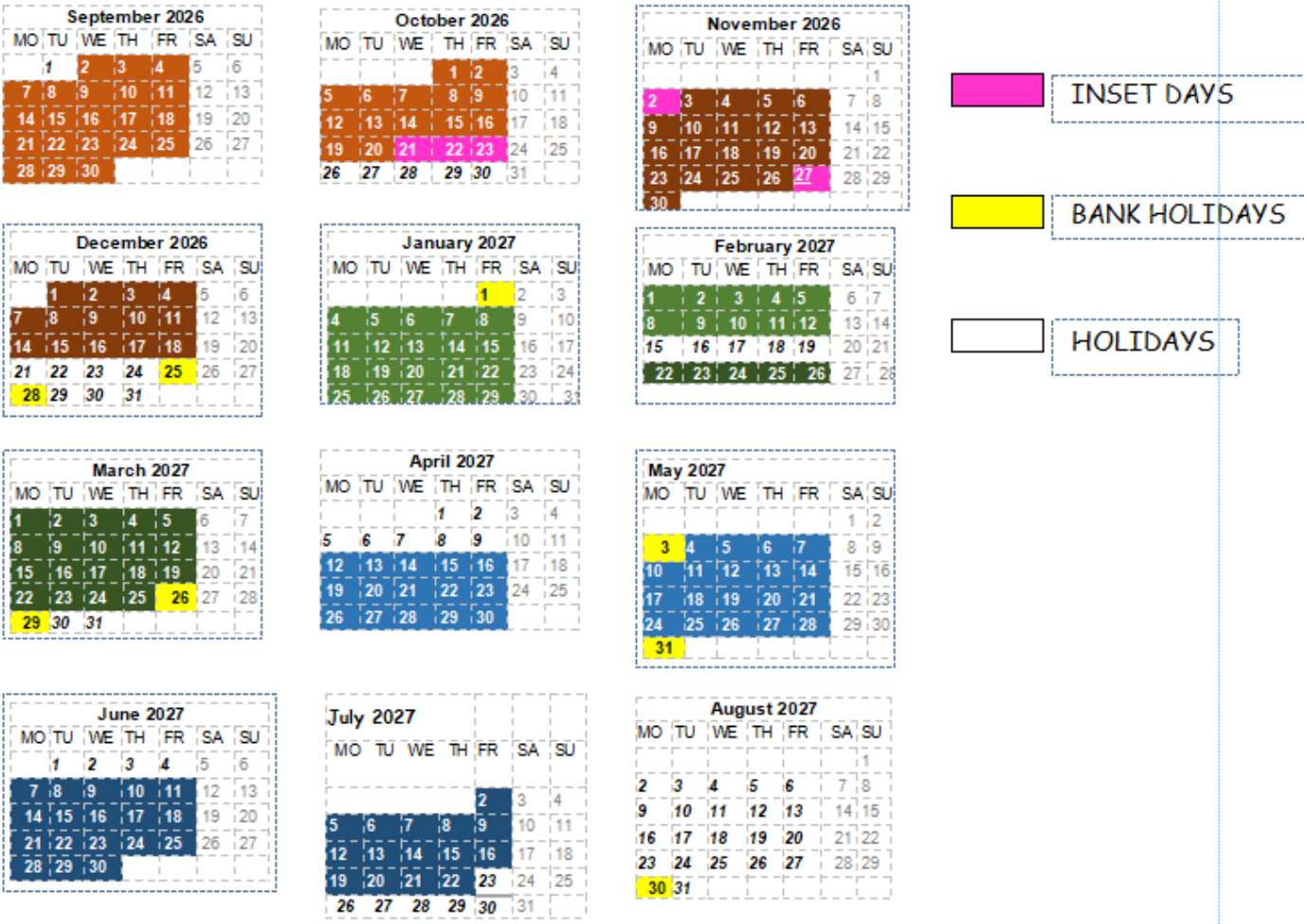
Remember...

Children who feel comfortable talking about their online experiences are better placed to ask for help when they need it.

A positive, open relationship can help your child make safer choices online and build their confidence in the digital world.

Questions about online safety? Speak to **Miss Anderson.**

St. John's C.E. Primary School
Academic Year 2026-2027



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 2025 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



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