



Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your father in heaven (Matthew 5:16)

March 2026

- Sun 1st St John's Church – all ages service 9.30am
- Mon 2nd Author visit - Susannah Lloyd
- Tues 3rd WY Cross country finals – Temple Newsam
- Wed 4th Y5 visit Rishworth school
- Thurs 5th World Book Day and school council book swap
- W/C 9th Science week
- W/C 9th RGT auditions begin
- Thurs 12th PTA Mothering Sunday secret shop
- Sun 15th St John's Church – Mothering Sunday service 9.30am
- Mon 16th Walk and wheel event begins
- Tues 17th Y6 tuition begins (6 weeks)
- Tues 17th Y3 meet Parkinson Lane pupils at Bankfield museum
- Fri 20th Red Nose Day
- Fri 20th Star of stars (2pm)
- Tues 24th 5pm RGT KS2
- Thurs 26th Netball Comp RVHS (am)
- Fri 27th Easter bonnet parade

Fri 27th School closes for Easter

April 2026

- Fri 3rd St John's Church – Good Friday children's activity morning 10am
- Sun 5th St John's Church – Easter Holy Communion service 9.30am
- **Mon 13th School opens**
- Tues 14th Scholastic book fayre visits St John's
- Mon 20th Incredible Edible Todmorden assembly
- Tues 21st Rishworth Environmental Group assembly
- Tues 21st 4.30pm Y6 rotary club quiz
- Wed 22nd Earth Day
- Thurs 23rd Slow the Flow workshops

May 2026

- **Mon 4th May Day – school closed**
- Thurs 7th Polling Day – portacabin
- W/C Mon 11th Y6 SATs week
- **Fri 22nd School closes for Spring Bank**

Please remember

- to label all uniform
- wellies for playing on the field and glove/mittens to keep little hands warm
- not to wear earrings for swimming or PE
- no nuts in packed lunches or snacks as we have children who are allergic to them

Drop off & Collection

Please remember to park with consideration when dropping off and collecting from school. In particular, do not park on the yellow zig-zags outside school, across driveways and gates, or at the bottom of Heathfield rise where people need to cross the road.

EdStart

We are pleased to confirm that we will be hosting the EdStart holiday club over the Easter holidays. Further details will be issued shortly.

World Book Day

This year, we will be celebrating World Book Day on **Thursday 5th March**. Children are invited to come to school dressed as their favourite book character and will be taking part in various creative activities throughout the day.

The school council will be holding a 'book swap' in the school hall.

Children can bring in quality books in good condition, which they have read and no longer need. Each book brought into school, will be exchanged for a token that can be redeemed by choosing a book from the KS1 or KS2 table at the book swap.

A maximum of 5 tokens will be issued per pupil.

PTA Mothering Sunday Secret Shop

The PTA will again be hosting their secret shop on **Thursday 12th March** providing children with the opportunity to buy gifts for any special ladies, with items costing between £1 and £4.

Red Nose Day

We will be supporting Red Nose Day in school on **Friday 20th March**. Children can wear a red nose (painted/purchased etc) **alongside their school uniform** in return for a £1 donation to Comic Relief payable via Schoolcomms should they wish to.

Star of stars

We will be holding our termly star of stars assembly on **Friday 20th March** at **2pm**. Parents will receive a text if their child is going to get an award so they can make a special effort to attend. We like to keep these rewards as a complete surprise for the children, **so please don't tell them!**

Rishworth's Got Talent

We will be hosting this KS2 event again on **Tuesday 24th March** at **5pm** in the school hall. Auditions will be held in the preceding weeks.

Easter Bonnet Parade

This year's parade will take place in the school hall on **Friday 27th March** at 9am. This is a really popular event with many children (and parents!) enjoying making bonnets at home.

As in previous years, the PTA will be providing prizes for year groups and overall prizes for KS1 and KS2.

Teaching Position

You may be aware that we are currently advertising for a fixed term teaching position from September. This is necessary due to the growth of the school and to conform with infant class size legislation. Governors have anticipated and budgeted for this scenario.

Trim Trail

A big thank you to the PTA who have funded a new trim trail which is due to be installed in the playground in the summer term. This will certainly refresh the playground and we are sure the children will be very excited to use the new equipment.

St John's Church – Mothering Sunday/Easter

St John's church will be hosting a service of morning prayer, commencing at 9.30 on **Sunday 15th March** at which spring flowers will be distributed to all mothers present.

On **Good Friday 3rd April** church will be holding a children's morning from **10.00am until 12.00pm**. This will include lots of activities including an Easter Egg hunt, building the Easter Garden, making Easter cards and more. If you wish for your child(ren) to attend, please let the school office know. Places must be booked in advance to ensure the correct number of adults are in attendance for safeguarding reasons. Parents/carers are encouraged to attend with their child(ren) to assist with the activities. A contribution of £5 per child is requested.

Easter Day (Sunday 5th April) Easter Holy Communion Service will be held at **9.30am**.

Y6 residential

Following the success of last year's visit, we are excited to be returning to Robinwood for our Y6 residential.

Please make a note of the dates in your 2024 diary: **Monday 15th June – Wednesday 17th June 2025**. Please ensure all payments are up to date on Schoolcomms.

Facebook

Keep up to date with what we are doing in school via our new Facebook page – **St John's CE Primary School Rishworth**. We aim to showcase several lessons/activities taking place across school each week

Confirmation classes

Rev Stephen Southgate will be hosting confirmation preparation classes for children aged 10 and above, in readiness for the confirmation service at Halifax minster on **Saturday 4th April**. Classes will run on Wednesday evenings at **6pm on 4th, 11th, 18th and 25th March** at Ripponden Parish Church. If your child is interest, please let the school office know.

Payments

Please log in to Schoolcomms to make payment for all outstanding items. If you haven't already done so, please download the "School Gateway" app from your app store to keep up to date with payments and communications.

Tea-time talk - SHINE

Tea-time talk SHINE – This month we will be asking you to discuss our SHINE value of Neighbourliness. What does neighbourliness mean? How does it link to the value of friendship that we looked at in worship back in the second half of the Autumn term?

Football Competition

We are so proud of our A and B school football teams at our annual football competition held at Ryburn High School!

Both teams played with outstanding commitment, sportsmanship, and team spirit from start to finish. The effort, support for one another, and determination on display were a credit to the school.

A huge congratulations to our A Team, who were simply unstoppable—winning 6 out of 6 matches to be crowned overall champions!

Well done to every player involved—an amazing achievement and a fantastic day of football for everyone!



Parent Survey

Thank you to all those who completed the parent/carer surveys at parents evening last month. We are pleased to be able to share some of the feedback with you. We had a total of 66 responses.

100% confirmed their child was happy and safe at St John's.
100% confirmed that they would recommend St John's to another parent.
100% confirmed they are aware what their child will learn during the year.
100% agree St John's teaches its pupils to respect the beliefs of others.

Things you said we do well

Strong academic expectations and good results
Sense of community
Reception buddy system
Kind & caring staff who know every child
PTA events
Good range and variety of after school clubs
Out of school provision

You said – we did!

Forest school introduced this half term for YR
Transition days will take place for all year groups each year in the summer term
Holiday club brought to St John's via EdStart
Nativity/performance/curriculum dressing up day costumes are now part of the PTA good as new shop
The kitchen team are busy creating new menus with an improved daily salad bar including 8-10 salad choices

We will continue to review the survey and consider all responses. Thank you for your time completing the survey.