



St John's CE Primary School

Newsletter February 2026

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)

February 2026

- Sun 1st St John's Church – all ages service 9.30am
- Mon 2nd KS1 China day
- Mon 2nd Y5/6 Football comp – RVHS (3.30 pm)
- Tues 3rd KS2 WW2 day
- Thurs 5th U11 Sports Hall Athletics – RVHS (am)
- W/C Mon 9th SEND reviews
- Mon 9th Parents' evening
- Tues 10th Y5/6 Camhs workshop – Low Mood
- Thurs 12th 3.15-4.30pm PTA KS1 Valentine disco
- Fri 13th School Council Valentine bun sale
- Fri 13th - School closes for half term**
- Mon 23rd – School opens**

March 2026

- Sun 1st St John's Church – all ages service 9.30am
- Mon 2nd Author visit
- Tues 3rd WY Cross country finals – Temple Newsam
- Wed 4th Y5 visit Rishworth school
- Thurs 5th World Book Day
- 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
- 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**
- Wed 22nd Earth Day

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

PTA EYFS and KS1 Valentine's Disco

There will be food, dancing, fun and games from 3.15pm to 4.30pm **Thursday 12th February!** Tickets are £5, and children will receive a sandwich, crisps, cake bar and drink. Please speak to the PTA to reserve a place.

School council bun sale

The school council will be holding a fund-raising Valentine's themed bun sale on **Friday 13th February**. Donations of buns/biscuits etc (heart themed if possible) would be much appreciated. Buns will sell for **50p** each and we ask that each child brings **no more than £2** into school.

Parents' Evening

Parents' Evening will take place in the school hall on **Monday 9th February** – time allocations will be issued this week. Please note that EYFS/KS1 and Year 4 parents' evening will start from 2.30pm and the rest of KS2 will start at 3.30pm. SEND review meetings will also take place that week – Mrs Boyd will be in touch to arrange appointments.

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. Books can be donated from **Monday 23rd February** – so have a good sort out over half-term! We would especially appreciate books appropriate for Y5/Y6. **Monday 2nd March** we will also be having an author in school – more details to follow.

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.

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.

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**.

YR Forest School

Miss Spann is excited to be introducing Forest School activities at St John's for reception children on a Tuesday afternoon after February half term. Keep your eyes peeled for more information.

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.

EdStart

We are pleased to confirm that we will be hosting the EdStart holiday club at **February half term**. A booking link has been emailed.

Wellies and coats

Please ensure your child has a pair of wellies, a waterproof, warm coat and mittens/gloves in school. It is very helpful if all these items are all named. We will endeavour to hold playtimes on the field for as much as possible.

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.

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. We would also request that parents do not park in staff parking spaces.

Tea-time talk - SHINE

Tea-time talk- the value of Forgiveness. How should we forgive others? Is it easy to forgive and forget? Do we always forgive ourselves?