



St John's CE Primary School

Newsletter April 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)

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
- Thurs 16th Y3 visit to Parkinson Lane school
- Mon 20th Incredible Edible Todmorden assembly
- Tues 21st Rishworth Environmental Group assembly
- Tues 21st 4.30pm Y6 rotary club quiz
- Wed 22nd Earth Day Y5/6 making bird boxes – Yorkshire Water
- Wed 22nd Community Gardening club
- Thurs 23rd Slow the Flow workshops
- Fri 24th PTA preloved uniform shop

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**

June 2026

- **Mon 1st School closed training day**
- **Tues 2nd School closed training day**
- **Wed 3rd School opens**
- W/C 3rd Y4 multiplication check (for 2 weeks)
- Wed 3rd 5pm Welcome to YR 2026
- W/C 8th Y1 Phonics screening
- Thurs 11th Outdoor Athletics -RVHS (am)
- Mon 15th – 17th Y6 residential to Robinwood
- Thurs 18th Tempest Class & Team photo's
- Thurs 18th PTA Fathers' Day shop
- Thurs 25th Y4 Discovery Session Rishworth School (am)
- Fri 26th PTA Summer Fayre

KS2 Cooking

Year 4 will cook for the first 3 weeks (15th, 22nd and 29th April) of the half term and then **Year 3** (6th, 13th and 20th May) will cook up to Spring Bank. Please make payment on Schoolcomms and remember your container!

Swimming

Year 6 will be swimming after Easter. Please ensure your child comes 'pool ready' with underwear in their bag to change in to afterwards.

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.

New teacher

We are pleased to announce that, following a very successful recruitment process we have appointed Mrs Wilcock as a teacher at St John's for the academic year 26.27. I'm sure everyone will welcome her to the staff team. Staffing organisation for 26.27 will be shared with parents in due course.

Earth Day

This year we will be celebrating **Earth Day (22nd April)** with a whole week of activities, including visitors from Slow the Flow, Rishworth Environmental Group, Incredible Edible Todmorden and Yorkshire Water. As part of the week's activities, children can achieve 'eco points' by bringing in lunch without any single use plastics, coming to school on foot or on a bike/scooter, attending the community gardening club or buying something from the pre-loved uniform stall. The class with the most points by the end of the week will receive a class prize.

Community Gardening Club

We are looking for as many volunteers as possible to attend between **3.15pm and 4.20pm on Wednesday 22nd April** to help with a spring tidy up of the school garden areas. Parents, carers, grandparents everybody is welcome. If you are able to attend please inform the school office via admin@stjohnsrishworth.org.uk

St John's Church – Mothering

Sunday/Easter

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**.

Church Anniversary Service at 11.00 on Sunday 7th June. This will be followed by a picnic in the church grounds at which everyone will be invited to bring food and refreshments to share.

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.

Netball

Fantastic netball from our amazing Year 6 children! Both teams played brilliantly, showing great skill, determination, and outstanding sportsmanship throughout. A huge congratulations to Team 1, who were crowned champions!



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

PE/Sports Clubs

We kindly ask that any ear-rings are removed on days when your child(ren) has PE/sports clubs to ensure the risk of injury is reduced.

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- the value of Endurance. Endurance is a Christian value that we are looking at in worship. How do we show endurance when things get tough? How can we help each other to endure tough days?