



St John's CE Primary School

Newsletter September 2025

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)

September

- Fri 5th No praise assembly
- Sun 7th 9.30 am All ages service St John's Church – all welcome
- Wed 10th KS2 activity afternoon
- Wed 24th 9am Welcome to YR assembly – YR parents/carers/grandparents etc welcome!
- Wed 24th 5.30pm YR Early literacy evening for parents, Y1 Phonics evening for parents, Y2 Curriculum expectations Y3 and Y4 maths evening for parents, Y5 and Y6 maths evening for parents.
- Tues 30th Community Gardening 3.20-4.20pm

October

- Fri 3rd Camhs workshop Y3 and Y4 – kindness and friendship
- Sun 5th – St John's Church – 9.30am – Harvest Festival, school in attendance
- Mon 13th Parents' Evening
- Tues 14th SEN review meetings
- Wed 15th sibling and individual school photos from 8.30am
- W/c Mon 20th Annual safety week
- W/c Mon 20th y6 bikeability
- Fri 24th school closes for half term

November

- Sun 2nd 9.30 am All ages service St John's Church – all welcome
- Mon 3rd – staff training day – school closed
- Tues 4th – School opens – 8.45am
- W/c Mon 10th – National anti-bullying week, including odd socks day
- Thurs 13th – Pantomime in school – Beauty & The Beast (pm)
- Fri 14th Children in need
- Mon 24th – Class 2 trip to Fireground Rochdale
- Tues 25th – Class 1 trip to Fireground, Rochdale

Free School Meals

If you are in receipt of income support, universal credit, tax credits or job seekers allowance, you may be entitled to free school meals. Please visit the Calderdale council website to see more details and how to apply. All information received in school remains confidential.

Cool Milk

Children under 5 receive free milk as part of "Change 4 Life" scheme. Milk is available for Reception children over 5 at a small cost to parents. Please visit www.coolmilk.com/register for more details.

Northpoint/CAHMS workshop

Northpoint/CAHMS will be running a number of children's mental health workshops for adults throughout the year which will be delivered via Microsoft Teams. Links to these workshops will be emailed out in due course. There are 25 places available for each workshop.

Welcome back!

St John's extends a very warm welcome to all of the children, parents/carers and staff. In particular, we welcome the new Reception children in Class 1, and the new children in Y1, Y2 and Y3 as well as Miss Spann to Class 1 and Mr Claxton to Class 4.

Staff will make particular efforts to chat to parents who are new to St John's at the beginning and end of each day, but if new parents have any queries, please don't hesitate to call school to speak to the class teacher.

Clubs

A range of lunchtime and after-school clubs will commence on **Monday 8th September**. A separate club letter will be issued with further details.

Welcome to Reception

We will hold the welcome to Reception service on **24th September at 8.55am** in the school hall, where Reception children are presented with their Bible. Reception parents/carers/family members are welcome to attend.

Community gardening club

We will be hosting our popular community gardening club on **Tuesday 30th September** after school. All parents, carers, grandparents, staff etc are welcome. Please bring tools and suitable clothing. If you can attend please let the school office know. All help is much appreciated!

Harvest Festival – 5th October

School will be attending the Harvest Festival service at **St John's Church at 9.30am on 5th October** where the children will contribute to the service. We will provide more details closer to the event but please confirm your attendance at the service with the school office admin@stjohnsrishworth.org.uk. School will be supporting the CART (Christian African Relief Trust), we will be collecting stationery items to send to families in Africa. The charity will be attending school worship to provide more information.

St John's church are supporting Happy Days Homeless Charity this year for their Harvest collection. They are a charity that supports those in need within Halifax. If you would like to support this collection please bring donations of dried and tinned food to church on Sunday 6th October.

Parent evenings

Parents' Evening will take place on **Monday 13th October**. We will issue a letter with timings towards the beginning of October. Review meetings for children on the SEN register will be held on Tuesday 14th October and Mrs Boyd will be in contact with parents to arrange appointments

Photos

Individual and sibling school photographs will be taken in school on **Wednesday 15th October**. Pre-school siblings will be able to attend from 8.30am.

Safety week

We will be holding our annual "safety week" on the **week commencing 20th October**. The children will learn about a wide range of aspects of personal safety including: road safety, first aid, E safety, personal safety and anti-bullying.

Reception intake 2026

If you are aware of any siblings or children due to start school in **September 2026**, please ensure that the school office has their details so they may receive the Calderdale information pack and school prospectus due to be sent out in the late autumn. We will be conducting **tours through October and November** for prospective parents, if you know anyone who is interested please ask them to call the school office to book a space.

EdStart Holiday Club

We were very happy to receive excellent feedback from parents regarding the sports holiday club over the summer break. We are pleased to confirm that it will be back at **October half term, including the training day on the 3rd Nov**. We will send an email shortly with booking information.

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

A Spotlight On Our Values – talk at tea-time. Each month we will be asking you to discuss one of our SHINE values at home. This month the spotlight is on: Success. What does it mean to you? How do you show that value at home? How do you show this value at school?

Francesco

Rev Stephen Southgate is leading a play about St Francis. He will be running a club for KS2 on Thursday lunchtimes for any children who are interested. Additional rehearsals will take place on Saturdays in readiness for the performance on Saturday 4th October.

Y6 secondary school transfer letters

If your child is in Year 6, you will have received a personalised letter from Calderdale, regarding transfer to secondary school in September 2026. Please keep this letter safe as school does not hold a copy. Please note: this application process is on-line only and the closing date for applications to be submitted is **31st October**.

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.