



St John's CE Primary School Newsletter October 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)

October

- Fri 3rd Camhs workshop Y3 and Y4 – kindness and friendship
- Sun 5th – St John's Church – 9.30am – Harvest Festival, school in attendance
- Tues 7th Y6 Worship 9am
- Tues 7th Viking visitors in KS2!
- Wed 8th Welcome to Reception 9am
- 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**
- Sun 9th – Remembrance Sunday
- W/c Mon 10th – National anti-bullying week, inc. odd socks day (Mon)
- Thurs 13th – Pantomime in school – Beauty & The Beast (pm)
- Fri 14th Children in need day
- Fri 28th PTA Advent Fayre 5pm

December

- Mon 1st – Class 2 trip to Fireground Rochdale
- Tues 2nd – Class 1 trip to Fireground, Rochdale
- Fri 5th Star of Stars assembly 2pm
- Sat 6th Choir performance at Ripponden Christmas market
- Fri 12th PTA Elfridges Secret Shop
- Tues 16th (pm) & Wed 17th (am) - KS1 Nativity
- Thurs 18th - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
- Thurs 18th – Christmas parties (pm)
- Fri 19th pm - Carols around the tree – St John's Church
- **Fri 19th - School closes for the Christmas holiday**
- Sun 21st 6.30pm St John's Church – service of readings and carols including crib dressing by the children
- Wed 24th 5.30pm Christingle Service – St John's Church
- Thurs 25th – 9.30 am St John's Church – Christmas Eucharistic Service

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.

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. 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**. If you haven't done so please return your timing request form to the school office. 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.

Remembrance Sunday – 9th November

There will be a short service at 9am at the war memorial on the corner of Oldham Road & Rishworth New Road then a Remembrance service at St John's Church at 10.30am.

Pantomime

We are excited to welcome back M&M productions for our school pantomime this year (Beauty & The Beast). This will take place on **13th November** in the school hall. We will be requesting **donations of £7 per child** – please see Schoolcomms.

Advent fayre/Christmas Jumper swap

The PTA are intending to host the Advent Fayre on **28th November** this year. There will be the usual fun and games for all to enjoy. They need extra parent volunteers who are not members of the PTA to help, so that the event can go ahead. Please indicate if you are able to help on the night on the pre-order form that will be sent out later this month. The PTA are also asking all parents, carers, friends and family members to dig out their unwanted Christmas jumpers and drop them off at the school office. All sizes are welcome from new born to adult!

Miss Wasyliv

Congratulations to Miss Wasyliv who has secured permanent graduate employment. Unfortunately, this means that her last day at St John's will be the 16th of January. We are sure you will join with us in wishing her the best for the future. We will be recruiting for her replacement shortly.

Y6 Robinwood residential trip

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**. The total cost of the residential will be £369 split over 8 payments (7x£40 and 1 x £89).

Wellies and coats

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

KS2 Bags

We kindly ask that children bring just one, reasonably sized bag to school as space is at a premium and the KS2 cloakroom can soon become overcrowded.

Toys

A polite reminder that toys shouldn't be brought in to school; we have seen a number of them appearing at playtime.

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 Compassion. At this time of the year, Christians celebrate the Creation by showing compassion for other people. Can you talk about three things you could do as a family to share compassion with others- could it be a donation to the food bank, talking to an older family member who may be lonely or donating some unwanted clothes to charity.

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.

Girls Football

A big congratulations to our girls' football team who represented St John's in an interschool competition. They played against 4 other schools, scoring goals and picking up points along the way. They showed real grit and determination throughout! Well done, girls!



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3-4pm SATURDAY 4th of OCTOBER

St BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, RIPPONDEN

ALL AGES WELCOME

Just turn up – donations to church – refreshments available

Accompanied children who come 10-12 am on the day can be in the afternoon performance