



St John's CE Primary School

Newsletter September 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)

September 2026

- **Tues 1st Staff training day**
- **Wed 2nd School Opens**
- Fri 4th No praise assembly
- Sun 6th 9.30am All ages service St John's – all welcome
- Wed 9th KS2 activity afternoon (Y5 swimming)
- Mon 14th 5pm: **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.
- Mon 21st KS2 Romans workshop
- Wed 23rd 9am Welcome to YR assembly – YR parents/carers/grandparents welcome!
- Mon 28th 3.30 Community gardening club

October 2026

- Sun 4th – St John's Church – 9.30am – Harvest Festival, school in attendance
- Thurs 8th sibling and individual school photos from 8.30am
- w/c Mon 12th Annual safety week
- w/c Mon 12th Y6 bikeability
- Mon 19th Parents' Evening
- Thurs 22nd SEN review meetings
- **Thurs 22nd school closes for half term**
- **Fri 23rd staff training day – school closed**

November

- Sun 1st 9.30 am All ages service St John's Church – all welcome
- **Mon 2nd staff training day – school closed**
- **Tues 3rd School opens – 8.45am**
- Thurs 12th Pantomime in school – Aladdin (pm)
- Fri 13th Children in need
- W/c Mon 16th National anti-bullying week, including odd socks day

Swimming - Splash

We are pleased to confirm that Y5 and Y6 children will be having swimming lessons at Splash Swim Academy at Rishworth Mill. Swimming will take place on Wednesday afternoons during the autumn and spring terms. Please look out for a separate letter for Y5 and Y6.

Facebook

Keep up to date with what we are doing in school via our Facebook page – **St John's CE Primary School Rishworth**. We aim to showcase several lessons/activities taking place across school each week. Following updated guidance we will be changing the way we post Facebook updates this year. Photos will be 'action' shots/rear/side views to avoid full facial images. We will therefore not be uploading the star pupils moving forward.

Compass

Thank you all for your patience and support during the transition to Compass over the summer. Hopefully most 'teething issues' have now been resolved, however please let the school office know if you have any queries.

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, and the new children throughout school as well as Mrs Wilcock to Year 1, Miss Rayner to the office and Mrs Kennedy to our teaching assistant team.

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.

Parent information evening

Please make every effort to attend the maths/English parents' information evening on **Monday 14th Sept at 5pm**.

Staff will be sharing key materials that we use for the teaching of English and maths, as well as discussing statutory assessment points for relevant year groups.

Welcome to Reception

We will hold the welcome to Reception service on **23rd 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 **Monday 28th 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 – 4th October

School will be attending the Harvest Festival service at **St John's Church at 9.30am on 4th 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 collecting for Calderdale Lighthouse – a charity that supports families in need within the community. The charity will be attending school worship to provide more information.

Parking

Please can remind all parents to be courteous and respect our neighbours when parking at drop off/collection and also at events after school. The main areas for concern appear to be on Heathfield Rise and Godly Lane.

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.

Photos

Individual and sibling school photographs will be taken in school on **Thursday 8th 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 12th 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.

Parent evenings

Parents' Evening will take place on **Monday 19th 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 **Thursday 22nd October** and Mrs Boyd will be in contact with parents to arrange appointments.

Reception intake 2027

If you are aware of any siblings or children due to start school in **September 2027**, 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.

St John's Church

On **Sunday 8th November** there will be Remembrance services at the war memorial on the corner of Oldham Road and Rishworth New Road at 9.00 and in church at 10.30

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?

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**.

48-hour sickness rule reminder

NHS guidance states that if a child is suffering from sickness/diarrhoea they should stay off school for 48 hours following the last bout of illness.