



St John's CE Primary School

Newsletter November 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)

November

- **Mon 3rd – staff training day – school closed**
- **Tues 4th – School opens – 8.45am**
- Fri 7th YR vision screening
- 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
- Tues 25th KS2 to Sculpture Park
- Fri 28th PTA Advent Fayre 5-7pm

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

January 2026

- **Mon 5th School Opens**

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.

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.

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 application information. We are conducting **tours through November** for prospective parents, if you know anyone who is interested, please ask them to call the school office to book a space.

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**.

We have poppies and associated items from The British Legion for sale in school each day. We recommend a donation of at least 20p for a poppy and the other items range from 50p-£1.

Year 4 Cooking

Year 4 will be cooking on a Wednesday afternoon this half term. Please ensure you send a container with a lid each Wednesday. A donation of £1.50 per week will be requested via Schoolcomms.

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.

Children In Need

We will be supporting Children In Need once again this year by holding a dress down day and wearing all things yellow, spotty, Pudsey ears etc on **Friday 14th November**. Donations will be collected via a donation page on Schoolcomms.

Advent fayre/Christmas Jumper swap

The PTA will be hosting 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 please let a PTA member know if you are able to assist. 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!

EYFS & KS1 Nativity play

This year EYFS and KS1 will be performing **A Midwife Crisis!** We look forward to inviting parents/carers into school to watch the performance. Ticket requests will be issued shortly for the 2 performances. Please note there will be one morning and one afternoon performance. KS2 will be watching the dress rehearsal to allow siblings to watch their younger brothers and sisters.

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).

KS2 Cross Country

A huge congratulations to our Key Stage 2 cross country team for coming 1st place in the inter-school competition! The children ran brilliantly, showing determination, teamwork and fantastic sportsmanship. Even more excitingly, some of our stars have now qualified to compete in the next round at the Calderdale event – we can't wait to see them go for gold again! Well done to everyone involved – we're so proud of you!



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 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.

School Council

The school council are pleased to confirm that the reflector sales were a success having raised £182. Thank you for your continued support.

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.