



St John's CE Primary School

Newsletter October 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)

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
- Thurs 8th Y5/6 CAMHS workshop – Self Esteem
- w/c Mon 12th Annual safety week
- w/c Mon 12th Y6 bikeability
- Wed 14th am Inter-school cross-country RVHS Y3-Y6
- Thurs 15th NSPCC workshops – Y2, Y5 and Y6.
- Mon 19th Parents' Evening
- Thurs 22nd SEN review meetings
- **Thurs 22nd school closes for half term**
- **Fri 23rd staff training day – school closed**

November 2026

- 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**
- Wed 11th am Boccia RVHS
- Thurs 12th Pantomime in school – Aladdin (pm)
- Fri 13th Children in need
- W/c Mon 16th National anti-bullying week, including odd socks day
- Fri 27th YR – Y6 Flu Immunisation
- Fri 27th PTA Advent Fayre

December

- Thurs 10th pm PTA Elfridges Secret Shop
- Fri 11th Star of Stars assembly 2pm
- Sun 13th 6.30pm St John's Church – service of readings and carols including crib dressing by the children
- Mon 14th (pm) KS1 Nativity for KS2
- Tues 15th (pm) & Wed 16th (am) - KS1 Nativity
- Thurs 17th - Christmas lunch and Christmas jumper day
- Thurs 17th – Christmas parties (pm)
- Fri 18th pm - Carols around the tree – St John's Church
- **Fri 18th - School closes for the Christmas holiday**
- Thurs 24th 5.30pm Christingle Service – St John's Church
- Fri 25th – 9.30 am St John's Church – Christmas Eucharistic Service

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.

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.

Bibles

We are delighted that St John's Church is offering a Bible as a special gift to any child who was an in-year admission – that is children who started at St John's in Y1 - Y6. If you would like your child to receive one, please contact the school office to arrange this.

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. 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 local community. The charity will be attending school worship to provide more information.

Walking Home

As we have a number of older children who walk to and from school each day, please ensure that as the shorter days approach they are clearly visible. Please also reinforce the message of what to do should they be approached by a stranger as we have reports of strange vehicles in the area recently.

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.

Parents' evening

Parents' Evening will take place on **Monday 19th October**. Bookings will be made through Compass and will be **available to book from 6pm on Monday 5th 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.

Parking

We have had several complaints about inconsiderate parking by parents. Please remember to avoid parking in school staff parking spaces, especially in the morning. Also, please do not park opposite school in such a way as causes Godly Lane to be blocked when staff parking spaces are in use. Finally, please do not park across local residents' driveways or at the bottom of Heathfield Rise where children cross the road. Thank you for your cooperation and for helping to keep our school site safe.

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 9.00am and in church at 10.30am.

Pantomime

We are excited to welcome back M&M productions for our school pantomime this year (Aladdin). This will take place on **12th November** in the school hall. We will be requesting **donations of £6 per child** – please see Compass.

Advent fayre/Christmas Jumper swap

We're looking forward to this year's PTA Advent Fayre, which will take place on Friday 27th November. As always, there will be plenty of festive fun, games and activities for the whole family to enjoy.

To help make the event a success, the PTA are looking for additional parent volunteers who are not currently members of the PTA. If you're able to lend a hand on the evening, please let us know by indicating your availability on the pre-order form, which will be sent out from the PTA later this month.

The PTA are also collecting pre-loved Christmas jumpers for our Christmas jumper stall. If you have any that are no longer needed, we'd be delighted to receive them. We welcome all sizes, from new-born right through to adult. Please drop any donations off at the school office.

Thank you for your continued support – the PTA couldn't do it without you!

Lockdown/Fire Evacuation Drills

In line with best practice guidance, the whole school practise lockdown and fire evacuation drills each term. This ensures that children are comfortable with the process should we need to conduct this in a real-life event - obviously we endeavour to keep drills as calm as possible.

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 2027 diary: **Monday 14th June – Wednesday 16th June 2027**. The total cost of the residential will be £385 split over 8 payments.

Tea-time talk - SHINE

Tea-time talk- the value of Thankfulness. At this time of the year, Christians show thanks to God by helping other people. Can you talk about three things you could do as a family to help 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?

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 2027. 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**.