

Autumn 2025 Term Dates

23-10 School closes normal time for half term break
24-10 Teacher Training Day
03-11 Teacher Training Day
04-11 School re-opens normal time to all
20-11 Whole School Flu Immunisations. Opt in required.
26-11 1530-1700pm Donut Church at St Johns Church
28-11 Walk to School day #2
28-11 PTA Non-Uniform Day for £1 donation to raise money
05-12 PTA School Disco. Times to follow
07-12 1030-1130am Christmas Service at St Johns church
08-12 to 12-12 Christmas Tree Festival at St Johns Church. Info to follow, walkers will be gratefully received!
11-12 Christmas Jumper Day £1 donation for Save the Children
11-12 Christmas Lunch Day
11-12 0840-940am SEN drop in
19-12 School closes normal time for Christmas break



05-01 Teacher training day
06-01 School reopens normal time to all

Knaresborough St John's Newsletter

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Harvest Thanksgiving

Thank you to all our parent/carers who kindly walked with the children to St John's Parish to enjoy our Harvest Festival and thank you to everyone who kindly donated food for the charity. Every little helps!

Open Morning—Thursday, 16th Oct

What a fantastic Open Morning we had yesterday—it was such a pleasure to welcome so many prospective families into our school and show them around. The children did an outstanding job guiding our visitors and representing St John's with pride, warmth, and enthusiasm. We've already received a number of lovely emails from parents expressing their appreciation and praising the children for how confidently and kindly they led the tours. It's always wonderful to see our pupils shine, and moments like these really highlight the strength of our school community. We're very much looking forward to seeing applications come in and hopefully welcoming many of these families to St John's in the near future.

TRUST

456

WISDOM

394

HOPE

522

PEACE

549

It has been a pleasure to see so many of you at our parents evenings last week. Thank you for taking the time to come in to school to speak to class teachers and find out about your child's strengths and areas we will be focusing on for the rest of this term. In December, you will get the first of the mini report cards that we send out. Keep an eye out for these and feel free to talk to your child's class teacher about them in case anything is unclear.

On Monday 20th October, we had our very special assembly where we showcased the children that have been selected to be House Captains and our Head Boy/Girl. This assembly always generates a lot of excitement for the Yr6 children as they go on to represent our school in many future events.

One of the wonderful events held this week was our Open Morning. It was the busiest Open Morning we have ever seen at Knaresborough St Johns! We usually have our Yr6 children take the visitors around the school, but this time we had to use all our Yr5 and Yr6 children plus a few Yr4s!

What has been great is the feedback given by the parents that have visited. Many have taken the time to email in to share how impressed they were with the school and the ambassadors that showed them around. A brilliant job from everyone involved!

Thank you for the good luck messages that you have given me. I am hoping to be back as soon as I can. I will be in school on Monday and on Tuesday morning, before heading to join the cast of Greys Anatomy!

Best wishes

Mr A Hope



PTA DIARY

19th November—Bags2School collection
 26th November—Christmas Wreath Workshop £25.00
 28th November—Bright Friday
 28th November – Non-Uniform Day
 5th December—School Christmas Disco's

Class 8—Mrs Eckard

Parents' Evenings that were cancelled last week have now been rearranged. They will take place at the same time and on the same day as originally booked this week. We apologise for the inconvenience caused by last week's cancellations.

Last week **Class 3 and 4** went on a Geography trip to Knaresborough. On our way to town we looked out for different house types, we managed to spot all the different types we had learnt about, including a cottage!

Our first stop in town was the Market Cross where we spotted key features of a town, lots of the children shared stories of their favourite places to go and we even spotted to important people from our towns history who we will learn more about after the holidays when we start our history!

We then went to the castle yard where we stopped to admire the view of the river Nidd and the viaduct before going to have a look inside the castle, lots of us sat on the medieval toilet and we went to explore the dungeons!



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Holiday Session - £55.00 (7-16 years old)

Ilkley Cow & Calf: Monday-Wednesday, 10:00-16:00

Brimham Rocks: Thursday-Friday, 10:00-16:00

Childcare Vouchers accepted



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What is Lighthouse?

Lighthouse is a light-touch church club for primary school children... a modern take on sunday school.

Term time only, it runs 9 times in the year @
St John's church hall (The HUB) -
Vicarage Lane, Knaresborough, HG5 9BT
on the **4th Sunday of the month @ 10.30am.**

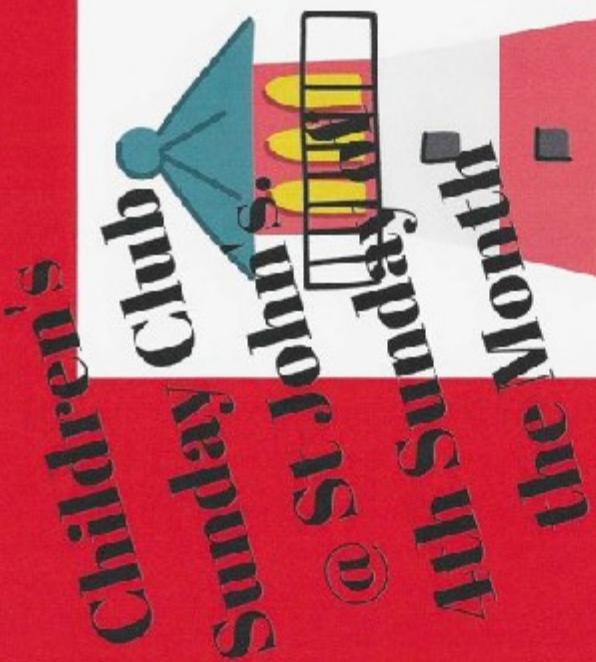
Parents are invited to stay with their children or go into church for the 'Songs of Praise' style service taking place. The children themselves will come into church at 11.20am.

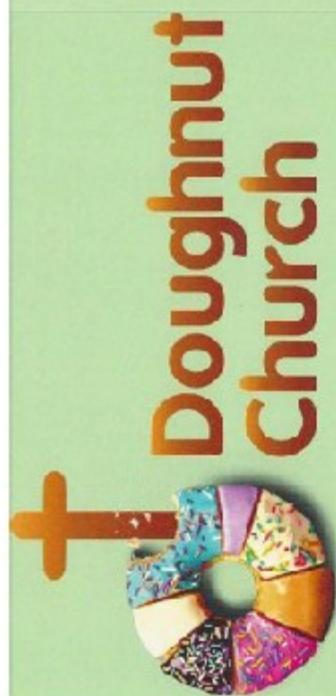
Dates and themes for Lighthouse '25-'26:

- 28th September - Welcome to Lighthouse / Fairtrade
- 26th October - Stained Glass
- 23rd November - Advent
- 25th January - Random acts of kindness
- 22nd February - World Book Day
- 22nd March - Mothering Sunday / Easter
- 26th April - Earth Day
- 24th May - Rich young ruler
- 28th June - St John the Baptist

ALL ARE MOST WELCOME...

LIGHTHOUSE





3.30pm to 5pm

Once every half-term 2025/6:

Wednesday September 24th
Wednesday November 26th
Wednesday January 28th
Wednesday March 25th
Wednesday May 27th
Wednesday July 1st

An 'Open the Book' initiative

at St John's Church
for KS1 children.

@ St John's Church,
Vicarage Lane,
Knaresborough.
HG5 9BT.

Food, Drama, Crafts, Fun and... of
course... Doughnuts!

Refreshments for parents whilst
they wait and older youngsters very
welcome to simply come and chill.

All welcome





HO HO HO CHRISTMAS DISCO



FRIDAY, 5 DECEMBER

EYFS & KSI - 3:00 to 3:45pm

Year 3 & 4 - 4:00 to 4:45pm

Year 5 & 6 - 5:00 to 5:45pm

£3.50 PER CHILD

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2026 KNARESBOROUGH TALENT SHOW

**Saturday 21st February 2026
at Frazer Theatre**

2.00PM, 5.00PM and 7.00PM*

*Each show has different performers so if you want to support a friend or family member do check which time they are performing

For both entry and audience tickets scan the QR below



2.00PM



5.00PM



7.00PM

It's Time To Shine

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Support the children of Knaresborough



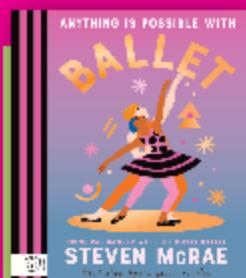
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Childrens Festival

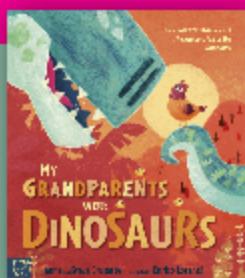
Saturday 18 and Sunday 19 October
The Crown Hotel | Harrogate



Ballet Joy

Age 5-11

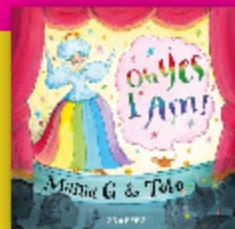
Royal Ballet star Steven McRae shows why ballet is for everyone. Interactive and inspiring.



Dino Fun

Age 4+

Creativity and palaeontology meet to inspire curious kids and their grown ups



Panto Queen

Age 3+

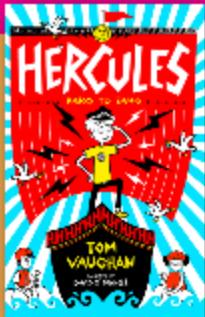
Songs, stories and plenty of dancing with storyteller, panto queen and star of Britain's Got Talent's Mama G. A celebration of being who you want and loving who you are. Dancing and giggles galore!



Badgers Are Go!

Age 6-10

Mischievous storytelling and playful activities for families



Hercules Hero

Age 8+

Greek myths meet modern mayhem with author Tom Vaughan

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Age Group: 5-12 years
Time: 9.00am - 3.00pm



VENUES

- Grammar School at Leeds, LS17 8GS
- Garforth Academy, LS25 1LJ
- King James High School, HG5 8EB
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This
October
Half-Term
at Ripon
Museums



Courthouse Museum 1:00pm - 4:00pm

Daily: Whodunnit?
25th October Use cryptic clues
until
2nd November: to solve a crime mystery.
Included in price of museum entry.

Prison & Police Museum

10:00am - 4:00pm

Daily: Craft Your Own Scary Witch
25th October
until
2nd November:



Workhouse Museum & Garden

10:00am - 4:00pm

Daily: Spooky Story Cards
25th October Create a spooky story with
until Halloween-themed cards.
2nd November: *Included in price of museum entry.*



10:00am - 4:00pm

Monday 27th October: Autumn Storytime with Ripon Library

Booking essential via
ripon.library@north-yorks.gov.uk **FREE**
 11:00am until 12:00 noon

Wednesday 29th October: Ghastly Goo

Create your own ghost gunk.
Included in price of museum entry. **10:30am-12:30pm**
1:00pm-3:00pm.

Friday 31st October: Ghost Hunters!

Investigate haunted happenings, make your
 own ghost goo, listen to a spooky story and
 grab your torch for a ghost treasure hunt.
£5 per child. Adults are free. **11:00am – 12:00pm**
4:00pm - 5:00pm.

Saturday 1st November: Bulb Planting

Plant up and take home heritage
 hyacinth bulbs
Included in price of museum entry. **10:00am until 4:00pm**

'All Hallows at the Workhouse' Theatre Performance

Ripon Museums Theatre Group will perform
Included in price of museum entry. **1.30pm and 3.30pm**

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Event Highlights

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