

# The Early Bird

Issue 14: Friday 9th May 2025



**'I have come in order that you might have life - Life in all its fullness.' John 10:10**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a lovely Easter break and bank holiday weekend. It won't be long before the next holiday so we have a lot to pack in. There are a number of dates for the summer term. So please check these on the next page.

Well done to our girls who worked hard to make a wonderful difference to the front school garden. The care and hard work they put into this project has not gone unnoticed. Well done girls ...what a team!

We have had a number of new families join our school since Easter, including new families to our nursery. I know you will make our new families feel welcome. If you see a new family, just say hello to them.

Many of year 1 parents joined the phonics parent workshop yesterday. Thank you for your time and your commitment does make a positive difference. If you need any further information, do not hesitate to get in touch with your child's class teacher.

We currently have a vacancy for a parent governor. Please look out for a letter soon and you are welcome to ask questions if you are interested.

Finally, if you could all say a prayer or give a thought for our year 6 children as they undertake their SATs next week. The children and staff have all worked incredibly hard and we are already proud of them.

Mrs SM Bowyer

Headteacher

Reminder—during the hot weather please make sure you apply sun cream to your child each morning before school. We also ask that they bring a cap and their bottle of water. Many thanks

## Prayer for Year 6

Dear Lord,  
Be with year 6 as they begin SATs next week.  
Keep their minds alert and their memories sharp.  
Calm their nerves and help them to concentrate.  
We pray they have a restful weekend with family and friends  
Amen



**Dedication - Courage - Joy**



- **Tuesdays** Parent/Carers & Tots coffee morning

#### MAY

**Mon 12<sup>th</sup> – Thursday 15<sup>th</sup>** – SATs Week

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup>** – EYFS Trip to Hoo Farm

#### JUNE

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Inset Day

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Pupils return to school

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup>** – S-o-T Day (100 years)

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Sports Day 1

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Sports Day 2 (reserve)

**Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup>** – Sports Day 3 (reserve)

**Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup>** – summer fayre

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup>** – Northwood Athletics (Y3-6): Selected Pupils

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup>** – Y6 'Surprise' Trip

#### JULY

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Y5s Trip to Longton Fire Station

**Friday 4<sup>th</sup>** – Y5s Trip to Reaseheath College

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup>** – Y6 Awards (5:30-7:30pm)

**Thursday 17<sup>th</sup>** – Y6 Leaver Party (5-6:30pm)

**Friday 18<sup>th</sup>** – Last Day of School

### Gardening Club

Before the Easter break we decided that the path from the staff car park to the school needed a little bit of looking after. Some year 6 girls helped. They went to the shop to buy the plants and bark, weeded, watered and planted. I'm sure you agree it looks so much better.



Before



After



## St. John's CE(A) Primary School Term Dates 2025-2026



### **Inset Days x 5**

Please note we may receive 6 weeks' notice in relation to our school being used as a Polling Station for government elections. These can take place in October/ November or May. We will inform you as soon as dates are confirmed to enable you to plan for child care on these dates.

Autumn Term 2025	
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> September
School open to pupils	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
School closes end of day	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> October
Half term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> November
School opens to pupils	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> November
School closes end of day	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December
Christmas Holiday	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January

Spring Term 2026	
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
School open to pupils	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January
School closes end of day	Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February
Half term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February to Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
School opens to staff and pupils	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February
School closes end of day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March
Easter Holiday	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> March to Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> April (Easter Sunday - 5 <sup>th</sup> April)

Summer Term 2026	
School open to staff and pupils	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday (School closed)	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
School closes end of day	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May
Half term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May
School open to staff (inset day)	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June
School open to staff and pupils	Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June
School closes end of day for pupils	Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> July
Staff inset (converted to twilights)	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July
Summer Holiday	Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July to Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> August

### Colour codes

School open only to staff—no children

School open to all pupils

School holidays

## Attendance

**Not only is attendance important but so is being on time!**

When you arrive late at school, you are missing the teacher's instructions and the induction to the lesson.

You may also feel embarrassed at having to enter a classroom late

Minutes late per day during the school year	Equals days worth of teaching lost in a year
5 minutes	3.4 days
10 minutes	6.9 days
15 minutes	10.3 days
20 minutes	13.8 days
30 minutes	20.7 days

Frequent lateness can add up to a considerable amount of learning lost, and can seriously disadvantage your future.

**PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL**

**Gates open at 8.30am and close at 8.40am**



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