

The Early Bird

Issue 3: Friday 3rd October 2025



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

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, there has been some excellent work taking place around school this week. Year 3/4 have been exploring some

challenging vocabulary—check out our Facebook page to see the impressive words they're using in their writing!

Mrs Hawkes and I will be visiting Gladstone Primary next week to share our children's writing talents and staff expertise, helping us all to make writing even better. Staff from Gladstone will also be visiting us to see what we do. It's fantastic to share good practice with one another!

Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee

Morning. It was lovely to see so many of you there. A huge well done to our teachers who took part in a very serious Bake Off—I'm glad I didn't have to judge that one... they were all delicious!

Only three weeks until half term—time flies! Make the most of it by encouraging your children to read little and often at home.

Our Firework Event is also fast approaching. Tickets are now on sale!

Enjoy the week and keep dry from the rain.

Mrs SM Bowyer

Headteacher

Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.



Dedication - Courage - Joy



D A T E S
FOR YOUR DIARY

October

Monday 6th 9am- Yr3 class assembly—Parent/carers welcome

Tuesday 7th & Wednesday 8th—Parent’s evening

Friday 10th—Yr 3&4 Twycross Zoo

Monday 13th - Young Minds - Wear Something Yellow day

Wednesday 15th—Friday 17th—Yr6 residential

Friday 17th - Non-uniform day - bring an item for the tombola

Monday 20th 9am —Yr1/2 class assembly—parent/carers welcome

Thursday 23rd—St. John’s Firework Spectacular—**Tickets now on sale**

Friday 24th—School finishes normal time 3.10pm

Monday 27th to Friday 31st—Half term

November

Monday 3rd—Inset day—school not open for pupils

Tuesday 4th—children back to school

Wednesday 5th - Open Evening for Reception 2026 places and Nursery places

Monday 10th 9am—Yr5 class assembly—Parent/carers welcome

Monday 24th 9am —Yr6 class assembly—parent/carers welcome

December

Thursday 11th—LKS2 Christmas Service (am)

UKS2 Christmas Service (pm)

Friday 12th— EYFS—Christmas Service (am)

KS1—Christmas Service (pm)

St. John's CE (A) Primary School

2026 EYFS Open Evening

Reception Class
September 2026

Nursery Admissions

Wednesday
5th November
3:30 - 6pm



We will be holding our annual open evening for families with children starting **Reception Class in September 2026** and for those looking for a **Nursery place (children 3 years+ from January 2026)**.

Please come along to find out more about our wonderful Early Years classes and pass the date on to family, friends and neighbours with children looking for a school or nursery place!

You will need to apply for a Reception class September 2026 place if your child's fifth birthday is between 1st September 2026 and 31st August 2027.

Macmillan Cancer Support Coffee Morning

Thank you to everyone who attended the Macmillan coffee morning. It was a lovely, relaxed atmosphere—with plenty of cake to eat. The staff had their own Bake Off competition and the Victoria Sponges were judged by Steve from City Catering, Rev Liz & Rev Smeeton. The judges took their role very seriously! Well done to Miss Miskiel who won.



Encounter Café

Thank you to those who attended the Encounter Café on Tuesday. We hope you enjoyed the relaxed atmosphere. The invite is open to everyone so we hope to see you there on Tuesday.





You're Invited!

ENCOUNTER CAFÉ

- **When:** Every Tuesday
- **Time:** 8.30am– 10:00am (after drop-off)
- Come along for a friendly chat, a hot drink, and a chance to:
 - Meet other parents and carers
 - Share ideas and experiences
 - Catch up on school news
 - Listen to invited speakers
 - Have fun doing Arts & Crafts

Everyone is welcome – even if you can only stay for a short while. Younger children are also welcome!

We look forward to seeing you there!



Harvest

From 1st October to the 24th October we will be collecting for the Stoke-on-Trent Food bank. For the year 2024/2025, they supported on average, 1,750 people each month. Sadly, the demand is high, with many families in crises. If every child in school brought in just one item that will be 300 items that will make a massive difference. Thank you for your continued support



Ending hunger together

Shopping List Harvest 2025

Items for the warehouse:

Tinned Soup

Tinned Dessert

Tinned Vegetables

Tinned Tomatoes

Tinned Fish

Tinned Meat

UHT Milk

Pasta Sauces

Mash

Coffee

Fruit Juice

Tea Bags

Biscuits

Sweet Extra, chocs, sweets,

Pasta/Rice



Non - Uniform Day

On **Friday 17th October** we will be holding a non-uniform day to collect items for our Firework Event tombola.

Children can come to school in non-uniform in return for bringing in an item that can be used for a prize. Suggested items include:

- Bubble Bath
- Bottles
- Chocolates
- Sweets
- Toiletries

Children should take their donated item to their classroom on Friday morning. Thank You.





Fireworks Spectacular

Thursday 23rd October 2025

4:30 - 7:30 PM

Tickets on sale now

**Parent Pay &
School Office**

Advance Tickets: £4 (Gate £5)

Under 4s: Free

Dropping off and
collecting by car?

4 THINGS

YOU NEED TO DO



Morning Drop Off



In the morning, please either park on the top playground or use the drop-off zone. **Dropping off by the barriers is not permitted.**

Afternoon Collection



The drop-off is not to be used when collecting your child at the end of the day. Please park on the top playground.

Please be considerate

Please park considerately on the car park, taking care not to block in other vehicles or obstruct any pavements or crossings.

Watch your speed

Keep your speed low when driving on the school site.

