

The Early Bird

Issue 4: Friday 17th October 2025



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

Dear Parents/Carers,

We're thrilled to see so many wonderful donations coming in for our fireworks tombola — thank you for your generosity! Please keep them coming. This year's event promises to be a treat, with a fantastic line up of food vendors including sweets, ice creams, the little coffee cart, a pizza van and our school team on burgers!

Mrs Hawkes has been visiting classrooms this week to observe our reading sessions. It's been inspiring to see excellent teaching and so many children confidently discussing their books. Thank you for your continued support — every little bit helps shape your children's futures, and it's clear they're truly enjoying their reading.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us at the Encounter Café this week. It's heart warming to see such a relaxed and welcoming space for parents and younger siblings to connect within our school community.

If you know any families in the neighbourhood with young children looking for a school place in the coming year, please do share the word about St. John's. Our nursery and reception open evening is on

Wednesday 5th November, and families are welcome to drop in anytime between **3:30pm and 6:00pm**.

We hope to see many of you at our fireworks event on **Thursday from 4:30pm**. If not, we wish you a wonderful half-term break. School finishes as usual at **3:10pm on Friday 24th October**, and children return on

Tuesday 4th November.

Mrs SM Bowyer (Headteacher)

Prayer

Thank you for our family, for hugs and kisses and special times together. Thank you for our friends, for laughter and chatting and sharing. Thank you for our homes, for rest times, bath times and bed times. Thank you for food, for breakfast, lunch, dinner, snacks and treats. Thank you for playtimes, for toys and games and books. Thank you for fun, for giggles and for silly happy times. Thank you for making all these lovely things, and for helping us to enjoy them all. Amen.



Dedication - Courage - Joy



D A T E S
FOR YOUR DIARY

October

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.



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!



Encounter Craft Morning

On Tuesday we had a crafty morning in Encounter Café. Parent/ carers made an Autumn wreath. It was a very relaxed, calm session with plenty of chat, drinks & nibbles.



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



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





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

WATCH TICKETS



Saturday 1st November 2025, 3:00pm

St John's Trent Vale



ADULTS

065 / U18

£20

£5

SCAN & USE DISCOUNT CODE:

C7BRISTOL-160

Select the relevant fixture and follow the prompts and process to pick your block and seat. Enter the above Coupon Code at point of checkout. My Stoke/Ticketing Account registration will be required for first time visitors, however, registration is quick and simple. If you however require any support through the process please call the team on 01782 367599. Note, third party parking is cash only.

Tickets must be booked in the lower half of blocks 41 & 42. There is no limit on number of tickets.

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.

