

The Early Bird



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

Dear Parents and Carers,

As another academic year comes to a close, it is time for us to say farewell to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they prepare to begin the next stage of their journey. Our school vision is inspired by St. John's Gospel (10:10), reminding us that we are like sheep guided to flourish and grow. As our Year 6 children move on to new pastures, we pray that they continue to thrive and carry the values of St. John's with them, making positive choices and embracing every opportunity that comes their way.

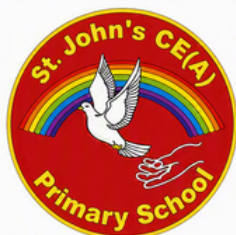
Our Year 6 pupils have achieved so much during their time with us. They have grown academically, spiritually, and personally, and we are immensely proud of all they have accomplished. We are grateful to our entire school community for the support, encouragement, and care shown throughout their journey. They are a talented and remarkable group of young people, and we know they will be a credit to whichever high school they attend. Please remember that you will always be part of the St. John's family, and you are always welcome to come back and visit us.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to the dedicated St. John's staff team and our governors. Their commitment, hard work, and care for our children, families, and wider community are greatly appreciated. They are already looking ahead and planning for the 2026-27 academic year, ensuring we continue to build on our successes and provide the very best for our pupils.

We are incredibly proud of all that we have achieved together at St. John's and would like to thank you and your families for your continued support. As we continue to follow in the footsteps of St. John, we look forward to further strengthening our school and embracing the opportunities that lie ahead.

We wish you all a restful, enjoyable, and safe summer spent with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming everyone back to school on Wednesday 2nd September at 8:30am.

Mrs Bowyer
Headteacher



SCHOOL REOPENS

**WEDNESDAY 2ND
SEPTEMBER 2026**



**CHILDREN NEED TO BE
IN SCHOOL BY**

8:40 AM



Well Done Year 6!

The Year 6 SATs results were released yesterday.

We are really proud of all the children.

A summary of our results compared to other schools nationally is shown below:

Subject	Percentage of pupils achieving the expected standard		Average scaled score	
	School	Nationally ¹	School ²	Nationally ³
Reading	84%	75%	107	106
Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling	78%	74%	107	105
Maths	80%	74%	107	105
Writing	73%	72%	N/A	N/A
Science	82%	82%	N/A	N/A











THANK YOU!

for attending our
SCHOOL PICNIC!

It was lovely to see so many
families all enjoying the
afternoon together.

We hope you had
a wonderful time!

Thank you for being part of
our school community!

The letter below has been sent out to local residents from our MP, Gareth Snell. The school council spoke to him when he visited school recently.



Gareth Snell MP

Member of Parliament for Stoke-on-Trent Central
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16th July 2026

Dear Neighbour,

Mace Street Park and the play equipment available there was **raised with me by students** on a visit to St John's Trent Vale Primary recently.

I am pleased to announce that the government's **Pride in Place Impact Fund** will be providing £10,000 to make a difference by funding new and refurbished play areas and better sports equipment for people to use.

These are small changes and I know more still needs to be done, but as better places to play and improved equipment to play on has been raised with me by children and families in this area, the news is very welcome!

I hope it will not be long before we see the change on the ground which Stoke-on-Trent City Council are now tasked with delivering.

Kind regards,

Gareth Snell MP
MP for Stoke-on-Trent Central

SUMMER Savings

The government is cutting VAT from 20% to 5% on family days out – from cinema and theatre tickets to attractions, and children's meals out.

Less to pay, more summer to enjoy.

25 June – 1 September 2026, right across the UK



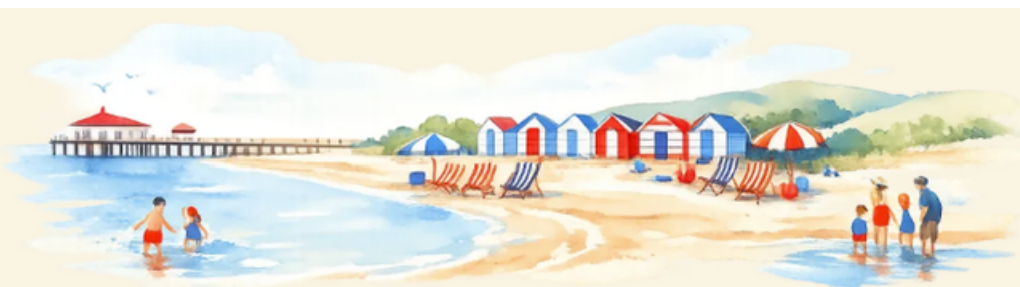
**Cinemas, attractions
& meals**



**Free bus travel for
kids**

Visit the government website below for more details and to find out about local savings:

www.summersavings.gov.uk



This newsletter is designed to raise awareness of the work of the Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire Child Death Overview Panel (CDOP) and to bring news on our ongoing campaigns

Summer Safety

Tragically, there have been deaths of children from Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent as a result of.....

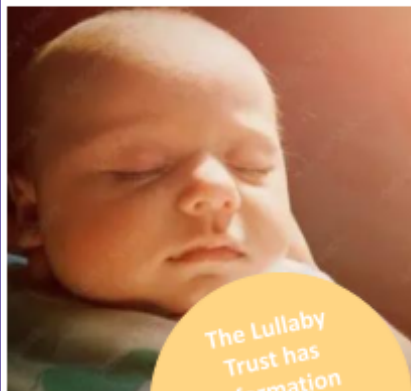
Drowning

Young people can be drawn to open water - weirs, quarries and canals are not safe places to 'hang out', swim or play. **Don't take risks around water.**

Watch children when they are in or around water, without being distracted.



For water
safety
advice go to
RLSS.org



The Lullaby
Trust has
information
on 'safer
sleep on
holiday'

Unsafe sleeping environments

Follow safer sleep guidance **for every sleep**, both daytime naps and overnight. Maintain safe sleep routines when on holiday, staying with friends or family. Plan sleeping arrangements in advance.

Consider where your baby will be sleeping and if you need to take a travel cot.

Road traffic collisions

Check and follow local driving laws when travelling abroad. **Children should be properly restrained in appropriate car seats** while travelling in a vehicle. Many airlines allow child car seats to be transported free of charge or when abroad there are usually car seat hire options. Take extra care when walking near roads, particularly in unfamiliar areas where traffic patterns and road rules may be different from those in the UK.



The AA has
essential driving
advice in Europe
on their website,
and for
information on
car seats go to
issuu.com

Avoiding
serious
injury

Sun safety

Babies and children are particularly vulnerable to sunburn. Avoid direct sun exposure between 11:00 and 15:00. Use SPF50 sunscreen with 4-star UVA protection. Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours and after swimming. For additional protection add loose-fitting clothing, sun hats and sunglasses. Go to britishskinfoundation.org.uk and sunscreen-and-sun-safety on the NHS site for further information.



Food safety advice

Germs can grow quickly on food if it is not kept refrigerated. Use ice blocks to keep food cool when travelling. Store raw and cooked foods separately, and ensure meat is cooked thoroughly and is hot all the way through before eating. Tap water in the UK is safe to drink. Follow local guidance when drinking water abroad.

Encourage young children to sit down while eating to help them chew and swallow food properly during picnics.

Visit GOV.UK for further advice on food safety in a heatwave.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide cannot be seen, smelled, heard, or tasted. It is produced when fuels burn incompletely. Poor ventilation can allow dangerous levels to build up. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be fatal. Extra care is needed in caravans, motorhomes, and tents, especially when using campfires, camping stoves, or BBQs. A carbon monoxide alarm/monitor should be provided or taken when travelling. For further information go to www.safertourism.org.uk/campaign-carbon-monoxide.

Contact The Child Death Overview Panel for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent
cdop@staffordshire.police.uk for further information.

Prayers

Dear God,

We thank You for our Year 6 children as they prepare to leave our school. Bless them as they begin their journey to high school. Give them courage to face new challenges, kindness to make new friends, and confidence to be the very best they can be. Keep them safe, guide them always, and help them know that they are loved wherever they go.

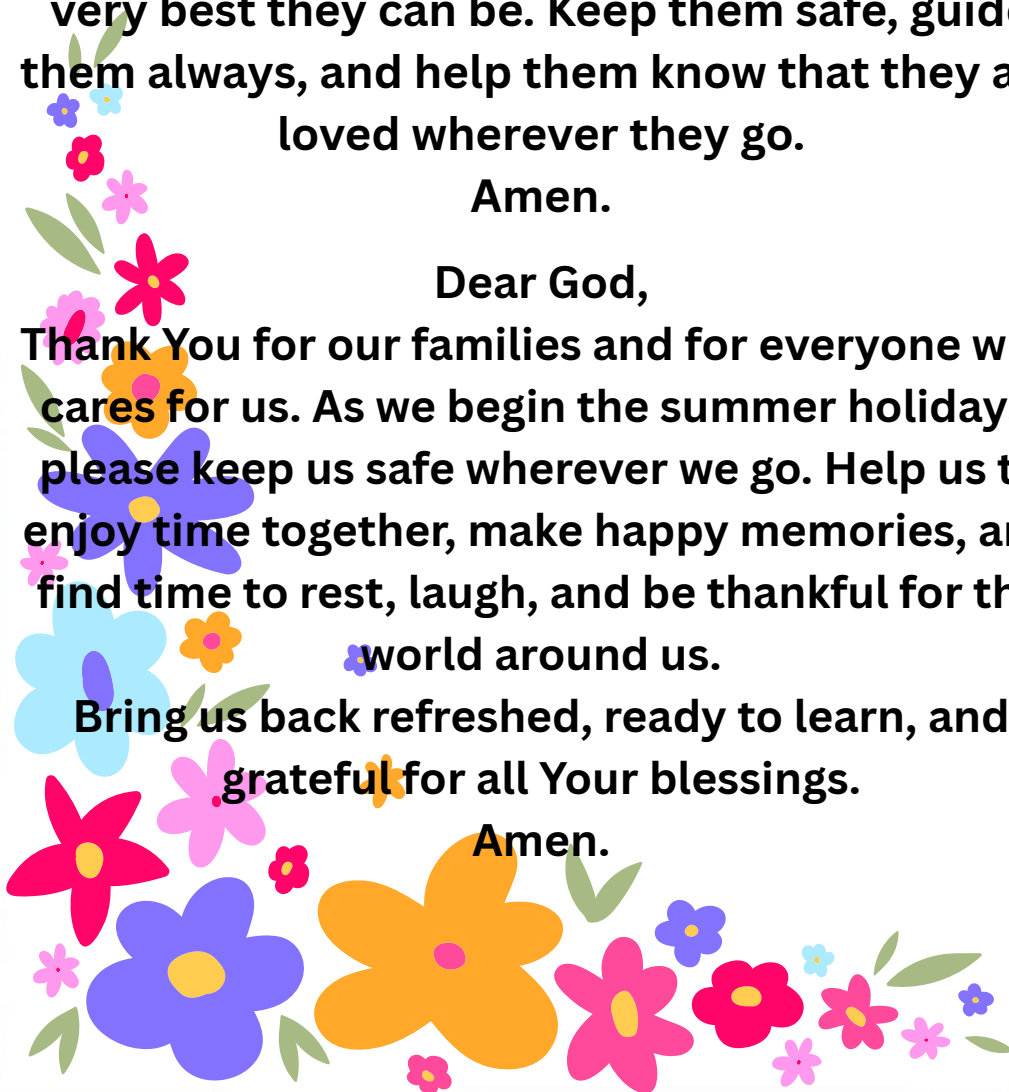
Amen.

Dear God,

Thank You for our families and for everyone who cares for us. As we begin the summer holidays, please keep us safe wherever we go. Help us to enjoy time together, make happy memories, and find time to rest, laugh, and be thankful for the world around us.

Bring us back refreshed, ready to learn, and grateful for all Your blessings.

Amen.



Thank you

The staff at St. John's are very grateful for your support throughout the year, which has helped to make this a successful and positive year for all our children. We would like to wish you all a wonderful summer holiday. We hope you have the opportunity to relax, have fun, and spend precious time with your family and friends. We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

And to those who are leaving us, we wish you all the very best for the future and every blessing in the next stage of your journey.

