

# St. John's Echo



Issue 1 : Friday 11<sup>th</sup> September 2026

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

## Dear Parents/Carers

An impressive start to the term with very smart uniforms and being on time for school each day. Behaviour and attitudes to learning have been impeccable. I can't wait to see the outcomes of these great attitudes as the term moves on.

If we can get into the home routine of homework, and also reading 5 nights per week. Please see the dates for your class Tea and Toast events next week, where phase leaders will set out the learning expectations for the year ahead. If you cannot make it then please speak to your child's class teachers to gather the information.

Also, a big welcome to our new families please just ask if you are unsure of anything.

We also wish our old year 6's (now year 7) luck in their new school. We are thinking of you. Take the St. John's values with you! Also, a credit to our new year 6's in school...they are setting the standard high as top of the school.

Thank you to you as parents for preparing your children for the term ahead— team work! Enjoy the weekend ahead

Mrs SM Bowyer  
Head teacher

## Prayer

Lord, bless our school as we begin a new school year. Help us to learn with enthusiasm, work with diligence, and treat others with kindness. Guide our teachers, protect our students, and fill our school with peace and joy. Amen.



**Dedication - Courage - Joy**

# Dates for your Diary

## September

**Tea & Toast - please see the next page for more information**

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> - MacMillan Coffee Morning

Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> - Reception Bless the Book Bag -  
Reception parent/carers invited

## October

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> - 3.15pm Year 3 to Year 6 - Parent  
workshop - please see Page 7

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 14 to Friday 16<sup>th</sup> - Year 6 residential

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> - St. John's Firework Spectacular

Monday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 31<sup>st</sup> Half Term

## November

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> - school open to pupils



# Tea & Toast

**This is a brief opportunity to meet with your child's teaching team, who will talk through some useful information about the year ahead.**

**Sessions start at 8.15am and will finish by 8:45am and will take place in the school hall. Please enter via the main office. During the session, you and your children can come in to the school hall for some toast and a drink.**

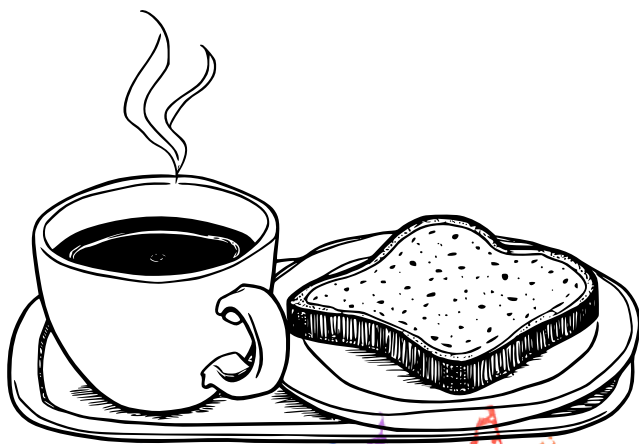
**Children will go to class at 8:30am and then parents and carers will receive a brief update from your child's teachers on the year ahead.**

**Monday 14th September - Year 1 and 2 (KS1)**

**Wednesday 16th September - Year 3 and 4 (Lower KS2)**

**Thursday 17th September – Year 5 and 6 (Upper KS2)**

**Friday 18th September – Nursery & Reception**





Please drop in for a

# Cuppa and Cake

Tuesdays

8.30am - 10am

A chance for a friendly chat,  
to try new crafts,  
and to make new friends.

Good Coffee Good Company

All welcome.

ENCOUNTER

St. John's CE(A) Primary School



The image features a central photograph of a wooden table set for a 'Cuppa and Cake' session. On the table is a white mug with the text 'Good Coffee Good Company' and heart symbols, a slice of jam and cream cake on a small plate, and various craft supplies including balls of colorful yarn (yellow, blue, pink, green), a pair of scissors, and a small crocheted item. The background of the photo is slightly blurred, showing more flowers and craft materials. The entire image is framed by a vibrant, multi-colored border made of paint splashes in shades of red, orange, yellow, green, blue, and purple. Hand-drawn icons of a coffee cup, a cupcake, and hearts are scattered around the text. A circular logo for 'St. John's CE(A) Primary School' featuring a dove and a rainbow is in the bottom right corner. The 'ENCOUNTER' logo, which includes a stylized cross inside a hexagon, is in the bottom left corner.



# Class worship

Parent/Carers you are very welcome to come  
and watch your child in their class worship.

**All worships start at 9am**

**EYFS** - Easter - 22/03/27

**Year 1** - Jonah and the Whale - 05/07/26

**Year 2** - Noah's Ark - 21/06/27

**Year 3** - Creation - 05/10/26

**Year 3-4** - Pentecost - 10/05/27

**Year 4** - 10 Commandments - 01/02/26

**Year 5** - Remembrance - 9/11/26

**Year 5-6** - Mothering Sunday - 1/03/27

**Year 6** - The Good Samaritan - 11/01/27



# Macmillan Coffee Morning

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> September 8.30am - 10am

On Friday 25th September, we will be hosting a Coffee Morning in support of Macmillan Cancer Support.

We have held this event for the past few years, and it's always a lovely way to come together and raise money for such an important charity.

It would be great to see you all there! Any cake donations would also be greatly received and very much appreciated.

We hope to see you there!







# Parent Workshop Mathematics

## Formal Written Methods Years 3-6

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Do you know how  
to help with your  
child's Maths  
homework?

Explore  
methods

Build  
confidence

Support  
at home

Ask  
questions

Make a  
difference



Date:  
Thursday 1st  
October 2026



Time:  
3:15pm



Venue:  
School Hall



We look forward to seeing you!



# FREE SCHOOL MEAL CHANGES



**THE GOVERNMENT IS MAKING CHANGES TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS (FSM) FROM SEPTEMBER 2026**

## EXPANDED ELIGIBILITY:

From 1<sup>st</sup> Sept 2026, FSM will include ALL Universal Credit households earning over £7,400.



## NO AUTOMATIC PROTECTION:

Protection has ended; children who no longer meet the criteria will lose their FSM.



Parents can apply for Free School Meals using the following link:

<https://apply.cloudfored u.org.uk/ofsm/sims>

## NURSERY & RECEPTION:

A new application will be required. Parents can apply from **1<sup>ST</sup> AUGUST 2026** or complete the paper form from the office.

## RECHECK ELIGIBILITY:

All current FSM will be rechecked.

Applicants who were previously not eligible for FSM should reapply to check their eligibility under the new expansion





Operation Encompass is a police and education early information safeguarding partnership enabling educational settings to offer immediate support to children experiencing domestic abuse.

Operation Encompass ensures that there is a simple telephone call or electronic notification to a school's trained Designated Safeguarding Lead /Officer (known as Key Adult) prior to the start of the next school day after an incident of police attended domestic abuse where there are children related to either of the adult parties involved.

Information is shared with a school's Key Adult (Designated Safeguarding Lead or Officer) prior to the start of the next school day after officers have attended a domestic abuse incident. This sharing of information enables appropriate support to be given, dependent upon the needs and wishes of the child.

Children are negatively impacted by experiencing domestic abuse and without early intervention and support this negative impact can last through a child's life course. Domestic abuse can impact upon social, psychological, physical, emotional and behavioural outcomes with an often negative impact upon a child's academic success. Experiencing domestic abuse has been identified as an Adverse Childhood Experience.

Operation Encompass aims, by directly connecting police and schools, to secure better outcomes for children, to enable schools to better understand the impact living with domestic abuse has upon children, to help schools to better understand a child's living experience and to therefore be able to support and nurture each child, making a child's day better and giving them a better tomorrow.

Our aim is to have Operation Encompass in every force, in every school, for every child no matter where they live. It is simply every child's right.