



St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 5th September 2025



Welcome back to all of the children and their families. We were so pleased to see all of the children coming into school in the morning.

We would like to welcome our new families of children starting in Reception and Nursery. We hope you will have many happy years at St. John's. We look forward to getting to know you and your children and working together.

This week we had a special assembly to start off the new academic year, ending with this Prayer...

Heavenly Father,

Thank you for the gift of returning to school and for the chance to grow in knowledge and friendship.

Bless our teachers with wisdom and patience, guide us as we learn, and protect us each day. May all that we do bring joy, peace and honour to you.



Amen



AUTUMN PE SCHEDULE



MONDAY	Year 1 & 2 - Class PE
TUESDAY	Year 3, 5 & 6 - Dance Year 6 – Golf
WEDNESDAY	Year 3 & 4 – Swimming
THURSDAY	Year 4 - Golf
FRIDAY	Reception Class, Year 1, 2, 5 & 6 - PE with Sidney

Parent/Teacher Welcome Meetings

We are pleased to invite you to come along for a short morning meeting with your child's new teacher at 9am on the following days:



KS2 will be meeting in their classrooms and KS1 will be meeting in the hall.



On Wednesday 10th September we will be taking photos and videos of the school and children to update our website! Although our children always look smart, please make an extra effort on this day.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Thank you to all the children that looked so smart in their correct uniform this week!

As a reminder at St John's the children must wear the complete school uniform.

SHOES should be flat, black and appropriate for school. We do not accept trainers with logos!

Students must wear a TIE!

All uniform items are available to buy through the Parent Mail app and will be given to your child on WEDNESDAYS.

PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT YOUR CHILD'S UNIFORM IS LABELLED WITH THEIR FULL NAME.



NOTICE BOARD



Residentials - We will soon be sending out information regarding the residential trips for Year 4 & Year 6. Numbers are limited and will be on a first come first served basis so please keep an eye out!

Staff Success – Congratulations to Portia in the Office who completed her Level 4 Diploma in School Business Management over the Summer!

New Swimming Pool – Seven Islands has now closed and the children's swimming lessons will be taking place in the new Canada Water Leisure Centre!

We will be soon be looking for a new **Parent Governor** – Watch this space for more information!

Handwriting/Presentation

With the publication of the new Writing Framework in July 2025, we are starting the new school year with an extra focus on handwriting and presentation.

To support your child's progress, we encourage you to continue practising at home. A few helpful tips for good handwriting include:

- **Posture:** Ensure your child is sitting upright with both feet flat on the floor.
- **Grip:** Encourage a relaxed but firm pencil grip using the thumb, index, and middle fingers.
- **Paper position:** The paper should be tilted slightly, depending on whether your child is right- or left-handed.
- **Letter formation:** Remind your child to form letters from top to bottom and left to right.
- **Spacing:** Encourage leaving equal spaces between words for clarity.
- **Slow and steady:** Quality is more important than speed—neatness will improve with practice.

Your support at home makes a big difference, and we appreciate your partnership in helping children develop clear, confident handwriting.