



## St John's Church of England Primary School

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Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Sports Day - Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May

We are looking forward to a wonderful day and have put together the following information to help you plan ahead – especially if you are new to our community or joining us for the first time.

Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit, including shorts, trainers and a t-shirt in their team colour – children have been reminded of their team colour today. They will also need a named sun hat and a water bottle.

Morning events begin at 9.45am, so after dropping your child off as normal at 8.40am, please leave the school grounds and return at 9.45am, when we will reopen the gate along the side of the school.

During the morning, children will rotate around 11 'stations', completing physical activities and earning points for their team. Each child will be placed in a 'squad' (children will be told their squad number by Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> May) made up of children from Years R to 6 across all four team colours. They will stay with their squad throughout the morning, with older children helping to support the younger ones. You are very welcome to follow your child's squad and cheer them on, but please let them take part independently without assistance. It is helpful if you know which squad number your child is as this will help Mrs Nicholls direct you to the right station when you arrive on site.

At around 11.45am, the children will head back to their classrooms to use the toilet, refill water bottles and get ready for lunch.

At 12 noon, children will come out onto the field by the library and be released to their parents for a picnic lunch. Any child without parents will sit with staff. We do ask that you remember we are a nut-free school. We'd suggest bringing a picnic blanket or some chairs to make yourselves comfortable. The FOSJ will also be selling ice lollies for the children to enjoy.

**If your child would like a Sports Day Lunch, and you haven't already done so, please complete the online form via the link below (one per child) with your child's preferred option by Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> May. Please note meals CANNOT be booked on the day, this replaces the normal menu for this day.**

[Sports Day Lunch - Friday 22nd May 2026 – Fill in form](#)

The bell will ring at 12.45pm and all children should return to their classrooms to be registered.

Classes will be brought out at 1pm to take their places along the running track. Each child will take part in the traditional track races, finishing with the much-loved toddler race and parent races – so don't forget your running shoes! Please enjoy the races from the opposite side of the track to the

children and please do not venture over to the children's side or encourage your child to move over to the adults side. This helps us to safeguard all children and ensure we know where all children are.

Once all the races have finished (at approx 3pm), children will return to their classrooms to collect their belongings. Year R and Greece class children can be collected from the bottom playground. Finland and South Africa children will be collected from the top playground as usual. Key Stage 2 children will be led out onto the top playground as normal and may leave with an adult. Please note that Year 5/6 children with permission to walk home independently will **still need to** wait until the end of the school day (3.25pm) before we can allow them to leave.

We very much look forward to seeing you on Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.

Yours sincerely,

*AH Nicholls*

Mrs Angela Nicholls  
Headteacher