



# St John's Newsletter

*Learning, Loving and Laughing Together*



## Open Evening—Wednesday 8th July 2026

Our open evening this year is scheduled for **Wednesday 8th July 2026**. This is an opportunity for parents and guardians to collect their child's end of year report, view their child's work and chat with their teacher. This is also an opportunity for your child to show you their new classroom and meet their new teacher.

On the afternoon, we will dismiss the children as per normal routines. The teachers will then return to their classrooms in order to get everything ready. At 3.40pm, we will then open the doors to allow parents to go to the children's classroom where they can collect their child's report. Classrooms will be open until 5pm with teachers available to chat until then. In our experience, the teachers are generally busier earlier in the evening between 3.40pm and 4pm so we would advise that if you want a longer conversation with the teacher to aim to visit slightly later.

The person collecting the report will need to sign so that we have a record of who has received it. If you wish someone, who is not named on the children's contact list, to collect their report on your behalf, please inform the school office on [adminoffice@st-johns.cofe.hants.sch.uk](mailto:adminoffice@st-johns.cofe.hants.sch.uk) providing details of who is authorised to collect.

If your child attends After School Club on that evening and you do not collect until after 5pm, we will endeavour to place their reports in the club so you can collect it from a member of the After School team.

If no one is available to collect the child's report on the evening, reports can be collected from the school office from Thursday 9th July. Again they will need to be signed for by an adult who is named on their contact sheet.



**This week in worship...** We have been thinking about being generous to the world around us. In Monday's whole school worship, we watched an extract from one of David Attenborough's nature documentaries. During this extract, he uses the words to the song 'A wonderful world'. As a school, we then considered what the world would be like if it was not full of colour and was instead dark and grey! We concluded that God had made a



wonderful world and that as 'stewards' of his creation we needed to work hard to protect it. The children were asked to promise themselves that they would find a way to support our planet this week - a great way to have a conversation about lights that are left on, taps that are left running or food that is wasted!!

**Diary Dates**

**INSET Days 2025—2026**

Wednesday 22nd July (5)

- 07/07/26 Musical Showcase 4pm
- 08/07/26 Year 5 Swimming @ QMC a.m.
- 08/07/26 Open Evening—Parent to Collect/Sign for School Reports from Teacher 3.30pm-5pm - details on page 1 of this newsletter
- 14/07/26 EYFS to Year 1 Transition Meeting 5pm—School Hall
- 14/07/26 KS1 to KS2 Transition Meeting 5pm—Croatia Classroom
- 14/07/26 FOSJ AGM @ 6.30pm in the School Library—please come along
- 15/07/26 Year 5/6 Production @ 1.45pm
- 16/07/26 Year 5/6 Production @ 5pm
- 17/07/26 Year 6 Treat Day
- 20/07/26 Year 6 Leavers' Church Service—10am All Saints Church
- 20/07/26 Leavers' Lunch—more details to follow
- 21/07/26 Year 6 Leavers' Assembly at 9.15am—School Hall
- 21/07/26 Last day of term—early finish (details further on in newsletter)
- 22/07/26 INSET Day (5)
- 23/7-31/8/26 Summer Holidays
- 01/09/26 INSET Day (1) 2026/27
- 02/09/26 Years 1-6 First Day Back

**INSET Days 2026—2027**

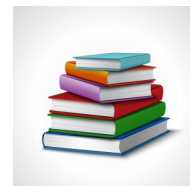
Tuesday 1st September 2026 (1)

**Attendance**

Whole school attendance is currently at 96.8%. Our whole school target for the year is 97%.



On Monday we will be sending home the children's 'completed' exercise books for this year and, in some cases, books from previous years. Please can we encourage you to supply your child with a cloth bag to bring the books home in.



On Thursday, we had a visit from the Hampshire School Library Service to promote their Summer Reading Challenge. This year it is 'Read to the Beat'. These yearly primary challenges are a good way to keep your child reading over the break and ensure that you minimise the 'learning gap' that occurs during the holiday. All children were given leaflets after the assembly with details about how they can get involved. If the leaflet didn't make it home, further details can be found at [www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](http://www.summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)



**LETTER ALERT!**

Child	Title	Response?
Year R—5	Staff Organisation 2026 Letter	

## Hampshire County Cricket Finals

On Tuesday, our KS2 boys cricket team travelled to the Utilita Bowl in Southampton to compete in the Hampshire County Finals of the Dynamos Cricket Competition. Having worked so hard to qualify, the boys were excited from the moment they arrived. Seeing the impressive stadium and having the opportunity to play at one of Hampshire's premier cricket venues made the day even more special.

With 16 of the county's top teams competing, the standard of cricket was incredibly high. The teams were split into five groups, and we were drawn into a group of three.

The boys began the day against Hook with Warsash, producing a confident performance in all areas of the game. Excellent bowling and sharp fielding restricted the opposition's scoring, while some powerful batting saw the team comfortably secure victory by a healthy margin.

Their second group match was against Fair Oak and once again the boys demonstrated the qualities that have made them so successful throughout the competition. Accurate bowling, confident batting and disciplined fielding helped them claim another well-earned victory, meaning they finished top of their group and progressed to the knockout stages.

With the hard work of the morning complete, the team enjoyed lunch together while taking in the fantastic surroundings of the Utilita Bowl - a memorable experience in itself.

The quarter final saw us face a familiar opponent in Hurstbourne Tarrant. Having already played each other twice earlier in the local competition, with one win apiece, everyone knew it would be another close and competitive contest.

Fielding first, the boys worked tirelessly and claimed three wickets, putting pressure on the opposition throughout their innings. When it was our turn to bat, the team made full use of the large outfield, playing some superb attacking shots and finding the boundary an impressive 16 times. Throughout the match, the team constantly encouraged one another, communicated well and played with great confidence. Their teamwork paid off with another fantastic victory, earning them a place in the Hampshire semi-finals.

In the semi-final, we faced a very strong Mount Pleasant team. Despite giving everything they had and continuing to play with determination and pride, the boys were unable to overcome their opponents on this occasion.

Although the result didn't go our way, the team finished an incredible 3rd place in Hampshire - an outstanding achievement considering the quality of schools taking part from across the county.

Representing the school at such a prestigious venue was a fantastic reward for all of their hard work and dedication. Every player contributed to an incredible journey that will be remembered for years to come.



## Tuesday 21st July 2026

This is the last day of this academic year. On this day the children will finish at the following times:

Year R & Year 1/2—1.25pm,

Year 3/4 & Year 5/6 —1.30pm.

Due to the early finish, all children will need to be collected by an adult, **this includes Year 5/6 children (there will be no After School Club). No children will be able to leave site alone until the usual finishing time.**

If your child is going to be collected by a different adult from those who usually collect, please let the school office know in writing.

