Dear Parents and Carers Thursday 17th July 2025

Who can believe that we are at the end of another academic year in the life of St John’s!

Years 5 and 6 have put on a brilliant performance of Spring Chicken. The children and staff have worked hard to put on this performance. The children have overcome many barriers to be able to stand up and perform in front of an audience. This has taken bravery and courage. A brilliant job everyone.

Year 6 attended the Leavers’ Service at Gloucester Cathedral in June. The service was reflective of their time spent at primary school but looked forward to the opportunities that will be on offer when they move to secondary school. The weather was changeable and by the time we left it was pouring with rain, and some children did not have coats, but the day was saved by a roll of black bags! that the children ended up wearing.

Oak Class also went to Books for Bugs in Mitcheldean to meet author Matt Goodfellow. The children were rewarded with a very entertaining session of poetry and chat that focused on the transition from primary to secondary school.

As part of the enquiry work into the Romans, Hazel Class spent a day exploring Puzzlewood.

Earlier in the year Rowan Class visited Perry Grove where they met Santa and his reindeer. They also had a beach day earlier this term where the children played in trays of water and built sandcastles. Fun was had by all.

Ash Class visited Robins Wood Hill Nature reserves to explore and bring to life some of the science topics they have studied.

The Year 5 pupils from both Elm and Oak have had taster days at Five Acres High School and Dean Academy.

We have taken part in a variety of sports and wellbeing activities including Ride and Walk day at Norchard, Sportily Wellbeing Champions, Joseph and Mary Dash, Easter Escape Room, a range of football matches for both boys and girls, netball tournament, Taster Day at Newent Comprehensive, Ten Pin Bowling. This is not an exhaustive list.

Over the course of the year all your amazing children have grown and flourished socially, emotionally and academically. Thank you for the love and attention that you give them to help this happen. Your children are amazing, and I will miss them all.

**PTA News July 2025-** Do keep an eye on our Facebook page for photos and regular updates.

Firstly, a huge thank you to everyone who has supported our events over the past year. Our most recent Summer Fair raised £560 and the Sponsored Bounce raised a fantastic £800.

We’ve also had a busy few weeks spending money – the school library has had a make-over with brand new bookshelves, the whole school has enjoyed a theatre performance thanks to 4front theatre, the ice cream van has visited, and Year 6 are proudly wearing their leaving hoodies.

Over the summer, we are also funding some improvements to the KS1 playground and will be offering the same to the KS2 playground in the new academic year.

**Classes for September 2025**

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| Class | Teacher/s | TAs |
| Rowan (Reception) | Miss Griffiths Ms Donovan  | Mrs RobertsMrs Lawrence |
| Ash (Year 1) | Mrs Coleman Ms Donovan | Mrs Moger  |
| Beech (Year 2) | Mrs DamonMrs Mitchell (PPA Cover) | Mrs James |
| Hazel (Year 3 and 4) | Mrs Smith Mr McKenzie | Mrs ShottonMrs Meek |
| Elm (Year 4 and 5) | Miss CooksonMrs Mitchell (PPA Cover) | Mrs Chatfield |
| Oak (Year 5 and 6) | Mrs Chamberlain | Mrs MoulinieMrs Hall |

Miss Lawrence will be a TA across KS2. Mrs Vasylenko class to be confirmed.

**Arbor**

Please make sure all Arbor accounts are paid and up to date by July 31st, 2025.

Breakfast Club and Cool Kids will be open for bookings from Monday 21st July 2025.

Please make sure your child’s lunches are booked for Term 1. The current menu will remain in place.

**Attendance**

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|  | **Spring 2** | **School Summer 2 to date** |
| Trust | 95.1% | Trust data ot yet issued |
| National | 94.7% | 94.5% YTD |
| **School** | 96.5% | 96% |
| Trust SEND | 93.7% |  |
| **School SEND** | 95.4% | 95.5% |
| Trust PP | 91.7% |  |
| **School PP** | 95.95% | 95.2% |
| Trust Boys | 94.7% |  |
| **School Boys** | 96.09% | 96% |
| Trust Girls | 96.4% |  |
| **School Girls** | 96.01% | 96% |
| Trust Persistent Absence (Below 90%) | 14% |  |
| School Pesistent Absence (Below 90%) | 5.26% | 7.6% This rise is due to holidays being taken in term time |
| School Lateness | 0.14% | 0.33% |

Thank you for your support in getting your children to school and on time. Arriving on time ensures that your child/children get off to a good start each day.

Good school attendance is **being in school each day the school is open**. We know that regular school attendance is crucial for children’s educational progress, social development, and mental wellbeing. Children who attend school regularly excel in all aspects of learning, development and social interactions. They also gain hands-on experience, which is essential for developing important life skills. Schools play a vital role in supporting families and children, ensuring that any barriers to learning are addressed so that students can attend school consistently.

**After School Clubs**

You will be notified via Arbor Parent Portal in September as to which after school clubs will be running next term.

**Future Dates**

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| End of Term 6 | 18.07.25 - Finish at 1.15pm |
| Inset Day | 01.09.25 |
| First day of Term 1 | 02.09.25 |
| School Photos | 22.09.25 |
| MacMillan Coffee Morning | 26.09.25 |
| Harvest Festival Worship | 03.10.25 at 9.00am |
| Last day of Term 1 | 24.10.25 |
| PTA Fireworks  | Friday 7th November 2025 |

**Thank you**

A big thank you to you all for your support over the past academic year. It is very much appreciated and is a great boost to the school and your children. Over the past year we have all grown and flourished with your help. Thank you.

I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays, and we will see you back in school on Tuesday 2nd September 2025. Staff will be in school on the 1st of September, if you need anything please call or pop in.

Happy Holidays



Mrs. Joanne Peaper

Headteacher