



Newsletter

22nd May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

This half term has flown by and it is lovely that it has finished in a blaze of sunshine. Hopefully this warm weather will last after the half term break so please remember that every child should have a named water bottle and hat plus sunscreen applied before school. Summer uniform can be worn, including polo shirts instead of shirts and ties.

Today our Year 4 football team took part in a tournament, run by Dorking Wanderers, showing great sportsmanship and enjoyment. The girls won and the boys came third in their competitions. Congratulations to them all! Well done Lacey, Hazel, Martha, Anna-Liisa, Amani and to Jasper H, James, Henry and Arthur. Special commendation and congratulations go to Jasper M who was named player of the tournament!

Rabbits have enjoyed watching the chicks hatch and grow. Before they went back to the farm, there was time for one more careful hold.



Squirrels class have been outlining their jungle paintings to complete the process of creating art in the style of Henri Rousseau.



Before the new half term starts, please ensure that you have paid all lunch, breakfast and after school club monies that are owed. We don't like having to repeatedly request the money that is owed or then withdrawing places but this can happen.

After many years of supporting The Shonda Project charity with the sale of our second hand uniform we have been notified that the charity is to close. Any monies raised after half term, from uniform sales, will be kept for donation to charity in the new school year when the next charity has been agreed upon. A newsletter from Shonda has been included with this newsletter.

Update from The Friends

Join us for our Summer Fair on Saturday 13th June from 12pm–3pm — our biggest fundraiser of the year and a fantastic afternoon for the whole school community. The event will open with a performance from the school choir and Miss Horn's dance club, and we are also delighted that the school garden will be officially opened during the afternoon by the Major and Councillor Natalie Bramhall.

We would be very grateful for donations of clean soft toys for the Teddy Tombola; these can be left in the Friend's Shed.

We will also be holding an 'Own Clothes Day' the day before on Friday 12th June in exchange for bringing in a bottle donation for the Bottle Tombola, such as soft drinks, alcoholic drinks and toiletries.

Entrance tickets and token bundles will be available at the entrance or can also be purchased in advance from the Friends' website. <https://pta.events/sum-fair2026>

Attendance

Please see attached the class average attendance percentages, well done to Squirrels again!

The school's attendance policy can be found at; [Attendance Policy September 2025 StJ](#)

Punctuality is an important part of good attendance and we are seeing a rise in families arriving after 8.55 am. The children should be in class for registration by then and will have missed the valuable early morning activities that each class plans, to support learning and engage the children ready for the day.

Data Sept 25 to present

Group	% Attend
Squirrels	97.7
Falcons	97.3
Deer	97.2
Owls	96.9
Hedgehogs	96.2
Rabbits	95.9
Otters	95.9

A few important reminders:

Morning drop-off times

Please be aware that the school gates do not open until 8.30am and it is from that point that the playground is supervised by staff, please do not leave children unsupervised outside the gates before 8.30am. Infant's parents/carers must wait in the playground until their children are passed to the infant teachers at 8.45am.

Free School Meals / Pupil Premium eligibility

If you believe that your child may be eligible for free school meals, please contact the school office for a form to complete.

Sickness and diarrhoea

Children should not return to school until **48 hours** after the last bout of illness. Please also remember to provide the school office with copies of hospital or doctor's appointment letters.

Greensand vacancies

Please see details of vacancies across the Greensand Trust [here](#).

Upcoming Events

June	
3 rd	District Sports – Yrs 3 to 6
4 th	Swimming Gala – Yrs 5 & 6
4 th	Class photos
12 th	Own Clothes Day in exchange for bringing in a bottle donation for the Bottle Tombola
13 th	Summer fair – Friends event
16 th	Leeds Castle trip – Yrs 1 & 2
18 th	Sports Day
19 th	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
22 nd – 26 th	Yr6 Brenscombe residential
30 th	Yr6 Secondary school visits

July	
1 st	Yr1 Hedgehogs and Yr2 Squirrels class assembly
14 th	End of year production – Yrs 3 to 6 – afternoon performance – 2pm
14 th	End of year production – Yrs 3 to 6 – evening performance – 6pm
15 th	End of year production – Yrs 3 to 6 – evening performance – 6pm
17 th	Yr6 Leaver's assembly
17 th	Last day of term – early finish Infants 1.20pm, lower KS2 Y3&4 1.25pm, upper KS2 Y5&6 1.30pm

School Governor's Meetings

The meetings for this academic year will take place on the following dates;

1st July 2026

If you would like any further information, please contact the Clerk on clerk@stjohn-redhill.surrey.sch.uk

St John's School **Summer Fair**



Saturday 13th June

12pm - 3pm

Fun and Games
 St. John's Got Talent
 Cake Competition



Official Opening of the School Garden

BBQ & Bar
Cakes & Teas

Entrance/tokens
 available from PTA
 website or at the
 gate

