



# Newsletter

7<sup>th</sup> November 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Our first week back after half term has been very busy, we had the 2<sup>nd</sup> of our open school events for prospective parents and were, once again, very proud of our year six guides. We always get positive feedback about how well they represent the school. Well done Otters!

Squirrels and Hedgehogs have had more superhero visitors this week, including a vet, an A&E doctor and even a visit with the recycling truck. Thank you so much to all the parents who came to share their work and how they help people. Hedgehogs and Squirrels have started their new topic today with drama workshops about The Gunpowder Plot.



Next week is national Anti-bullying week, starting with Odd Sock day on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November. We are encouraging all the children, and staff, to wear odd socks with their school uniform to celebrate individuality. There is no cost involved. The Friends are once again funding the Anti Bullying shows and workshops that will take place on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November, all the children will be involved on that day, and through the week, in age-appropriate activities.

Next Friday, 14<sup>th</sup> November, is Children in Need day. We would like the children to come in yellow, spotty and or stripey clothes. Families can donate directly to the BBC appeal via the QR code, please see the poster attached and posters around school or bring a pound into school if preferred.



Feedback from our recent parent survey highlighted that parents would like more information about our restorative approaches and the pastoral support available in school. On both parents' evenings next week, Miss Beardwell who is both our Emotional Literacy Support Assistant and our Home School Link Worker, will be in the main hall with more information about this, and our work to develop our nurturing approach in school. She will be available from 3.30-5.30pm to share information and answer questions but not for individual appointments or more in-depth discussions about individual children.

The Greensand Trust Let's Sing event is this evening and we are looking forward to hearing the children representing St John's sing. They will sing as part of the big, 10 school choir, with another school and on their own. We know they will make us very proud.

## Vacancies for parent governors on St John's Primary School committee

The St John's School committee is required to have two parent governors within its membership. One of our parent governors has recently become a co-opted governor and therefore, we have a vacancy for a new parent governor. As part of the Greensand Multi Academy Trust, the St John's school committee is responsible for the overview of the school and for promoting high standards, by holding the Headteacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils and for the performance management of staff. It plays a key role in monitoring and scrutiny at a local level, with a particular focus on pupil progress and attainment and the quality of teaching and learning. School governors provide input into school plans and policies, community and stakeholder engagement and review alignment with the Trust's strategy, approach, ethos, and values. The St John's school committee is made up of parent governors, staff governors and co-opted governors who meet 6 times a year and visit the school throughout the year for monitoring purposes.

You do not need to be an expert in the field of education, but you will be interested in school life, the welfare of our children and committed to achieving the best possible outcome for every pupil. If you would like to put yourself forward as a candidate for the role of parent governor, please complete the nomination form which the clerk to the governors, Mrs Wilby, sent out on 20<sup>th</sup> October. The form must be received back by 6pm on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> November.

## Friends of St John's Primary School update

Thank you to everyone for their ongoing support. The entire Amazon Garden Wishlist was purchased, lots of plants were gratefully received and the garden is coming on fantastically. The school is also busy purchasing new books and equipment for the new Science curriculum with the money you have all helped to raise.

There will be no Friends Organised events until Christmas, at which point the Christmas Disco and Frosty Fest will be combined into a single event (5th December). For infants, the event will take place during the school day, while juniors will participate after school. Further details will be provided in due course.

We look forward to seeing many of you at the School's Christmas Carol Service, where we will be serving hot drinks and mince pies. Please save the date for the Christmas Choir Concert with Reading Phoenix Choir on 24th January.

## Attendance

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

Data Sept 25 to present

Group	% Attend
Squirrels	98.1
Deer	97.5
Falcons	96.8
Otters	96.7
Rabbits	96.6
Hedgehogs	95.2
Owls	94.4

The school's attendance policy can be found at;

[http://www.stjohns-redhill.surrey.sch.uk/docs/policies/Attendance\\_Policy\\_September\\_2024.pdf](http://www.stjohns-redhill.surrey.sch.uk/docs/policies/Attendance_Policy_September_2024.pdf)

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.

### Mid-day supervisor advert

We are advertising for a midday supervisor role - <https://mynewterm.com/jobs/146661/EDV-2025-SJPS-36565> - Closing date for applications is Monday 10 November 2025 at 9am.

### 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.

### School Governor's Meetings

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

- 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec 2025
- 4<sup>th</sup> Feb 2026
- 18<sup>th</sup> Mar 2026
- 20<sup>th</sup> May 2026
- 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026

If you would like any further information or would be interested in joining our school committee, please contact the Clerk on [clerk@stjohn-redhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@stjohn-redhill.surrey.sch.uk)

## Upcoming Events

November	
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultation evening – in school appointments 3.30-6.00pm
10 <sup>th</sup>	Odd socks day
12 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultation evening – in school appointments 3.30-6.00pm
14 <sup>th</sup>	Children in Need – wear spotty, stripey or yellow clothes
December	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas disco – Friends event
9 <sup>th</sup>	2pm Infant Nativity play parents and carers, NO pre-schoolers
10 <sup>th</sup>	9.15am Infant Nativity Play, parents and carers, NO pre-schoolers 2pm Infant Nativity Play, grandparents and pre-schoolers
15 <sup>th</sup>	Pick a present – Friends event
17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm Carol Service at the Church, parents welcome (mince pies and hot chocolate by Friends)
19 <sup>th</sup>	Christmas pantomime and Christmas jumper day
19 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term – early finish Infants 1.20pm, lower KS2 Y3&4 1.25pm, upper KS2 Y5&6 1.30pm
January	
24 <sup>th</sup>	School Choir & Phoenix Reading Choir concert – Friends event
March	
20 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz – Friends event
May	
15 <sup>th</sup>	Summer disco – Friends event
June	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Summer fair – Friends event

**BBC**  
**CHILDREN**  
**IN NEED**

# WE'RE RAISING MONEY

## WHAT

*Wear spotty, stripey  
or yellow clothes*

## WHEN & WHERE

*Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November  
St John's Primary School*

## CONTACT

*School office*

## DONATE ONLINE



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to donate online



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# We are hiring!

## Clerk to Governors

**Fixed term, part time**

Closes: 11 November 2025



## Qualified Nursery Childcare Practitioner

**Perm, full time**

Closes: 31 December 2025



## Midday Meals Supervisor

**Perm, part time**

Closes: 10 November 2025



## Nursery Manager

**Perm, full time**

Closes: 10 November 2025



## Midday Meals Supervisor

**Perm, 6 hours per week**

Closes: 10 November 2025



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[greensandacademytrust.co.uk](https://greensandacademytrust.co.uk)

