



Newsletter

19th September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

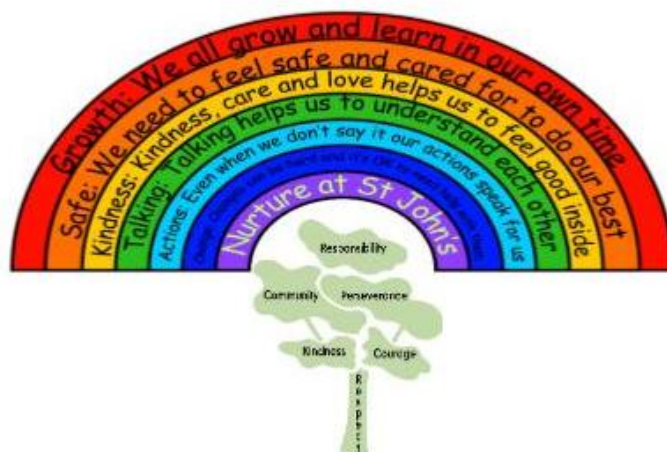
It was lovely to see so many parents at our meet the teachers sessions on the 17th. For those unable to attend the slides for each class will be shared soon.

Nurture at St. John's

You are all already very familiar with our St. John's values and know that they guide our everyday behaviours. They help us create a community that is rooted in respect and kindness and encourage children to show perseverance, take responsibility and be courageous! Along with other schools in our Trust and across the county, we have been working with Nurture UK to help us understand how we can make sure that we are a nurturing community who, as a result of these values, are focused on providing social and emotional support to help children at St. John's to develop confidence, self-esteem, resilience, and positive relationships; skills that help them to succeed in school, with peers, and in life!

We will be teaching the children about the 6 principles of nurture as part of their PSHE curriculum and in everyday conversations using language that is child-friendly and meaningful to them. (See our Nurture rainbow below.) We even have a visual and actions that support their understanding and helps them to engage with each principle. Adults will be using this language, alongside our values language, with children. To give you a good example, children who have needed help with starting their new school year may hear an adult saying, 'We know that changes can be hard and it's OK to need help with them, let me show you your new classroom so that you can get used to it/ let's have a read of your welcome pack to help you manage this/ isn't it lovely that you can still have your friends around you.' Or a child who is struggling with new work, 'We all grow and learn in our own time, this is new to you and you will need to persevere/ It may take you a little longer than others/remember you have strengths in other areas'.

We are likely to be sharing news about other nurture related things through this newsletter, watch out for the rainbow!



Policy review

Every year the behaviour and anti-bullying policies are reviewed by staff and our local committee of governors. This is partly to ensure that any changes in national guidance is reflected in the policy but also so that staff know and understand the policy and it reflects our values and expectations at St John's. This year we will be asking for parent feedback via a survey. As a Trust, Greensand are actively working on the Equality Diversity Inclusion and Belonging (EDIB) strategy, which includes a Trust wide review conducted by an external agency and St John's is one of the schools engaged in developing the strategy. Our CEO, Sue Wardlow, will be sharing more information about this to all parents soon.

Governance

Each school in the Greensand Trust has a local committee, made up of parents and co-opted local citizens. Our local committee, who meet twice a term, will be asking for parent governor nominations. Please keep an eye out for more information and how to be nominated, if you are interested in the role please let the office know and either our chair of Governors or Mrs Wombwell can answer any questions you may have.

As we settle back into the new term here are a few important reminders:

- **We are a nut and pineapple free school due to severe allergies where even air borne particles can trigger life threatening reactions. This includes nut or pineapple products such as juice and flavouring in yoghurts and drinks etc.**
- Dogs are not permitted on site.
- If your child is going to be collected by someone different, please inform their teacher at the beginning of the day. The office must be informed of any changes about collection before 2.30 pm, otherwise it is very difficult to deliver messages to class in time.
- Children should not ride their scooters or bikes in the playground, but push them to the bike shelters.
- Junior children, years 3-6 may be left on the playground from 8.30am (please do not drop off before 8.30am) but infant children, YR-2, must be supervised by an adult.
- When waiting for the bell to ring in the morning we recommend infant children and families wait at the trim trail end of the playground so they don't get accidentally knocked over by older children playing.
- For safety reasons, no children are allowed to climb on the raised grass area in the top playground.
- Years 3-6 should bring a mid-morning snack, but this should be fresh/dried fruit or veg like banana, raisins, carrots etc. No snack, muesli or fruit bars. Infant classes have free fruit/veg provided.
- Packed lunches should contain a healthy lunch - sweets and chocolate bars are not permitted - a small sweet treat as part of a balanced lunch is fine. Packed lunches should contain a drink too.
- School lunches can now be paid for using Scopay in years 3-6 (free to all infant children and £2.90 per meal for juniors), please ensure accounts are kept in credit.
- Children are not able to wear earrings or any jewellery for PE and they should be removed at home on PE days. We cannot help the children with this. We would expect parents to wait until the beginning of the summer holidays if ears are going to be pierced; otherwise, their child misses 6 weeks of PE lessons.
- Long hair should be tied back at all times and must be for PE. Plain hair bands only – green, brown, black only.
- Children should not have painted nails in school
- All children should be in full uniform including black school shoes, NOT trainers, worn by every child. Don't forget we have a good range of quality 2nd hand uniform – only £1 an item, just email the office. Please name every piece of school uniform.

- **On PE days children should wear their PE kits including the right colour T shirt for their house. While they don't have to have the school logo on them only plain T shirts, not sports tops, should be worn and no neon colours. Branded items are not part of our PE uniform.**
- We do not hand out any birthday sweets or cake in school or party invitations.
- Please make sure your child has a named pair of wellies on the Welly rack.

Breakfast club / afterschool club

We have started off the new school year with a high uptake of places for both clubs and are almost full. Please email the office (info@stjohns-redhill.surrey.sch.uk) with any requests and we will respond quickly.

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. If the office contact you to confirm eligibility, following a routine check, please then contact your child's class teacher to have an informal discussion about pupil premium provision opportunities.

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;

- 1st Oct 2025
- 3rd Dec 2025
- 4th Feb 2026
- 18th Mar 2026
- 20th May 2026
- 1st July 2026

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

Upcoming Events

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| September | |
| 23 rd | New reception parent's curriculum evening 7pm |
| October | |
| 6 th | Inset day |
| 7 th | Individual school photos |
| 13 th | Garden helpers after school pick up 3-5.30 – Friends event |
| 15 th | 9.10am Harvest Festival at the Church, parents welcome |
| 16 th | Garden helpers after school pick up 3-5.30 – Friends event |
| 20 th | Open session for Reception 2026 starters 1.30pm |
| 23 rd | Flu vaccinations |
| 23 rd | Crazy hair day – Friend's event |
| 27 th – 31 st | Half term |
| November | |
| 4 th | Open session for Reception 2026 starters 9.15am and 10.30am |
| 10 th | Parent consultation evening – in school appointments 3.30-6.00pm |
| 10 th | Odd socks day – Friends event |
| 12 th | Parent consultation evening – in school appointments 3.30-6.00pm |
| 14 th | BYO Bingo night (ADULTS night) – Friends event |

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| December | |
| 5 th | Christmas disco – Friends event |
| 9 th | 2pm Infant Nativity play parents and carers, NO pre-schoolers |
| 10 th | 9.15am Infant Nativity Play, parents and carers, NO pre-schoolers 2pm Infant Nativity Play, grandparents and pre-schoolers |
| 15 th | Pick a present – Friends event |
| 17 th | 2.00pm Carol Service at the Church, parents welcome (mince pies and hot chocolate by Friends) |
| 19 th | Christmas pantomime and Christmas jumper day |
| 19 th | Last day of term – early finish Infants 1.20pm, lower KS2 Y3&4 1.25pm, upper KS2 Y5&6 1.30pm |
| January | |
| 24 th | School Choir & Phoenix Reading Choir concert – Friends event |
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| February | |
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| March | |
| 20 th | Quiz – Friends event |
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| May | |
| 15 th | Summer disco – Friends event |
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| June | |
| 13 th | Summer fair – Friends event |
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