

# Newsletter

5<sup>th</sup> September 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year, it has been wonderful to see many of you in the playground, between rain showers, before school and to have lots of happy and excited children settling into the new term.

The autumn term is always busy and we look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Festival Service, Carol Service and Nativity play, keep an eye on the calendar at the end of each newsletter.

**Staffing news** - We are delighted to welcome a new member of staff to the team; Mrs Hazelgrove who is our year 4, Deer class, teacher.

**Meet the teacher** - Our first parent event for years 1- 6 is 'Meet the teacher' on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> September.

In key stage 1, year 1 hedgehogs and year 2 squirrels, we are trialling a new time and approach. They are having a joint meeting as their topics are the same and much of the core information is too. Each teacher will have specific information to share for their class too. Their meeting will be at 9am, 17<sup>th</sup> September in the lower hall. It will last approximately half an hour.

The key stage 2 classes, juniors, will hold their meetings in the classrooms on 17<sup>th</sup> September.

3.25 pm	Year 3 Owls	Year 4 Deer
4 pm	Year 5 Falcons	Year 6 Otters

It is a short information sharing session about the year ahead, slides will be made available for parents unable to attend. We have tried to plan them so most parents with 2 or more children can attend the relevant meetings. Supervision for St John's pupils will be provided outside in the playground but we can't be responsible for pre-school age siblings.

For our new Rabbit class parents we are inviting you to an evening meeting on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September, 7pm, to talk through the EYFS curriculum and school day.

If you wish to catch up with your child's class teacher about anything please catch them at the end of the school day or let the office know and a conversation can be easily arranged.

**Parent Volunteers** - We welcome parents into school to help in class and hear children read. All volunteers must have a DBS through the school before this can happen and must be prepared to give a regular commitment to attending.

If you were a parent helper last term there are 2 dates for the volunteer briefing sessions, which are necessary to attend, before you start helping this term. The dates are; 9-9.20am 12<sup>th</sup> September and Monday 15<sup>th</sup> 2.40-3 pm, please contact the office to book a place. Do let the office know if you can't make either date or would like to start volunteering and we will follow up with you.

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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.
- 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](mailto: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;

- 1<sup>st</sup> Oct 2025
- 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, please contact the Clerk on [clerk@stjohn-redhill.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:clerk@stjohn-redhill.surrey.sch.uk)

## Upcoming Events

September	
12 <sup>th</sup>	9am parent volunteer meeting
15 <sup>th</sup>	2.40pm parent volunteer meeting
17 <sup>th</sup>	9am Meet the teachers for Year 1 – 2
17 <sup>th</sup>	3.25pm Meet the teachers for Years 3 – 4
17 <sup>th</sup>	4pm Meet the teachers for Years 5 – 6
23 <sup>rd</sup>	New reception parent's curriculum evening 7pm
October	
6 <sup>th</sup>	Inset day
7 <sup>th</sup>	Individual school photos
15 <sup>th</sup>	9.10am Harvest Festival at the Church, parents welcome
20 <sup>th</sup>	Open session for Reception 2026 starters 1.30pm
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Flu vaccinations
27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup>	Half term
November	
4 <sup>th</sup>	Open session for Reception 2026 starters 9.15am and 10.30am
10 <sup>th</sup>	Parent consultation evening – in school appointments 3.30-6.00pm
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December	
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
17 <sup>th</sup>	2.00pm Carol Service at the Church, parents welcome
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