



# Newsletter

23<sup>rd</sup> January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Following the letter to parents from our CEO, Sue Wardlow, I have really appreciated the many kind words and positive conversations I have had with lots of you. My decision to take early retirement at the end of this school year was tough, as I will miss the amazing St John's community, but after nearly 10 years here and the best part of 30 years as a head teacher in five schools I am ready to step back and focus on family and new opportunities. I am looking forward to the next two terms but I think they will fly by.

We are really looking forward to the School and Phoenix Reading Choir concert in the church on Saturday, 5 pm. The children have a chance to sing with a wonderful professional choir and we are delighted that once again, past St John's pupils are taking part as well as talented parents. Tickets can be purchased on the door, £5, the concert will last an hour so is suitable for families.



Two incredibly brave St. Johns' pupils entered into the county finals cross country race at Reigate Priory Park on Saturday. Harry from Otters and Biba from Falcons ran superbly. Each race had over 140 contestants which is a large field. Harry finished 13<sup>th</sup> and Biba 14<sup>th</sup> in their individual races. A huge well done to the pair of them.

Mr Williams and the children had fun planting spring bulbs in our new garden, the bulbs were kindly donated by B&Q. We are looking forward to an amazing display in the Spring.



## Vacancy for breakfast club playworker.

We are advertising a vacancy within our breakfast club team, the role is for Monday to Thursday from 7am to 8.45am. The role is advertised [here](#)

## London Marathon

On Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April, Miss Horn (KS2 TA) and Mrs Burchett (After School Club Playworker) will be running the London Marathon in aid of YMCA East Surrey.

YMCA East Surrey is a vibrant charity that has been actively supporting the local community since 1870. They help people to believe in themselves, support them to achieve their goals and inspire them to be the best they can be by providing services that focus on those who are vulnerable, have a disability or face disadvantage. Their three core areas of work are Children & Young People, Health & Wellbeing, and Housing.

Any donations to this cause would be greatly appreciated.

Below are their JustGiving fundraising links

Miss Horn: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/rachael-horn-5?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/rachael-horn-5?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

Mrs Burchett: [https://www.justgiving.com/page/olivia-burchett-2?utm\\_medium=FR&utm\\_source=CL](https://www.justgiving.com/page/olivia-burchett-2?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL)

## Attendance

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.

Please aim to have your child/ren in school for 8.45 am when the doors open so they do not miss out. Children arriving after the register often find they have missed important learning information and can disrupt lessons that have begun. We will be writing to families who are regularly late to offer support.

Data Sept 25 to present

Group	% Attend
Squirrels	98.0
Deer	97.2
Falcons	97.2
Owls	96.8
Hedgehogs	96.4
Otters	96.2
Rabbits	94.9

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

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

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.

## School Governor's Meetings

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

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

January	
24 <sup>th</sup>	School Choir & Phoenix Reading Choir concert – Friends event
29 <sup>th</sup>	9am Happy Bag collection
February	
5 <sup>th</sup>	Internet Safety Workshop
6 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Junior Citizen
10 <sup>th</sup>	Internet Safety Day
13 <sup>th</sup>	INSET Day – school closed to pupils
16 <sup>th</sup> – 20 <sup>th</sup>	Spring half term holiday
24 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5/6 Redhill Rising workshop (at school)
25 <sup>th</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4 Bikeability
March	
4 <sup>th</sup> – 6 <sup>th</sup>	Yr4 Marchants Hill residential
11 <sup>th</sup> – 13 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5 Windmill Hill residential
20 <sup>th</sup>	Quiz – Friends event
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Yr5/6 Redhill Rising Sunday workshop (at Donyngs)
23 <sup>rd</sup>	Parents' evening 3.30-6pm
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25 <sup>th</sup>	KS2 Choir Dorking Halls
27 <sup>th</sup>	Easter Service in St John's Church 9.10 am
27 <sup>th</sup>	Last day of term – early finish Infants 1.20pm, lower KS2 Y3&4 1.25pm, upper KS2 Y5&6 1.30pm
April	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Back to School
16 <sup>th</sup>	Yr5/6 Redhill Rising event (at the Belfry)
May	
6 <sup>th</sup> – 7 <sup>th</sup>	Yr3 High Ashurst residential
15 <sup>th</sup>	Summer disco – Friends event
25 <sup>th</sup> – 29 <sup>th</sup>	Half-term
June	
13 <sup>th</sup>	Summer fair – Friends event
19 <sup>th</sup>	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
22 <sup>nd</sup> – 26 <sup>th</sup>	Yr6 Brenscombe residential

# Choral Concert

## Into the Unknown

Come and join us for a short informal concert  
with St. John's School Choir and Reading  
Phoenix Choir



**SAT 24<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY | ST JOHN'S CHURCH**

**£5 ADULTS**  
**ALL CHILDREN FREE**

*5-6pm*



**ALL WELCOME!**



REFRESHMENTS SERVED

JOIN US FOR A MONTHLY FAMILY

# MOVIE



SUNDAY 8TH FEBRUARY 2.30 PM

## DISNEY'S ZOOTOPOPOLIS

STJOHN'S COMMUNITY CENTRE,  
CHURCH RD, REDHILL RH1 6QA

St John's Redhill  
for a Sustainable future

DONATION  
PER PERSON  
£2