St John's CEVA Primary School

No.3

10.10.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a busy and exciting term it has been so far! There has been so much wonderful learning taking place across the school. Year 2 thoroughly enjoyed their *Great Fire of London* workshop—it really brought their history learning to life.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Harvest Celebration. We are truly thankful for the Lord's generosity towards us and for the sense of community that events like this bring.

As many of you know, we had our Church School (SIAMS) Inspection on 24th September 2025. I want to say a huge thank you to all the parents who spoke with the inspector. The children shone, as always, sharing so thoughtfully what the school vision means to them as St John's pupils. We were delighted that the report recognised we are *"living up to our foundation as a Church School and enabling pupils and adults to flourish."* My sincere thanks also go to the staff, to Mrs Sheehan for her support on the day, and to our governors—Stef Thorne (Chair) and Jill Sandvig (RE/CW Governor)—for their contributions.

We are also thrilled to share that St John's has been nominated by Active Suffolk for *Youth Provider of the Year*! Myself and members of the team will be attending the awards evening later this term, and we look forward to sharing the outcome with you before December.

As you know, I have been asked to support the leadership team at another school this term. I continue to be at St John's on Mondays, Tuesdays, and Fridays. If I am not on site, Mrs Sheehan is your next point of contact. You can reach either of us via the school office email.

Finally, please do join us for the Year 6 Assembly on Friday 17th October at 9:10am. Immediately afterwards, the PTA will be holding their annual AGM—we would love to see as many of you there as possible.

With best wishes,

Mrs Betts
Headteacher

The reality of an event such as our firework display is that we need many volunteers.

Please look at the below and consider what you might be able to help with.

- Friday daytime se up x 2 people needed
- Pay Gate x 4 people needed
- Marshals x 16 people needed (NOTE—must attend safety briefing at 5:30pm on that evening, wear High Viz—provided by the PTAA—and stand in allocated spots to direct spectators to the firework viewing area)
- Saturday morning Clean Up—As many volunteers as possible!

Please note—if you have already volunteered for a role; Lindsey has noted this on her list and will contact you separately regarding arrangements nearer the time.

Please message Lindsey ASAP if you are able to volunteer.

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Thank you for continued support.

St John's PTA

Exceptional Absence Requests

To request an exceptional absence from school, you must complete an exceptional absence request form—these can be obtained from the office. Please explain the specific, unavoidable, and unique circumstances of the request and provide supporting documentation where available.

Such permission can only be granted if permission for absence has been requested **4 weeks in advance**, and is subject to the Headteacher taking into account such factors as the child's attainment, attendance and ability to catch up. Please see our attendance policy for further information in section 6 on page 9:

https://st-johns.suffolk.sch.uk/parents/admissions-prospectus-open-morning-dates/

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OPEN MORNINGS

Tuesday 7th October 2025
Tuesday 18th November 2025

9.30 am Tour of School followed by talk from Headteacher

DO YOU HAVE A CHILD WHO IS DUE TO START SCHOOL IN THE ACADEMIC YEAR COMMENCING SEPTEMBER 2026?

You are warmly invited to one of our open mornings on
Tuesday 7th October and Tuesday 18th November 2025

You will have the opportunity to look around our school guided by our Year 6 pupils. Our Headteacher will be available to answer any questions you may have about the applications and admissions procedures.

Our School Prospectus is available on line @ www.st-johns.suffolk.sch.uk. Our Admissions Policy can also be viewed on that website.

Applying for School Places for 2026-27

For those with younger siblings, if your child was born between 1st September 2021 – 31st August 2022 you should apply for a Primary School Place by 15th January 2026

More information can be found on the Suffolk County Council website here:
https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-places

We have an open morning on the 17th November, more information can be found below and on the School website, here:
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PRE LOVED UNIFORM SALE!

FROM 3PM

WEDNESDAY

22ND OCTOBER

AT OUR NEW PTA BOUTIQUE

JUMPERS

FROM £3

SHIRTS & BLOUSES

FROM £1

KS2 PE KIT

FROM £5

SKIRTS, PINAFORE & DRESSES

FROM £2

TROUSERS & SHORTS

FROM £2

RECEPTION UNIFORM

FROM £2

IF YOU WISH TO DONATE YOUR PRELOVED UNIFORM ITEMS, PLEASE ENSURE THEY ARE WASHED AND IN GOOD CONDITION AND HANDED INTO THE SCHOOL OFFICE.

Friday 14th November

After sharing assembly

COME FOR COFFEE AND CAKE

WE ARE MACMILLAN. CANCER SUPPORT

WORLD'S BIGGEST COFFEE MORNING

We will be holding a coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support.
Please remember to bring some cash to support this great cause and stay after the assembly for cake, coffee & tea.
If you are able to donate a cake or bake, any baked donations would be welcome.
Please however ensure that any donated baked goods including gluten and dairy free and are entirely Nut & sesame seed Free.
Please notify Lou Rhodes or Charlie Eaton (Class 5 parents) if you are able to donate.
Many thanks PTA & School Charities team.

Charity for 2025—2026

This years school charity is Kids Inspire—a children's mental health charity

In aid of Kids Inspire
Therapy, opportunity, love & care

Dates for Diaries

All parents and other family members are welcome to attend whole school worship assemblies on Friday mornings.

13-17 October	-	Prayer Space Week
15 October	-	KS1 Phonics Meeting
16 October	-	Individual Student Photographs
17 October	-	Year 6 Class Assembly 9.10am
	-	PTA AGM Following assembly
22 October	-	Author Visit—KS2
	-	PTA Pre Loved Uniform Sale
22/23 October	-	Wellbeing Days
24 October	-	PD Day—children not at school

27 October—2nd November HALF TERM HOLIDAY

3 November	-	Children back to school
6 November	-	Flu Vaccination
7 November	-	Year 5 Assembly 9.10am
7 November	-	PTA Fireworks
14 November	-	Macmillan Coffee Morning

Faithful Lord,

Whose steadfast love never ceases,

and whose mercies are new every morning:

grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen