St John's CEVA Primary School

No.4

23.10.2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a half term it has been! So much wonderful learning has taken place.

A huge well done to Year 6 for sharing their brilliant learning during their assembly. Thank you to Mrs Valentine-Marks and Miss Howard for supporting them so well.

We also enjoyed Prayer Space Week, where all children and staff had the opportunity to visit a dedicated space to pause, reflect, and spend time with God. A heartfelt thank you to our School Chaplain, Lizzie, for organising the three days, and to everyone who helped make it such a special experience.

We have ended this half term with two planned wellbeing days, inspired by the beautiful book *The Lonely Beast by Chris Judge*. As part of these days, all year groups took part in a Bassitry music workshop, which delivered on the promise of being a creative and enriching experience.

As many of you know, the second half of the autumn term is always a busy and joyful time, filled with annual celebrations including Fireworks Night, Remembrance, Advent, the KS1 Nativity, and Christmas festivities. Fireworks Night will take place on Thursday 7th November, and I look forward to seeing many of you there.

On Monday 11th November, Years 4 and 5 will attend the Act of Remembrance at the cemetery. Additionally, Year 5 will be sharing their thoughts and reflections during our assembly on Thursday 7th November, to which you are warmly invited.

On another note, I will continue to support St Margaret's for two days a week throughout next half term. These days will vary between Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. In my absence, Mrs Sheehan will continue to deputise.

Wishing you all a restful and enjoyable half term break. We look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 3rd November.

As always, if you have any queries or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us at: office@st-johns.suffolk.sch.uk

Best wishes,
Mrs Betts

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES

Just a reminder that lunch boxes must contain healthy food options, **no sweets or chocolate**

FOR ALL PUPILS SAFETY THIS IS A NUT FREE SCHOOL – ITEMS CONTAINING NUTS ARE FORBIDDEN.

A healthy lunch box looks like this:

A Main Dish

Add some fruit or salad

Add a little something else

CHECK OUT THE "CHANGE 4 LIFE" WEBSITE FOR LOTS MORE IDEAS AND RECIPES
https://www.nhs.uk/change4life

Please also remind your child that rubbish should be placed back in the lunch box to return home. Thankyou

The new School Lunch menu is now available on the school website.

Link below:https://st-johns.suffolk.sch.uk/parents/dinner-menus/

This new menu will start when we return to School after half term.

For Reception parents, please note there is new government guidance that recommends we are only able to offer fruit for dessert. This guidance was introduced too late to adapt the new menu, but be reassured fruit is always offered as an alternative.

Winter Uniform

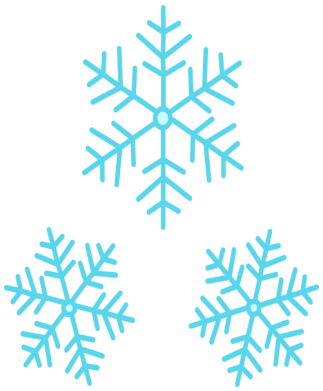
After half term you will need to ensure you child is wearing the **winter uniform**.
This will be shirts, ties and grey skirts for the girls and long trousers only for the boys.

- **all uniform should be named**
- All shoulder length hair must be tied back.
- No jewellery in school. Pierced earrings should be sleeper type and removed or covered on PE days.
- **Coats** must be plain navy and brought in every day.
  Children will still go outside every day
  - We don't want them to get cold!
- **Trainers** may **only** be worn on PE days.
- **Plain Black school shoes** at all other times.
  No boots or ankle boots are permitted

WINTER COATS

Children must come to school every day after October half-term wearing a plain navy winter coat AND the winter uniform (see the Uniform Policy on school website for more information.)

As the colder weather begins all of the children will need to wear a suitable winter coat to be able to participate in play times.



Dates for Diaries

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

27 October—2nd November		**HALF TERM HOLIDAY**
3 November	-	Children back to school
3-7 November	-	No sports clubs this week (resume as normal next week)
5 November	-	Year 2—Fire Brigade Visit
6 November	-	Flu Immunisations
7 November	-	Year 5 Assembly
	-	PTA Fireworks Display
11 November	-	Years 4 and 5 Remembrance Service Ipswich Cemetery
14 November	-	Anti Bullying Assembly
	-	Macmillan Coffee Morning
18 November	-	Open Morning Prospective Parents 2026/2027
21 November	-	Year 4 Assembly
28 November	-	No Assembly

God of hope, who brought love into this world,
be the love that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought peace into this world,
be the peace that dwells between us.
God of hope, who brought joy into this world,
be the joy that dwells between us.
God of hope, the rock we stand upon,
be the centre, the focus of our lives
always, and particularly this autumn time.

Amen