St John's CEVA Primary School

No.11

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to the summer term. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable Easter break, although it already feels like a distant memory.

As we begin this new term, we are looking ahead to a busy and exciting few weeks. Below are some key updates:

- Year 6 pupils are preparing for their statutory assessments (SATs).
- Year 2 will complete their optional SATs towards the end of the term.
- Year 1 will take part in the Phonics Screening Check.
- Year 4 will complete the online Multiplication Tables Check.
- All other year groups will also be undertaking assessments throughout the term.

We are encouraging all our children to approach these challenges with confidence and resilience. Our worship value for this half term is *Wisdom*. During worship, we will explore what it means to be wise and how this can be reflected in our relationships with friends and family. We will also reflect on the teachings of Jesus and how they guide us to live wisely.

We are delighted to invite you to join us for class assemblies this term. The first will take place on Friday 8th May, when Year 5 will be sharing their learning so far—we hope to see you there.

We will also be celebrating David Attenborough Day next Friday 8th May—please look out for a separate letter with further details.

Looking ahead, we are also excited for the PTA Disco on Friday 15th May 2026, which promises to be a fun event for all.

If you have any concerns or would like to speak with me, please do not hesitate to make an appointment through the school office.

Best wishes,

Mrs Betts

Uniform

Summer uniform may now be worn but is not compulsory until after May half term.

A UNIFORM REMINDER AT COMMENCEMENT OF SUMMER TERM

SCHOOL UNIFORM

- Our policy on school uniform is based on the notion that school uniform:
- promotes a sense of pride in the school;
- engenders a sense of community and belonging towards the school;
- is practical and smart;
- identifies the children with the school;
- prevents children from coming to school in fashion clothes that could be distracting in class;
- makes children feel equal to their peers in terms of appearance;
- is regarded as suitable wear for school and good value for money by most parents;
- is designed with health and safety in mind.

JEWELLERY

On health and safety grounds we do not allow children to wear jewellery in our school. The exceptions to this rule are ear-ring studs in pierced ears. We ask the children to either remove these objects during PE and games, or cover them with a plaster, to prevent them from causing injury. Watches may be worn by children in Years 5 and 6 but they must take personal responsibility for them. No jewellery is allowed to be worn at Year 5 and 6 swimming lessons including earrings.

HAIR STYLES

The school does not permit children to have 'extreme' haircuts or hair colours that could serve as a distraction to other children. Long hair must be tied back at all times and hair accessories should be black or purple.

The above is taken from our school uniform policy.

PLEASE CHECK THE FULL UNIFORM POLICY ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE

Prayer Group

The Prayer Drop-in is every Thursday in the staffroom from 8.50 until 9.30am. If you can't make it, we'd still love to pray for you.

Please use the following email address to share prayer requests:
prayer@st-johns.suffolk.sch.uk.

This email address is monitored by the school Chaplain, Lizzie Kent who will ensure any prayers submitted are passed on anonymously.

There is no request too big or small.

Thank you

A Prayer for SATS

Still our children's hearts, O Lord
Calm their nerves and focus their minds.
Father, they lay before you everything they have studied.
May they channel all they have learnt into these tests.
Please give them the faith to believe they can pass,
Yet the peace to know that all is well.
Thank you that you are with them no matter what the result,
Thank you that your friendship is eternal.

Amen

Dates for Diaries 2026

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

Please check the school website for all the latest dates.

Friday 8th May	Year 5 Assembly
Starting 11th May	Year 6 SATS
Friday 15th May	Class R Assembly
	PTA School Disco
Starting 18th May	Year 2 SATS
21st/22nd May	Wellbeing Days
25th-29th May	HALF TERM HOLIDAY
1st June	Children return to school