St John's CEVA Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all enjoyed a restful half-term break with your families.

It has been a busy and exciting time at school. Before half term, our Year 6 pupils had a fantastic residential trip to PGL Bawdsey Manor, where they challenged themselves, stepped out of their comfort zones and built confidence through a range of adventurous activities. Since returning, they have also attended Crucial Crew and enjoyed a memorable visit to London to see Matilda the Musical.

Across the school, children have taken part in a wide range of enriching experiences. We are concluding the week with our sponsored walk, and over the past fortnight all classes have enjoyed visits to Pipers Vale Gymnastics.

Looking ahead, the coming weeks promise to be just as exciting. We are delighted to invite you to our PTA Summer Fete on Friday 3rd July, straight after school. We hope you will be able to join us and support this wonderful community event. Next week, we also have our School Games Day and a visit from the climbing wall, both of which the children are eagerly anticipating.

Our Christian value this term is Service. In Collective Worship, we have been exploring how Jesus taught us to serve others and how we can demonstrate this in our everyday lives through our words and actions. We have reflected on stories from the Bible and considered how we can follow Jesus' example by supporting those around us. It was also lovely to welcome many of you to our vibrant Pentecost Assembly last week as we celebrated the birth of the Church.

As many of you are aware, Mrs Valentine-Marks is expecting her first child in early October. She will return for a short period in September before beginning her maternity leave. Governors and I have therefore carefully considered staffing arrangements for the new academic year.

I am pleased to share the following updates:

- Mrs Burton will be working full-time from September and will move with her current Year 5 class into Year 6.
- Mr Miles will be returning to work alongside Mrs Sheehan in Year 5, as well as providing cover in Year 2 on Tuesdays.
- Mrs Kerr has been appointed as our Orchestra and Choir Leader from September 2026, following Mrs Freestone's retirement at the end of this term.
- Class arrangements for next academic year will be:
- Class R – Mrs Kelman and Mrs Thorpe
- Class 1 – Miss Thompson and Miss Summers
- Class 2 – Mrs Jennings and Mrs Wright
- Class 3 – Mr Spridgeon and Mrs Baldry
- Class 4 – Miss Garnett and Mrs Turner
- Class 5 – Mrs Sheehan, Mr Miles and Miss Thompson
- Class 6 – Mrs Burton and Miss Howard

Finally, a huge well done to all the children who have represented the school in sporting events this week. We are incredibly proud of their enthusiasm, determination and sportsmanship. We look forward to celebrating their achievements during our Celebration Assembly on Friday 10th July.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

Best wishes,
Mrs Betts

The PTA will be holding a Father's Day/Someone Special Sale on Wednesday 17th/Thursday 18th June

Please purchase on Parentmail for your child to take part.

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.

15th June	Class 3 – WCET Festival Trinity Park
16th June	Sports Day
17th and 18th June	PTA Father's Day Gifts
19th June	PTA Non-Uniform Day – Chocolate fundraiser
24th June	Class 3 – Stone age Workshop – In school
26th June	Assembly – Led by Class 2
29th June – 1st July	Class 5 – CYM
30th June	Class R – Hollow Tree Farm
3rd July	PTA Summer Fair
6th July	Year 6 Production
7th July	Year 6 select students – Wimbledon
10th July	Celebration Assembly
	Year 6 Leavers Party
13th July	Summer Concert – Orchestra / Choir
14th July	Volunteer's Tea Party
17th July	End of Term Service – St Johns Church 2pm

Dear God

Thank you for the opportunity to serve others and the example that Jesus is to us. Help us to see others the way you see them and show us the needs of those around us. Lord, help us to be others focused and give us the grace to serve when it's hard.

In Jesus name, Amen