# St John's CEVA Primary School

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**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we come to the end of another academic year, it is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on all that has been achieved and to give thanks for the many memorable experiences, successes and learning opportunities our children have enjoyed.

This year has been one of growth, achievement and flourishing. Guided by our vision of **'Loved by God, Learning with Jesus, Living by the Spirit,'** we have continued to nurture every child academically, spiritually and personally, ensuring they are known, valued and encouraged to become the very best versions of themselves.

St John's continues to provide a high-quality Christian education where children are inspired to love learning, develop resilience and live out our shared values each day. This is only possible because of the dedication, professionalism and care of our exceptional staff team. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to every member of staff for their unwavering commitment to our children and for providing such rich and engaging learning experiences throughout the year.

My thanks also go to our governors for their continued support, challenge and encouragement, and to you, our parents and carers, for the partnership we share. Your support, kindness and trust make an enormous difference and contribute greatly to the strength of our school community.

There has been much to celebrate this year. Alongside the excellent progress our children have made in their learning, they have achieved great success in sport, music, the arts and a wide range of enrichment opportunities. It has been a privilege to watch them grow in confidence, discover new talents and embrace every opportunity with enthusiasm. A special thank you goes to Mr Hurd for his dedication in providing such fantastic sporting opportunities, and to all the children who have represented St John's with determination, teamwork and pride.

I would also like to thank our Parent Prayer Group. Knowing that our school, staff, children and families are continually upheld in prayer is a tremendous blessing. Your faithfulness strengthens our community and reflects the Christian love that lies at the heart of St John's.

As always, the end of the academic year brings both celebration and farewell. We say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, who leave us with our love, prayers and every good wish for the future. They have been outstanding role models and ambassadors for our school, and we know they are well prepared for the exciting opportunities that await them in secondary school.

This year we also say farewell to twenty families, including one that has been part of the St John's family for fifteen years. Thank you for the contribution you have made to the life of our school. You will always be a valued part of the St John's community, and we wish you every blessing for the future.

We also say a very special farewell to Mrs Freestone, who retires after more than 30 years of dedicated service as our Orchestra and Choir Leader. Through her passion, commitment and encouragement, she has inspired generations of children to develop a love of music and perform with confidence. We thank her for the lasting contribution she has made to the life of St John's and wish her every happiness and God's richest blessings in her retirement.

As one chapter closes, another begins, and we are delighted to welcome Mrs Kerr to St John's in September as our new Orchestra and Choir Leader. We look forward to the musical opportunities and experiences she will bring to our school community.

Finally, I would like to wish you all a happy, restful and safe summer holiday. May it be a time of joy, refreshment and precious moments with family and friends. We look forward to welcoming the children back on **Thursday 3rd September 2026** for the beginning of another exciting school year.

With every good wish and God's blessing,

**Mrs Janita Betts**
**Headteacher**

## Uniform

After the Summer holidays, girls may wear a school dress and boys shorts **up to October half term**. After this you will need to ensure your child is wearing the **winter uniform**. This will be shirts, ties and grey skirts for the girls and long trousers only for the boys.

**PLEASE REMEMBER:**

- **all uniform should be named**
- All shoulder length hair must be tied back.
- No jewellery in school. Pierced earrings should be stud type and removed or covered on PE days.
- **Trainers** may **only** be worn on PE days.
- **Plain Black school shoes** at all other times. No boots or ankle boots are permitted

## 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.

17th July End of Term Service – St Johns Church 2pm

SCHOOL RETURNS ON **THURSDAY 3rd SEPTEMBER 2026**

May God's blessing go with us today, At the end of this school year.
We pray that you keep us safe and give us rest
So we start again renewed and refreshed.
Full of health, full of fun
Ready to come and learn again.
May God's blessing go with us today, As we begin our school holiday.
Give your peace and your joy,
To every girl and every boy.
Help the teachers to enjoy the break,
and prepare and plan for the new intake.
May God's blessings await us next year,
To embrace each new challenge without fear.
Fill this school with your love, and guide our hearts from above.
Full of faith, full of hope, full of joy, and full of love.

Amen.