St John's CEVA Primary School

No.2

21.09.2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a busy and exciting start to the term, and it has been wonderful to see how well the children have settled into their new routines. Great learning is already taking place across the school, and it has been lovely to see the children growing in confidence and enjoying being back with their friends and teachers.

It was lovely to see so many of you at our Welcome Meetings. The teachers found them very helpful, and we hope you did too. You should have received the Digging Deeper Document, which offers guidance and ideas to help you support your child's learning at home.

At our first Friday assembly a couple of weeks ago, Head Boy Austin, Head Girl Evie and the rest of the Year 6 class proudly shared their new roles and responsibilities with the school. It was a lovely celebration of leadership, teamwork and the important contribution our Year 6 pupils can make to school life.

The PTA AGM will be held on Friday 25 September, immediately after drop-off. If you're new to the school, we warmly encourage you to attend to learn more about upcoming events and meet other families. It is also a great opportunity to find out more about the PTA and how you might like to get involved.

We would also love to see you at our Coffee Morning on Friday 16 October, immediately after the Year 6 assembly. This will be a lovely opportunity to spend some time together, meet other parents and carers, and enjoy a coffee and a chat. Please do join us — we would be delighted to see you!

On Friday 2 October, we look forward to welcoming you to our Harvest Celebration. The children will be sharing their thoughts and understanding of why we celebrate Harvest. You are invited to bring non-perishable food items, which will be donated to the St John's Church MIE Top-Up Shop. As the need continues to grow, your generosity is deeply appreciated.

While we continue to plan enriching activities such as trips and workshops, we understand that payment can sometimes be a challenge for families. If you ever find yourself in difficulty, please don't hesitate to speak with me directly. This is in line with our Charging and Remission Policy, and applications to remit costs should be made as soon as possible.

Looking ahead to October, we're excited to host a Prayer Space Week, thanks to the Families Team at MIE St John's. We also have two Wellbeing Days planned just before half-term, providing opportunities for our children to focus on their wellbeing, relationships and emotional health.

As always, if you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact me via the school office email.

Best wishes,

Mrs Betts

Please join us for our **Harvest Festival Assembly** this year on **Friday 2nd October at 9.10am,**
to celebrate and give thanks together for annual harvest.
This year we are supporting **St Johns Church MIE Top up Shop**, by asking for **donations** of food items,
(including tinned food, meat, fish, vegetarian options), toiletries, etc.
Please can donated items be brought into school no later than Thursday 1st October and placed in the
large plastic box beside the lost property box by the School Office.

Thank you for your support

Ms R Thompson Charity Fundraising Organiser

A friendly reminder about the school gates…

Just a little reminder that we operate a one-way system in and out of the school gate at the end of the day. Thank you for helping us to keep this working smoothly and safely for everyone.

We completely understand that many families are waiting for older children, and of course, that is absolutely fine. However, if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and you are not waiting for an older child, we would really appreciate it if you could collect your child and leave the playground promptly. This helps to ensure that there is enough space for our Key Stage 2 parents and carers to come onto the playground and collect their children safely.

A further safety reminder is that children should not ride scooters or bicycles on the school playground. We know that scooters and bikes are a popular way for many children to travel to and from school, but please ensure that children walk them across the playground and through the school gate, rather than riding them. This is simply to help keep everyone safe, particularly when the playground is busy at the end of the day.

Thank you so much for your cooperation and for helping us to make the end of the school day safe and smooth for everyone.

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

Travelling to and from School.

Please take extra care when travelling to and from school.

The local roads are congested and can be dangerous.

Please park well away from the school site

and ensure pavements are accessible for pedestrians

Please also be considerate of our local neighbours and do not park over driveways

DO NOT PARK IN VICTORY ROAD AT ANY TIME.

This will ensure all children & families can arrive and depart from school safely, and residents have complete access to and from their homes.

Thank you.

Dates for Diaries 2026

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

Friday 25th September	PTA AGM
Friday 2nd October	Harvest Assembly
Monday 12th October	Prayer Space Week
Thursday 15th October	Individual Photographs
Friday 16th October	Collective Worship – Year 6
	Followed by PTA Macmillan Coffee Morning
Wednesday 21st/Thursday 22nd October	Wellbeing Days
Friday 23rd October	PD Day – Children not at school

HALF TERM HOLIDAY Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October.
SCHOOL RETURNS ON **MONDAY 2nd NOVEMBER 2026**

Dear Gracious and loving Lord,

Thank you for the seasons we can count on, find routine in, and that will never cease while the earth remains.
As we enter into autumn, when the cooler winds drift in and the days grow shorter, draw us closer to you.
Let us feel your warm and loving presence.

Amen