



St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy

**October 2025
Newsletter**



Dear Parents and Carers

It has been wonderful to welcome our children and families back to school this half term. The children look very smart in their uniforms and the atmosphere around the school has been filled with excitement about the year ahead. Their behaviour has been excellent and they have all jumped straight back in with their learning.

A big warm welcome to all of our new children and parents, we hope you have settled into St. John's and are looking forward to this academic year with you.

Thank you to all the parents who attended our induction meetings at the beginning of term, we hope you found these useful in supporting your child.

Over the past few weeks, a number of children have represented our school at Key Stage Two football tournaments. A super well done to our Year 3 and 4 and our Year 5 and 6 representatives who played amazingly well. A huge thank you and well done to all the children who showed not only great skill but more importantly great sportsmanship. Well done children!

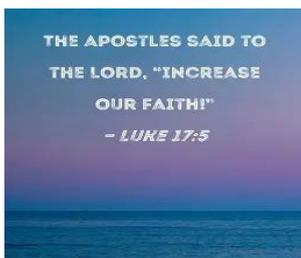
This week, our Year 6 children went to Standon Bowers outdoor education centre. All of the children had a wonderful time and have made memories that will last forever. As always, they were great ambassadors for our school with their fantastic attitudes and behaviour – thank you and well done Year 6! We are all very proud of you.

From Monday 13th October, we are asking the children to bring in food items for the food bank (a separate letter will be sent out). We will then hold a Harvest celebration in school on Thursday 23rd October at 2.30pm, all family, friends and parishioners are invited. Please donate, if you are able to, it would be lovely if we could create a wonderful display of harvest offerings.

Thank you for your support. Have a wonderful weekend.

Mrs Rigby

Principal



Sunday's Gospel reading tells us that it doesn't matter how big or how small our faith is; in fact, even with faith the size of a tiny mustard seed, God can do amazing things. This is because the results don't depend on us - they depend on God.

Luke 17: 5-10

Diary Dates

October

- 7th – Reception – Year 6 Flu Vaccination
- 8th – Year 2 trip to St Joseph's church
- 9th – Combined schools Mass 6.30pm
- 10th – Young minds – World Health Day – wear Yellow
- 10th – No assembly due to Hinduism Day
- 10th - Hinduism day
- 13th – Year 5 Saint Day
- 13th – 5 a day Maths Sessions for parents
- 15th – Year 5 trip to St Joseph's church
- 15th – Halloween Disco
- 15th – St John Henry Newman Mass 6pm St Joseph's
- 16th – Year 3 trip to St Joseph's church
- 16th – Whole school mass 9.30am
- 16th - Year 4 Saint Day
- 17th – Reception & KS1 Celebration Assembly
- 22nd - Year 1 trip to St Joseph's church
- 22nd – First Reconciliation Information Session (Y3) St Joseph's Church, Goldenhill 6pm Mass/information session
- 23rd – Whole School Harvest Assembly 2.30pm
- 24th - Reception trip to St Joseph's church
- 24th – KS2 Celebration Assembly

November

- 3rd – Inset Day- School closed to pupils
- 6th – KS2 Mass 9.30am
- 7th – Reception & KS1 Celebration Assembly
- 14th – KS2 Celebration Assembly
- 17th-19th Year 5 Alton Castle
- 20th – 26th – Book Fair
- 20th – Reception & KS1 Liturgy of the Word 9.30am
- 21st – Jubilee Finale Event – Pilgrims of Hope
- 21st – Reception & KS1 Assembly
- 28th – School Photographs – Individual and siblings
- 28th – No celebration Assembly
- 30th – Family Mass 11am at St Joseph's Church Goldenhill

December

- 1st – Year 2 Saint Day Assembly 9.10am
- 3rd – KS1/KS2 Christmas theatre trip
- 3rd – Confirmation Parents Information Session 6pm Mass/6.30pm sessions St Joseph's Church Goldenhill
- 5th – KS2 Celebration Assembly
- 5th – Christmas Fair 3pm

Celebration Assemblies will be confirmed

PE kits need to be brought into school every Monday and left in lockers for the week, full uniform to be worn everyday. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit.

Thank you



Terms Dates 2025/2026



Monday 1st September	INSET
Tuesday 2nd September	INSET
Wednesday 3rd September	First day of school
Friday 24th October	Last day of term
Monday 3rd November	INSET
Tuesday 4th November	School opens to all
Friday 19th December	Last day of term
Monday 5th January	INSET
Tuesday 6th January	School opens to all
Friday 13th February	Last day of term
Monday 23rd February	School open to pupils
Friday 27th March	Last day of term
Monday 13th April	School opens to all
Monday 4th May	Bank Holiday
Friday 22nd May	Last day of term
Monday 1st June	School opens to all
Friday 17th July	Last day of term

June Attendance

Nursery	98.00%
Reception	99.38%
Year 1	99.24%
Year 2	98.81%
Year 3	94.20%
Year 4	99.13%
Year 5	97.08%
Year 6	99.62%



Well done Year 6!

CARECLUB

Please ensure you book your Child/ren's place in advance on Arbor, we have limited places and can't guarantee a space if you don't book in.

Bookings have to be made on Arbor 48 Hours in advance.

Emergency Bookings via the Office.
01782 367267

IMPORTANT

If your address/telephone/email has changed, please ensure this is updated on Arbor

ABSENCEIF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST TELEPHONE SCHOOL ON 01782 367267 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ABSENCE LINE. BEFORE 09.30am stating the reason for absence.

Please be mindful of other road users, local residents and the safety of our children when parking around school. Please do not block residents driveways or park on the zig zag lines.

Thank you for your cooperation .

CAR PARKS

The car parks in the school grounds are for staff cars only, please do not use them for dropping off/picking up careclub and afterschool clubs. There is a car park lower down for parent use.



**Wednesday 15th
October
Halloween Disco**

EYFS & KS1 2.30 -3.30pm

**£3.00 charge this includes entrance,
bag of sweets and a drink (in an
envelope by Tuesday 14th October)**



KS2 - 3.45 - 4.45pm

**£1.00 entrance charge on the door
Refreshments will be on sale at the
event**



**Date for Dairies
Christmas Fair
Friday 5th December 3pm**

Stalls and refreshments

Come and see Santa!



WOW

WOW – the walk to school challenge is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking to school.

We are hoping to encourage more children and their families to be active when travelling to school. We know how important being active is to both our physical and mental health, so this is an exciting challenge.

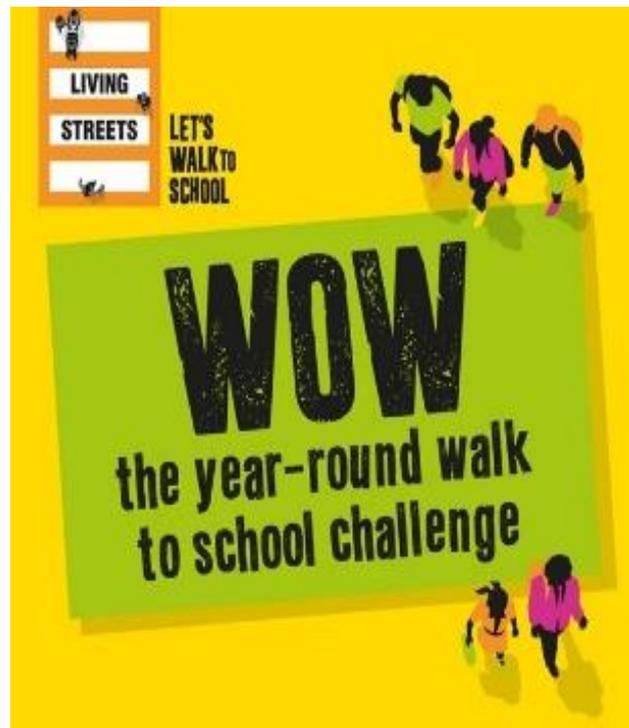
WOW is a pupil-led initiative where the children can self-report how they get to school every day. If you child walks, cycles, scoots, park and stride at least twice a week, for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

Walking to school helps children to feel happier and healthier and they arrive feeling refreshed, fit and ready to learn. More families walking also means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion.

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can 'park and stride'. This means parking or getting off public transport at least **five** minutes away from the school and walking the rest of the way.

Let's swap those school runs for school walks!

If you have any questions, please speak to the office or find more information and useful videos at livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch





HERE
EVERY DAY
READY
ON TIME



Be In SCHOOL
Be On TIME

Reminders to Parents

◆ **School Uniforms**—Our full uniform range is now available at Supersport, High Street, Tunstall (including Ties and book bags).

◆ **School Dinners** -

Price per meal **£2.50** for Nursery.

Price per meal **£3.25** for years 3/4/5 & 6.

◆ **Breakfast Club** - Staffed by Mrs Copeland & Miss Hancock

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Arbor

Breakfast Club per child; from 7.30am £5.00 or £20 for the whole week—Children must be in by 8.30am

Drop off at 8.30am cost £1.00

◆ **After school care club**—Mon-Fri 3pm-5.45pm –Snack included. Staffed by Mrs Bennett & Mrs Copeland

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Arbor

Care Club per child:

from 3.00pm to 4.30pm £5.00

from 3.00pm to 5.45pm £7.50

St Margaret Ward Siblings can be dropped off **from 8.10am and picked up by 3.40pm** no charge. Before or after this time charges above apply.

◆ We are a cashless school—all bookings and payments are to be made in advance via your child's Arbor account.

Late Arrivals / Early Leaving - please bring/collect your child to/from the school office. It is important that your child attends school regularly and on time in order to ensure good academic achievement. Please ensure that where possible, medical appointments are arranged outside school hours.

Please note the school has a strict no smoking policy on its grounds. This includes E-cigarettes or any other nicotine based products.

If you see anyone on the school premises when the school is closed please call the police on **101** and report the incident. Thank you for your support and cooperation

Would Parents and Carers please note that dinner money, careclub and afterschool clubs are payable in advance and should be paid online via your child's Arbor account.

School Hours: EYFS/KS1 - children need to be in school for 8.40am registration, please ensure you are outside the classroom doors/on the EYFS playground by 8.35am, the gates for EYFS/door for KS1 will be closed at 8.42am.

Nursery doors open 3.00pm Reception & KS1 Collection at 3.10pm

KS2 Doors open at 8.45am need to be in by 8.50am, school gates are locked at 8.52am. Collection at 3.20pm

Office Opening Hours Monday - Thursday 08.00-16.00 Friday 08.00 - 15.30



Please note Dogs should not be brought onto school premises

Reminders to Parents

Uniform

Boys

School Navy woollen jumper (school colours on the V neck)

White school shirt (polo shirts for Nursery)

School tie

Dark grey flannel trousers

Grey, black or white socks

Black shoes

Black boots (only during winter months and must be no more than ankle height)

PE Kit

Navy T-shirt (with/without school logo)

Navy cotton shorts

Navy sweatshirt/hoodie (with/without school logo)

Navy jogging bottoms (Winter)

Black plimsolls or Trainers

Summer Term only

Boys may wear dark grey flannel shorts

Girls

School Navy Cardigan (school colours around the edge)

White school shirt (polo shirts for Nursery)

School tie

Dark grey skirt, pinafore or trousers

Grey, black or white socks or grey or black tights

Black shoes

Black boots (only during winter months and must be no more than ankle height)

PE Kit

Navy T-shirt (with/without school logo)

Navy cotton shorts

Navy sweatshirt/hoodie (with/without school logo)

Navy jogging bottoms (Winter)

Black plimsolls or Trainers

Summer Term only

Girls may wear navy and white checked summer dresses

The wearing of correct school uniform is considered to be an important part in establishing a sense of community and standards in school. Children are encouraged to take pride in wearing appropriate uniform, including PE kit.

Hair and Accessories

Hair should be conventionally cut with no visible lines and should be an appropriate length (not shaven or less than grade 2).

Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times using a navy bow or plain bobble in the school colours (navy and white) or black.

Highlights/Lowlights and any additional hairpieces (eg braids/hair tinsel) are not permitted.

A small bow or hair bands may be worn but these must be in school colours (navy and white).

Tattoos, Make up and Nail Varnish

Temporary transfer tattoos, make up and nail varnish are not allowed.

Jewellery

In the interest of Health and Safety, jewellery must not be worn. This includes earrings, which are not permitted even if covered with a plaster.



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