



# St John's Church of England Academy

## I Will Shine

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'Why do we belong together?' This was our key question to think about during worship this week. Community is so important for children and adults and creating strong links is something that we work hard to achieve at St John's. A community can help us to develop a sense of identity. When we are part of a community, we learn about shared values and beliefs. This can help us feel we have a place in the world, and that we are part of something important. We hope that every child and every family feel welcome, included and cared for in our St John's community and I thank all our staff for the nurture and kindness shown to the children in school. Thanks also to the Parent Council, Parent Association and our amazing volunteers for working so hard to organise involvement for families and planning events to bring people together. We are thrilled to welcome our new Reception children and families for this year. The children have been very busy making friends and exploring the indoor and outdoor classrooms with Mrs Whateley. We are proud to be part of the 52 Lives Kindness Ambassador programme this year. Over the next two weeks, all classes will choose children to represent them in meetings to plan activities to promote kindness within our school and the local community. By the end of the year, we hope to be an accredited kindness school. Watch this space over the coming weeks to find out more.

### Uniform Reminders

- 1) Please ensure that school PE kits are plain black shorts or jogging bottoms and a white t-shirt. Where a warm jumper is needed for outdoor PE, it should ideally have no logo. Children should not be wearing football kits, branded items or other colours.
- 2) Please ensure that long hair is tied back.
- 3) Please provide children with plain black footwear for school.
- 4) For health and safety, the only jewellery children can wear to school are stud earrings and watches so please support us by reminding children to remove other jewellery before school. Children must not wear earrings for PE lessons.
- 5) Nail varnish must not be worn.
- 6) Please label uniform so that we can reunite you with lost items easily.
- 7) We have a stock of clean, good-quality pre-loved uniform available to help support families.

**Remember that you can celebrate your birthday by coming to school in non-uniform. If your birthday falls on a weekend or during the holiday, you can pick a day close to your birthday so we can celebrate with you.**

### Safeguarding

Mrs Stevenson, Mrs Henderson and Mrs Randhawa are the safeguarding leads in school. If you have a concern about a child, please speak to us.

### St John's Birthday Celebration!

St John's is proud to be a Church of England school. The school was founded in 1815 and moved to its current site in September 1964 so September 2024 means a 60<sup>th</sup> celebration for St John's. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September, we invite children to come to school dressed in the style of a decade from the past 60 years and we will spend the day celebrating an important milestone of our school on Winsford Avenue with the children. Dressing up could be a complete outfit in 60's, 70's, 80's, 90's, 2000's, 2010's or 2020's, or just accessories. This is completely optional and children can wear uniform if you wish. Families joining us for worship are also very welcome to join us in dressing up to celebrate!

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### Dates for your diaries

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Bike-ability session 2
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Flu immunisations
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 Geography local environment study – stream visit
Thursday 19 <sup>th</sup> September	8.00 – 9.00: Reading breakfast for children and families. £1.00 per person on entry with toast and drinks provided. Join us for a quiet hour of reading together before school.
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> September	Happy 60 <sup>th</sup> Birthday to St John's! Optional dress as a decade to celebrate. 9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together. 6.00: PA Family Quiz. £1.00 per adult. Children free. 6 members per team.
Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> September	Year 6 Bike-ability session 3 International Sign Language Day
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00: Year 4 leading values worship – all welcome
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> September	European Day of Languages
Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> September	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together 2.00 – 3.00: PA Christmas Fair planning meeting – all welcome 3.30 – 4.30: MacMillan Coffee Afternoon
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 Bike-ability session 4
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	PA Discos after school – details to follow soon
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	9.00: Celebration Worship – please join us to celebrate together

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