



# St John's Church of England Academy

New Year Information meeting  
2025-26

What can you and your child expect from  
this year?



# The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name.

Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as in heaven.

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power and the glory are Yours,  
now and forever.

Amen.

Our school vision comes from the  
Gospel of Matthew:

Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before others,  
that they may see your good  
deeds and glorify your father in  
heaven.



I WILL  
SHINE

# Identity

I know that my life matters.

# Excellence

Always giving my best.

# Character

I am becoming a better person.

# Teamwork

We work better together.

# Drive

I am hungry to discover.

# Stewardship

My life makes a positive difference.



Our 6 school values are at the heart of everything we do.



The next slides give a flavour of why St John's is a very special place to be. We hope you enjoy the photographs.

# We explore and play together.

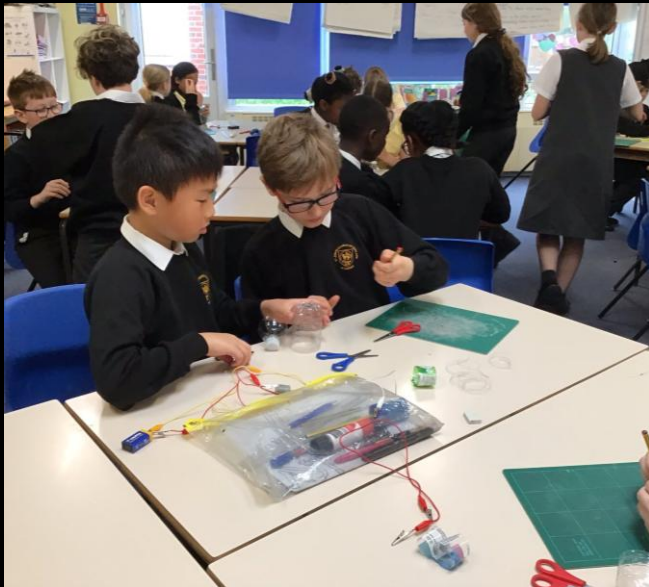


# We have awe and wonder in the world around us.





We are braver together.



We learn together.



We create and build.

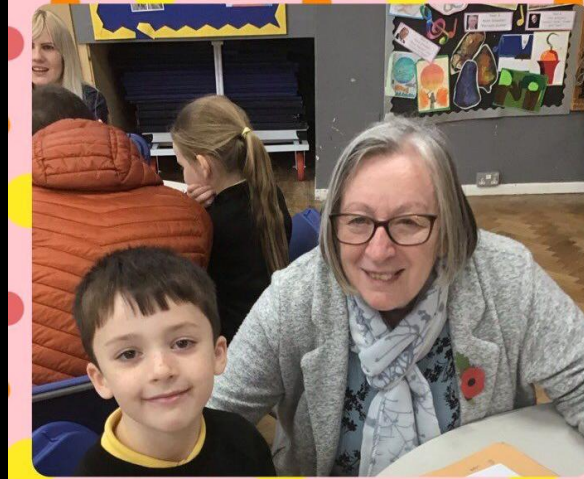
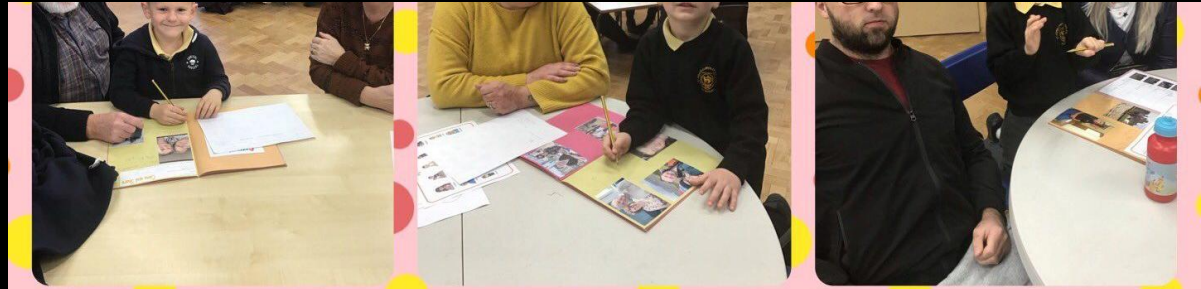


We aspire to be the best we can be.



# We praise God.





We are the St John's family.

# We are World Changers!



# Behaviour Policy

## St John's Primary School Golden Rules

### **Respect**

(Matthew 7:12 – “So in everything, do to others what you would have them do to you.”)

### **Kindness**

(Ephesians 4:32 – “Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God has forgiven you.”)

### **Perseverance**

(Luke 1:37 – “For nothing will be impossible with God.”)

# Website, Twitter, Facebook – see our curriculum in action!

## Website

<https://www.stjohns.covmat.org/>



## Twitter

@Stjohnscoventry



## Facebook

@stjohnscoventry



You do not need a Twitter account to look at learning on the @Stjohnscoventry page. Just type @Stjohnscoventry twitter into Google.

# A Typical Day at St John's

- ▶ Children arrive between 8.45 and 9.00am
- ▶ Register and choose lunch - always 3 choices: Meat-based, vegetarian and jacket potato
- ▶ Free School Meals and Universal Infant Free School Meals – these are different and we encourage you to check if you are eligible for Free School Meals as this brings in more funding to help us support your child. Find out more at this link: [FSM](#)
- ▶ There is time given to read for pleasure, to read with an adult and to change books
- ▶ Get learning in our younger classes – the purpose of this is to learn through play and practice some of the skills they have been taught in lessons
- ▶ Lunchtime – lots and lots to do! 😊 THANK YOU for your kind donations!
- ▶ Afternoon register and time to prepare for the afternoon
- ▶ Daily worship – some whole school and some in class groups to support discussion time
- ▶ Home time - 3.30pm

# Benefits of Play

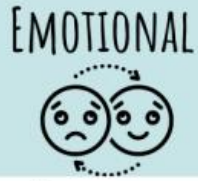
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- Increased memory
- Improved focus



- Better ability to plan
- Practice making decisions

- Reflect on feelings
- Act out new situations



- Teaches empathy
- Experience different perspectives

- Develops fine motor skills
- Develops gross motor skills



- Improves sleep
- Improves appetite
- Develops balance

- Practice planning
- Practice problem-solving



- Improves ability to make friends
- Practice following rules

- Discuss rules of a game
- Practice talking with others



- Builds vocabulary

- Teaches how things work
- Allows children to create their own worlds.



- Children learn to take risks

We are very proud of our lunchtime provision at St John's and you can see some snapshots on the next pages.

We have a very large mud kitchen space, a vehicle adventure section, a dinosaur section, Happy Land, Duplo, cricket, football, mini-football, a school area, an office area and a firm favourite: dressing up! As well as all of this, there is space for children to sit and read, colour or draw and plenty of space for imaginative play.

There are so many benefits of play, as shown in the diagram. We are always adding to our provision and planning ways to make lunchtimes even better.





# Expectations and Support from home

- Reading books must be in school every day. Reading books are changed regularly and this differs between classes. Please sign your child's reading diary and indicate if they have finished the book.
- Support your child with learning spellings in KS2 – all children are now learning in their own classes with extra intervention where needed. Spellings can be found on the year group pages on the website.
- Maths homework is on the website so you can see what your child is learning.
- Please send in a pair of **named** wellies or other outdoor shoes so that we can use the field daily
- P.E. kits can be worn to school on your child's PE day. Please **name** their PE kit.
- Water bottles (**named**) brought into school daily
- Uniform policy followed: **please name all uniform!** (For more information, please see the website)
- Jewellery, nail varnish and temporary tattoos are not allowed, only a watch and stud earrings
- If your child is being collected by someone different, please inform the office and the teaching staff
- Please make sure we have at least 2 emergency contacts

# Inclusion and SEND

- ▶ If you have any concerns about your child's learning, behaviour or well-being, please speak with your child's class teacher in the first instance.
- ▶ Following this, meetings can be arranged with parents, class teacher and Mrs Henderson (SENDSCO).
- ▶ Further meetings will be arranged with Mrs Henderson, to begin to address any next steps.
- ▶ OR email, catch her in the playground or telephone the office to arrange a meeting at any time.
- ▶ [sara.henderson@stjohns.covmat.org](mailto:sara.henderson@stjohns.covmat.org)



# What's coming next?

- ▶ Termly Learning Conferences (TLC) on 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October after school
- ▶ 'Come and Shares' – dates to be shared soon
- ▶ Phonics parent session - 6<sup>th</sup> November at 2.30pm
- ▶ Multiplication Check meeting for Year 4 – 24<sup>th</sup> September at 5.00pm
- ▶ Values worships for Years 1 – 6 – check the website calendar for dates
- ▶ Family prayer time – 3<sup>rd</sup> October at 8.30am
- ▶ Reading breakfast – 2<sup>nd</sup> October at 8.00am
- ▶ Church services – Harvest, Christmas and Easter – all welcome!

# My Child At School (MCAS)

- ▶ Everything will move to this app during this year – finance, lunches, absence, contacts, communication, bookings, behaviour...
- ▶ If you haven't got this yet, please search for 'my child at school' on Google



mychildatschool.com  
<https://www.mychildatschool.com>

## MyChildAtSchool - Login

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### Login

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### Redeem Invitation Code

Redeem your invitation code Redeem Code

### Sign Up

Enter School Post Code or School  
ID Continue

### Reset Password

Reset your password Send reset email

# School ID is 15059

# Communication

- ▶ School will email key messages, letters and newsletters
- ▶ The weekly newsletter will always have a calendar showing 3 – 4 weeks in advance
- ▶ The website calendar and key dates for parents are always updated
- ▶ WhatsApp groups are for reminders about things which have been shared by the school
- ▶ Please speak to us if you have a question or concern – find us on the gate or classroom doors before and after school, call us at school or email. We always want to work together to solve any problems and it is easier to do this directly
- ▶ Staff are not expected to respond to emails outside of working hours. We appreciate your patience and support with the work/life balance of our teachers

# Parent Council and Parent Association

- ▶ Parent council is to add an additional layer of communication but you do not need to wait for parent council meetings to share feedback and ideas – we are always eager to hear your views and we want to address issues as soon as they arise.
- ▶ Thank you to the reps for all your hard work!
- ▶ The Parent Association work hard to fundraise and organise events for the school. We are always looking for new members. You can be a full member or join an event planning committee. All help is very, very welcome! Dates for meetings will be shared in the newsletter.