

St John's Journal

18th September 2026

It has been another fantastic week at St John's, with children showing great kindness, enthusiasm and pride in their learning. Thank you for your continued support with attendance, uniform and school life. I hope you all have a wonderful weekend and look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday.

St John's Safeguarding Leads

Mr Rizzo – Principal
Mrs Godley – Vice Principal
Mrs Thackery – Business Manager

Inset days for 2026/2027

Friday 18th December
Monday 26th July 2027
Tuesday 27th July 2027
Wednesday 28th July 2027

Full calendar can be found on our website
<https://www.stjohnsworksop.co.uk/school-holidays-and-inset-days/>

Important Information

We have children in school with severe Egg and Nut allergies.

Please do not send these food items into school.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Dates for your diary 2026/27

Thursday 8th October – Parents Evening
Monday 12th October – Individual and Sibling photographs
Tuesday 13th October – Parents Evening
Monday 19th October – Friday 30th October – Half Term
Friday 6th November – Year 6 Coal Mining Museum Trip
Monday 23rd November – Annual Flu Vaccinations

**A defibrillator is
located in the
staffroom.**



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Rainbow Rewards

Value of the Week is:
Kindness

F1 Curious Creators	Amberle and Tommy
F2 Enquirers	Scarlett and Zach K
F2 Inquisitors	Grace and Zachary
Y1 Questioners	Nola and Anthony
Y1 Searchers	Mia and Daisy
Y2 Imagineers	Natalia and Robyn W
Y2 Inspectors	Daisie and Calcifer
Y3 Adventurers	Lacey and Jasper
Y3 Challengers	Poppy and Hannah
Y4 Explorers	Theo C and Scarlett
Y4 Discoverers	Elsie and Sterling
Y5 Inspirers	Bella and Zosha
Y5 Entrepreneurs	Parker and Eadie
Y6 Voyagers	Zach and Charlotte
Y6 Endeavors	Ethan L and Ethan J

House Attendance

This Week

Aderin	96.85%
Earhart	97.63%
Johnson	96.3%
Sharman	96.46%

Last Week

Aderin	96.89%
Earhart	97.97%
Johnson	95.44%
Sharman	97.78%

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The Little Red Hen



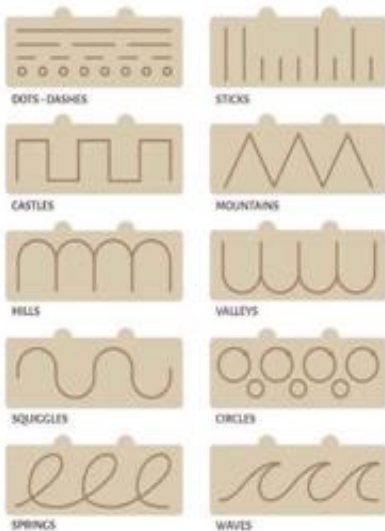
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Writing patterns



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Please can you help?
Over the coming weeks, we require empty
cereal boxes and (clean) glass jars.
If you have any, please send them into
school.
Thank you



**A reminder to parents that children
should not be using the play equipment
before or after school
Thank you**

Uniform Expectations

Please can we remind you that we expect children to wear full uniform at all times, we will be making regular checks to ensure children have the correct items on and will be sending a message home to remind you if your child attends in incorrect items.

You can find a copy of our Uniform Policy on our website here:

<https://www.stjohnsworksop.co.uk/uniform-information>

Vacancies

Please follow the link for the latest SNMAT job vacancies

[St John's CofE Academy - Job Vacancies](#)

Free school meals are expanding

**From
September
2026**

What's changing?

Current eligibility

Most families receiving Universal Credit qualify for income-based free school meals (FSM) only if their annual earned income is £7,400 or less (excluding benefits).

From September 2026

All children in households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for free school meals.

Free school meals categories

Targeted free school meals

- Available to families who:
- Receive Universal Credit and earn **£7,400 or less per year** (excluding benefits), or
 - Receive certain qualifying benefits, including:
 - Income-related Employment and Support Allowance (ESA)
 - Pension Credit (Guarantee Credit)
 - Support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Expanded free school meals

- Available to:
- All other families receiving Universal Credit, regardless of earnings.

This means all children in Universal Credit households will be eligible for free school meals from September 2026.

Important dates



Applications open:
1 August 2026



Expanded eligibility starts:
1 September 2026

Please note: Applications can be submitted from 1 August 2026, but meals under the expanded scheme cannot begin before 1 September 2026.

What does this mean?

Targeted free school meals children:

- ✓ Free school meals at school in term time
- ✓ Funded Holiday Activities (HAF)
- ✓ Pupil Premium for child's school

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Who will benefit?



More families receiving Universal Credit



More students accessing a healthy meal during the school day



Reduced pressure on household budgets

Find out more or apply: nottinghamshire.gov.uk/freeschoolmeals



**Nottinghamshire
County Council**

OUR SCHOOL NOW HAS AN ANAPHYLAXIS KITT

We are pleased to let parents and carers know that our school now has an Anaphylaxis Kitt supplied by Kitt Medical on site.



WHAT IS IT?

The Anaphylaxis Kitt comes with **four adrenaline auto-injectors** and clear instructions for use in a medical emergency, alongside **anaphylaxis awareness training** for staff.

Adrenaline is the **first-line treatment** for severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis) and can be life-saving when given promptly.



WHY DOES THE SCHOOL HAVE ONE?

- Severe allergic reactions can occur suddenly and unexpectedly.
- Not everyone who experiences anaphylaxis has a known allergy.

WHO CAN THE KITT BE USED FOR?

Any pupil, staff member or visitor on the school site experiencing a suspected anaphylactic reaction. Including individuals without a diagnosed allergy.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS & CARERS

If your child has a diagnosed allergy:

- Please continue to provide their prescribed adrenaline auto-injectors.
- Inform the school of any changes to medical needs.
- The school Anaphylaxis Kitt does not replace a child's own medication.

Learn more at www.kittmedical.com



Anaphylaxis awareness and preparedness for your organisation.

Anaphylaxis Kitt Training Summary Information +

What is an allergy?

An allergy is when your body's immune system mistakenly identifies something harmless as something harmful, causing a histamine release.

What things can people be allergic to?

You can be allergic to anything, from foods to insect stings, pollen to materials. People can develop new allergies & grow out of old ones at any time.

What is anaphylaxis?

A severe allergic reaction is known as anaphylaxis. Symptoms (**ABC**) include:

- **Airway:** Throat/tongue swelling, hoarse voice, tightness.
- **Breathing:** Wheezing, noisy or difficult breathing.
- **Circulation:** Fainting, tiredness, confusion, pale clammy skin, loss of consciousness.

What is an adrenaline auto-injector (AAI)?

An AAI contains adrenaline (a naturally occurring hormone) in a safe, injectable form. It counteracts the symptoms of a severe allergic reaction.

Jext & EpiPen are different brands of adrenaline pen, but both do the same thing. 300mcg pens are for patients over 6 years or over 30kg, whilst 150mcg pens are for small children or those under 30kg.

How do you treat a severe reaction?

1. **Lay the person down** with legs elevated.
2. Select the **appropriate adrenaline dose**.
3. Take the pen out & **remove safety cap**.
4. Push the **needle end into outer thigh** until it clicks and hold in place for 10s.
5. Call **999**, say "**anaphylaxis**" and wait for an **ambulance** to arrive.
6. If there's no improvement after 5 mins, give a second dose in their other thigh.

How do I access a Kitt?

Kitts should only be used by trained staff to save a life in an emergency scenario.

1. **Push** a Kitt key into the central plus and turn it to the left until it clicks.
2. **Pull** up on the white handle to bring the Kitt out of the orange wall mount.
3. **Lift** the orange latch open to get inside.

LEARN MORE AT KITTMEDICAL.COM

Wellbeing Page

Handle With Care

We would like to provide all families with additional support during those times when things may be difficult at home. We understand it is not always easy to share details with school, especially at the classroom door and that's okay.

If your child is coming to school after a difficult night, morning or weekend; please message the school office with your child's name, class and "Handle With Care" and these will be passed staff members.

Nothing else will be said or asked but this will let us know that your child may need extra time, patience or help during the day.

At St John's we believe that everyone has the right to feel safe and be who they are. Our school is a place where everyone can feel safe and happy and we will always treat bullying seriously.

What is bullying?

Bullying is when someone hurts someone else, by using behaviour or words which are meant to frighten or hurt that person.

Several Times On Purpose

What should I do?
Ask them to stop if you can.
Ask them to go away.
Ignore them.
Walk away.
Get help.

Start Telling Other People

Who can I tell?
A friend, parents/carers, teachers, a trusted adult.



Young Carers Service

FREE

A support service to help identify and support Young Carers in education

- Advice on how to support Young Carers in Education
- Young Carer themed Assemblies
- Young Carer Champion training
- Staff meetings & Inset training
- Resources



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Are You a Young Carer?

Would you like to travel on the tram or bus for FREE?



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WhatsApp: 07860 957 660

Email: youngcarers@tuvida.org

Web: www.youngcarersnotts.co.uk

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Safeguarding for parents

What is safeguarding?

Safeguarding ensures that every child, regardless of their age, disability, gender reassignment, race, religion or belief, sex, or sexual orientation, has a right to equal protection from harm. It's the steps that people take to protect children and vulnerable people from harm.



Examples of safeguarding concerns to look out for:



Physical

A group of children pushing or hitting a smaller child when an adult isn't looking.



Emotional

A crying child running towards their parent who responds in a harsh manner using inappropriate language.



Sexual

A teenage girl walking home being catcalled and harassed, or being touched without consent.



Neglect

A child wearing the same dirty clothes every day and stealing food from other children.



How can you help?

If you ever see anything happen to a child that makes you feel uncomfortable, please let your safeguarding lead / person know. You're not causing problems – you could save a child from unnecessary harm.

Any one of these things might not mean anything, but if your safeguarding lead / person isn't told, they can't help.

Speak to: Mr Rizzo, Mrs Godley or Mrs Thackery

**Talk to me
about your
concerns**

For more support with safeguarding, search

Tes safeguarding advice 