

As another wonderful week comes to a close, thank you for your continued support. The children have worked incredibly hard and have much to be proud of. With just one week to go until half term, let's finish the half term strongly together. Have a lovely weekend.

St John's Safeguarding Leads

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

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.

A defibrillator is located in the staffroom.



Anaphylaxis Kitt is located in the dining hall.



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/>

Dates for your diary 2026/27

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

St John's Journal

9th October 2026

Rainbow Rewards

Value of the Week is:
Patience

F1 Curious Creators	Isabelle & Nora
F2 Enquirers	Teddy & Aurora
F2 Inquisitors	Evelyn & Luca
Y1 Questioners	Naya & Freddie
Y1 Searchers	Victoria & Betsy
Y2 Imagineers	Noah & Robyn H
Y2 Inspectors	Amie & Joel Y
Y3 Adventurers	Whinnie & Leo
Y3 Challengers	Annabelle & Caleb
Y4 Explorers	Kayla & Jasper
Y4 Discoverers	Cora & Alfie
Y5 Inspirers	Victoria & Jake
Y5 Entrepreneurs	Jenson & James W
Y6 Voyagers	Dali & Casey
Y6 Endeavors	Caleb & Jorgia

House Attendance

This Week

Aderin	97.86%
Earhart	98.87%
Johnson	98.0%
Sharman	98.87%

Last Week

Aderin	97.69%
Earhart	97.17%
Johnson	92.44%
Sharman	97.72%

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Fantastic number work in Inquisitors this week! During our maths lessons, we have been exploring the number 3 and discovering all the different ways we can make three!



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Photographer

Sibling Photo Opportunity

We are delighted to share, that we are now be able to offer an additional sibling photo opportunity this year for families with children who attend St John's and siblings who do not currently attend our school.

Photographs will take place **after school in the Hall on Monday 12 October from 3.00pm onwards**. Children should be collected from their classroom doors as normal before making their way to the Hall entrance.

Please note that a **first come, first served queuing system** will be in operation. To help the photographer prepare and ensure the session runs as smoothly as possible, please let the Academy Office know if you would like a sibling photograph by **9.00am on Monday 12 October**. You can do this either by sending a message via Arbor or by emailing **schooloffice@stjohnsworksop.snmat.org.uk**

We are pleased to be able to offer this opportunity and hope that many families will take advantage of it. We appreciate your patience whilst waiting and kindly ask that parents remain responsible for always supervising their children in the Hall. Your support will help us keep the session safe, organised and efficient for everyone.

Thank you for your cooperation, and we look forward to welcoming you.

Community Safety Update

We would like to make parents and carers aware of a recent police update relating to St John's Park, located behind our school.

Following reports of anti-social behaviour in the area, including concerns about young people targeting vulnerable properties, the police attended and seized a number of illegal off-road motorcycles and e-scooters. Officers have confirmed that patrols will continue in the area and action will be taken where offences are identified.

We would encourage all families to speak with their children about staying safe, making positive choices, and respecting members of the community. Please be aware that many electric bikes, off-road motorcycles and e-scooters cannot legally be used on public roads, pavements, parks or other public spaces, and police have powers to seize vehicles being used unlawfully.

Parents and carers are encouraged to:

- Know where their children are and who they are with.
- Understand how they are spending their free time.
- Discuss the consequences of anti-social and criminal behaviour.

By working together, we can help keep our community safe and ensure that our local area remains a positive environment for everyone.

Winter 2026 Menu

The Winter 2026 menu is now available to order on Arbor up to the Christmas Holidays. Copies of the menus and allergen lists are available to view on the school's website.

Please remember when ordering to select the Winter 2026 Menu from the Meals Choices screen.

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](#)



Parking

We would like to remind all parents, carers and visitors that parking around the academy site is very limited. We kindly ask everyone to be mindful when dropping off or collecting children, particularly during our busiest times of the day.

Please help us maintain positive relationships with our local community by being respectful of our neighbours at all times. This includes ensuring that you do not park across or block driveways, as this can cause significant inconvenience.

For safety reasons, parking in the Children's Centre car park is not permitted unless you have prior permission. This area must remain accessible for authorised users at all times.

Wherever possible, please park safely and legally on the surrounding roads, observing all local parking restrictions. Taking a little extra care when parking helps to keep everyone safe, especially our children.

We appreciate your cooperation and support in helping to keep our school community safe, respectful and considerate.



Bassetlaw Museum

YOUR MUSEUM | YOUR DISCOVERY

HORRIBLE HALF TERM ACTIVITIES!

Terrifying Tricky Trail! All day, every day! FREE!!

19th - 30th October 2026


 19th


 20th


 21st


 22nd


 23rd


 26th


 27th


 28th


 29th


 30th

Playmobil - All day - drop in.
 Warhammer, 12 years of age and above. 11am-2pm - Drop in
 Lego - 10-3 - Drop in.
 Creepy Clay Day, 10-12 then 1-3 - Drop in.
 Ghost Jar Lanterns, 10-12 then 1-3 - Drop in.
 Canvas Collage, 10-12 then 1-3 - Drop in.
 Apple Heads, 10-12 then 1-3 - Drop in.
 Forest School, 2-3:30 - Drop in.
 Lego 10-3 - Drop in.



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ALL OUR ACTIVITIES ARE FREE!! NO BOOKING REQUIRED!

APPROPRIATE FOR ALL AGES UNLESS OTHERWISE STATED.

WE USE RECYCLED MATERIALS WHERE POSSIBLE. PLEASE BE ALLERGY AWARE AND SPEAK TO STAFF IF YOU HAVE CONCERNS.

GROWN-UPS MUST STAY WITH CHILDREN.



BREAK THE SILENCE

about bullying this **Anti-Bullying Week**

Monday 16 to Friday 20 November

#AntiBullyingWeek | #BreakTheSilence



With the
support of



This Anti-Bullying Week we are holding

Odd Socks Day on

MONDAY 16 NOVEMBER 2026



**Come to school wearing
your odd socks to
celebrate what makes
us all unique!**



SCAN TO BOOK


 AGES
8+

CREATIVE HOLIDAY CLUBS

October Half-Term

Creative, practical and future-focused workshops
for children aged 8+



EARLY BIRD OFFER

Half Day – £25
 Full Day – £55
 Including the supervised
lunch hour



Morning Sessions:
 9am – 12pm
Lunch Break:
 12pm – 1pm
Afternoon Sessions:
 1pm – 4pm



Breakfast Club:
 8am – 9am
After Club:
 4pm – 5pm

Bring a packed lunch
for full-day bookings



FLEXIBLE BOOKING

Book one half-day, a full
day, or multiple sessions.

Places limited – book early.



ART



STREET ART



FASHION DESIGN



ENGINEERING



ARCHITECTURE &
MODEL MAKING



PRODUCT DESIGN



YOUNG INVENTORS



BIG IDEAS
BRIGHTER
FUTURES

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ENTREPRENEURSHIP



CREATIVE WRITING &
STORYTELLING



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Speech, Language and Communication Early Years Parents and Carers Drop-In

Come along to one of our early years drop-in sessions for children under 4 years old if you would like to talk with us about your child's talking and communication.



Retford Central Family Hub
Spa Lane
Retford
DN22 6EA



Tuesday 10th November 2026
9.30am - 11am



No need to book! Just pick a date and come along with your child at any time during the session.
We will be there to chat, play and answer any questions and give ideas!
Please call 0300 123 3387 for further information.
This is for Nottinghamshire families only.

Nottingham Oral Health Improvement Team

Autumn Edition Newsletter

Community
Dental
Services



Welcome to the Autumn edition of the Nottingham Oral Health Improvement Newsletter. As professionals working with children and families, you play an important role in promoting positive oral health behaviours. Whether through everyday conversations, creating tooth-friendly environments, supporting supervised toothbrushing, or signposting families to dental services, your influence can help children develop healthy habits for life.

This newsletter contains seasonal oral health messages, practical activities, resources and training opportunities to support your work during the autumn term.



Autumn oral health tips

October brings plenty of Trick-or-Treat sweets, making it easy for little ones to snack more often throughout the day.

Try to save sugary foods and drinks for mealtimes. This helps protect teeth from frequent acid attacks and keeps smiles bright!

Pop leftover sweets out of sight, and offer just one or two pieces as a dessert treat.

Encourage children to swap extra sweets for a fun small toy, a new book, or a special family activity together.

Alternative Treats to Hand Out

Fun non-food treats: Try spider rings, bouncy balls, temporary tattoos, bubbles, or glow sticks instead of sweets.

Mini savoury snacks: Tooth-friendly alternatives include cheese portions, breadsticks, or rice cakes.



Toothbrushing tips

Brush twice daily with fluoride toothpaste, including once before bed and on one other occasion. Encourage children to brush for a full two minutes. Remind children to spit out excess toothpaste after brushing and avoid rinsing with water. Children under 7 years old should be supervised while brushing their teeth.



Half-term dental check-up reminder

We understand it can be tricky to fit dental check-ups into busy school timetables. Regular visits help catch any problems early, prevent bigger issues down the line, and support children's healthy habits, confident smiles, and overall well-being. Encourage families to book appointments well ahead of the Half Term holidays for peace of mind!



Click to
find a
dentist
here!

[With OTDworkshops](#)



AUTUMN ACTIVITIES



Share a Toothbrushing Chart and Leaflets

Create a colourful brushing chart for the Autumn holidays. Children can add a sticker each time they brush, aiming for a full chart by the end of each week. Offer small tooth-friendly rewards for consistency.



Recommend Brush Along Apps

Brush DJ or a guided brushing video on YouTube are great fun. Click the images below and try it yourself.



Storybook recommendations

Read children's books about visiting the dentist or taking care of teeth.

Click the picture to see some popular options



Try an Autumnal Oral Health Scavenger Hunt!

A scavenger hunt is a game where a player or teams try to find specific items, take certain photos, or complete the task on the list.

Pumpkin Smile Craft

Encourage children to create smiling pumpkin faces using craft supplies. Use this to talk about what makes a healthy smile and the importance of brushing.



Free Oral Health Training for Professionals

This autumn, take part in our free oral health webinars for professionals working with children. Learn about oral health advice for children and practical ways to support children's oral health. Our sessions are friendly, informative, and evidence-based. Sign up today and help keep young smiles healthy!



Supervised Toothbrushing Programme in Nottingham City

Help children shine with healthy smiles this Autumn! If you're an early years setting in Nottingham City, you can join our FREE Supervised Toothbrushing Programme—available for schools, nurseries, and childminders. Our friendly team delivers everything you need to make toothbrushing fun and easy, with fully funded resources and expert support. Teaching good brushing habits early means brighter smiles and healthier teeth for life. Want to get involved? Contact us to learn how your setting can take part and make a difference—one brush at a time!



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St John's Journal

9th October 2026



Good morning,

I am writing because there are now just three weeks left for pupils to take part in my final my national survey, The Big Future.

Please could you support me with one final push before the survey closes in three weeks by encouraging your pupils to complete the survey here:

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture/>

The most effective way for schools to reach as many children as possible has been to give pupils time to complete the survey during the school day. To make this as easy as possible, I have also created a ready-to-use slide pack for schools, which you can find on [my website](#).

The survey closes in three weeks, so I would be enormously grateful if you could help give your pupils the opportunity to take part before then.

Every response matters. I want to make sure that when I speak to Government about what children and young people want for their futures, I am able to represent the voices of children across the whole country – including those at your school.

Thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Dame Rachel de Souza

Children's Commissioner for England



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CHILDRENS NEARLY NEW SALE

NORTH NOTTS ARENA, WORKSOP, S80 1QS

- **TOYS**
- **CLOTHES**
- **EQUIPMENT**
- **& MUCH MORE!**

Saturday 10th October

11:30-13:00

All profits go to NCT Charity.
Registered charity in England and Wales:801395
and Scotland:SC041592.

More details at  /BassetlawNCT

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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01773 833 833

  





Are You a Young Carer?

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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 