

As we come to the end of term, thank you to all our parents and carers for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated.

We would also like to wish Mrs Chapman all the very best as she moves on to her new role. We thank her for everything she has contributed to our school community and wish her every success for the future.

Have a wonderful break and we look forward to seeing everyone next term.

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.

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 19th October – Friday 30th October – Half Term

Wednesday 4th November – Imagineers Class Dinner Day

Friday 6th November – Year 6 Coal Mining Museum Trip

Wednesday 11th November – Inspectors Class Dinner Day

Wednesday 18th November – Searchers Class Dinner Day

Monday 23rd November – Annual Flu Vaccinations

Wednesday 25th November – Questioners Class Dinner Day

Wednesday 2nd December – Enquirers Class Dinner Day

Wednesday 9th December – Inquisitors Class Dinner Day

A defibrillator is located in the staffroom.



Anaphylaxis Kitt is located in the dining hall.



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Rainbow Rewards

Value of the Week is:
Peace

F1 Curious Creators	Jasmine and Casper
F2 Enquirers	Oliver and Eunice
F2 Inquisitors	Isla and Harry
Y1 Questioners	Ava S and Sergio
Y1 Searchers	Eden and Emilia
Y2 Imagineers	Sofia and Henry
Y2 Inspectors	Josh and Jemima
Y3 Adventurers	Molly and Eddie
Y3 Challengers	Rafael and Edith
Y4 Explorers	Phoebe and Olivia
Y4 Discoverers	Ayda and Betsy
Y5 Inspirers	Leo and Mowa
Y5 Entrepreneurs	Gabriella and Maddy
Y6 Voyagers	Tommy and Tyler
Y6 Endeavors	Kohen and Evonie

House Attendance

This Week

Aderin	96.83%
Earhart	95.83%
Johnson	93.09%
Sharman	94.88%

Last Week

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

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Class Dinner Days

Starting next half term, we are delighted to invite you to join your child for a complimentary lunch at school.

This is a wonderful opportunity to spend some time together, enjoy a school lunch, and experience part of your child's school day with them. After lunch, we kindly ask that parents leave the school site so that children can return to their normal afternoon learning.

Each week a different class will be invited into school for lunch at 12noon.

The dates for each class are as follows:

4 th November 2026	Imagineers
11 th November 2026	Inspectors
18 th November 2026	Searchers
25 th November 2026	Questioners
2 nd December 2026	Enquirers
9 th December 2026	Inquisitors
6 th January 2027	Adventurers
13 th January 2027	Challengers
20 th January 2027	Explorers
27 th January 2027	Discoverers
3 rd February 2027	Inspirers
10 th February 2027	Entrepreneurs
24 th February 2027	Endeavours
3 rd March 2027	Voyagers

To help us with catering arrangements, please let us know if you will be attending either by in-app message or email. When replying, please also provide details of any **dietary requirements, allergies, or food intolerances** so that we can cater for everyone's needs. Unfortunately, due to limited seating we are only able to accommodate one parent/carer per child.

We hope you can join us for what promises to be a lovely occasion.

After School Clubs – Autumn Term 2

We are pleased to let you know that After School Clubs will begin after the October half term holiday, on week beginning Monday 9th November 2026.

We are asking you to sign up through the Arbor app. You will see the Clubs on offer for your child's/children's year groups only. If you have any problems signing up, please get in touch.

A letter with full details can be found on the school website, under Parents, Letters.

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](#)

WE'VE BEEN EXCITED
TO DISCOVER OUR
CHAIRS HAVE GONE
ON STRIKE!



This week started unexpectedly, as all the chairs in school, quit! We spent an uncomfortable day trying to persuade them to come back. We wrote letters of apology and even gave our chairs a little clean and pamper, before they resumed normal duties. We were grateful they returned.







Curious Creators have loved learning about Autumn! 🍁

After the half term break, we will learn about Diwali and Bonfire Night! 🎆



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In Adventurers, we investigated how shadows are created and were fascinated by the different shadows created using opaque, translucent or transparent objects.



In Inspirers, In Maths, we have used the orienteering course to complete our addition and subtraction sums.



Voyagers enjoying treats for achieving 100% attendance



Voyagers enjoying treats for achieving 100% attendance



Book Fair

We are excited to announce our school Book Fair, arriving on Monday 16th November 2026.

All children will be given the opportunity to browse the books during playtime and lunchtime. It will also be open to parents/carers on Wednesday 18th November after school until 4pm. Please enter school via the office if you wish to attend.

Ways to Pay:

1) If you wish for your child to purchase a book from the Book Fair, cash payment is accepted. Please send the money to school with your child.

2) You can also purchase pre-paid Book Fair gift vouchers by following the link below:

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/gift-vouchers>

- There will be a card reader to pay via card payment for parents on Wednesday, after school. Please do not send children to school with bank cards.

If your child has brought money into school or a pre-paid voucher has been bought for them, they will be able to spend this during playtime and lunchtime. Attached is the timetable when each year group will be able to visit the Book Fair. If sending money into school, please only send it on the day your child will visit the Fair.

If for any reason, there are not enough copies of the book your child wishes to purchase, these will be ordered, delivered and handed out to your child's class teacher promptly.

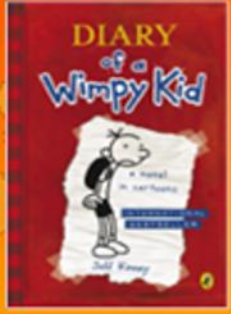
A sneak peek ...




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 you buy earns
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 for our school!

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NSPCC

How to support your child with making friends



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.

Holiday activities and food

Autumn

Nottinghamshire



Martial Arts
Laser Tag
Team Games

Craft Activities
Smoothie Making
And more....

10am - 3pm

Age 5-16

HAF Eligible - FREE | Paid Ticket: £12.00 per session - lunch not included



**SCAN TO
SIGN UP**

**Tuesday 20th October -
Friday 23rd October**

ACMAC Workop, 84 Central Ave, Workop S80 1EN





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



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MODEL MAKING



PRODUCT DESIGN



YOUNG INVENTORS



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BRIGHTER
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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 OTD Healthcare



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!



Vol .04 Newsletter

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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

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.



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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 