

4th July 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

The summer term at school brings another Sports Day, whereby parents and carers from the community gather to watch their children taking part in a variety of sporting challenges.

For the past few years, we have been fortunate enough to run such an event at the EIS in Sheffield and we will continue this event for our KS2 children on Thursday 17th July 2025.

Children will again compete in four activities at a prestigious, National venue, which hosts some World-Class sporting events throughout the year. This will not only be a day of sport for our children but a day to experience and compete in a truly inspiring place. We are extremely excited to offer this to our KS2 children again this year, and indeed to yourselves and know that it could lead to some very exciting and emotional Sports Days. At St John's, we want to give our children the very best possible experiences in life and feel that a Sports Day at such a prestigious venue is something they will never forget.

We know that some of you will be disappointed at the lack of opportunity to watch your KS2 children taking part in a traditional type Sports Day here on site; however, we are working hard to provide a day that is unforgettable. The facilities at the EIS are second-to-none and would allow for all children and parents to attend throughout the day in a safe, controlled environment. Children in years 3 to 6 will all be attending to take part and parents and carers are also encouraged to attend (there is plenty of room) to encourage our children to do their very best and enjoy the experience! We have even put on a parent and carers bus, so for the cost of £5 per person, we can take you to and from the venue. The events will run from around 10:15am – 2:15pm, with children arriving by bus from the school at around 9:45am.

NB: Due to some safeguarding related matters during departures last year, we will no longer allow children to return home with parents and carers and ask that you respect our need to keep all children safe. This means that all children will be taken to and from the venue by coach and should therefore be collected from school in the usual way once we return.

For now, we thank you for your continued support and hope that sport and PE at St John's continues to go from strength to strength, we know we have sporting talent and are keen to showcase and develop it. As part of next year's sporting activities, I would encourage you to speak to your children about alternate sports that they might like to take on during the year. I am always looking to diversify the sports introduced and taught at school. Over the previous years we have had numerous sports personalities and local clubs in to deliver sessions, and I am keen to know what the children would like to experience next.

Sport is an area where our children can push themselves to physical extremes, develop tactical skills, independence, and team cohesion and keep an active and healthy body and mind. This year the Staff team have worked hard to achieve a Youth Sports Games GOLD award, something we are very proud of, showcasing our inclusivity and diversity of sport for all children.

We look forward to seeing you in Sheffield!

Mrs Bell & the St John's Senior Leadership Team