

St John's RC Primary & Pre-school

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Autumn Term 1

NEWSLETTER: 12.09.2025

Welcome back to a new academic year here at St John's. We hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and enjoyed the glorious weather we were treated to. It has been lovely to welcome the children back into their new year groups and see them quickly settle back into school life.

We welcome our new Big Acorns Reception Class to the start of their school journey at St John's. We want to congratulate them all as they have made a flying start to this new adventure already taking school life in their stride and they are all looking so smart in their uniform.

A big welcome also goes to all of our new Little Acorn preschool children and their families who have just started at St John's and to Jaxon, Flynn, Rupert and their families who have joined St John's this year in Maple Class and Oak Class. We hope that you will all enjoy your time at St John's.

This term, we also welcome Miss Vicky Reed as a new teacher to Maple Class whilst Mrs Carr is on her maternity leave. She has been a welcome addition to the team in Maple and has really enjoyed building relationships with the children. Please pop in and say hello to her at

drop off or on collection. She is keen to put faces to names and meet the families of Maple Class,

As always, we have a busy half term ahead and I have shared some key diary dates in this newsletter to help you keep up to date with important events. Please make a note of them and we will keep you updated on others as we approach them.

This term, our new GIFT (Growing in Faith Together) team takes on the reins of leading the spiritual life across our school. We welcome Lydia, Daisy, Lettie, Lenny, Jack, Julian, Italo, Aiden and Samson to this role and thank them for the work they have already done leading our Weekly Word liturgies alongside myself. They will be in touch soon with the plans they have for the term ahead.

Very sadly, we were informed of the news of the death of a past parent of St John's over the summer holidays. Shane Long was a parent at St John's for many years whilst both of his lovely children Ava and Jos came to our school. Our thoughts and prayers have been with the family since this tragic news and school staff and past parents attended his funeral yesterday. Please continue to keep Kathryn, Ava, Jos and Shane's family in your prayers at this difficult time as they navigate life without him. We will always have fond memories of him and his family at St John's.

Finally, as always please do contact us if you have any queries, concerns or thoughts. Communication can be made with class teachers on the Class Dojo app, with the office team by calling 01884 253630, by emailing sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk or by popping in to the school office. We value your comments and thoughts so please do let us know anything you feel we need to know/act upon. We will continue to send our fortnightly newsletters, update our school social media, school website and send Parent Mails with key information to keep you informed of what is going on in school.

God Bless, Claire Webber



Diary Dates

Monday 22nd September - Oak Class residential deposit due

Friday 24th October - PTA Disco (to be confirmed)

Half Term - Monday - 27th October - Monday 3rd November inclusive

Monday 3rd November - Non Pupil Day (staff training day)

Friday 14th November - Children in Need (more info to follow)

Tuesday 18th November - Individual and Sibling photographs


Tuesday 18th and Wednesday 19th November - Parents Evenings

Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th December - Acorns and Maple Class nativity

Wednesday 17th December - Big Acorns and Maple Theatre trip (more info to follow soon)

Thursday 18th December - KS2 Carol Concert

Friday 19th December - Last Day of term - Christmas Lunch and Christmas clothing day!





Celebrating our Achievers across the fortnight



Weeks: 08.09.2025	Gospel Guardians 	Stars of the Week 	Celebration cafe 
Little acorns	Ruby	Wiktorja	Harlow & Florence
Acorns	Jack C & Olive	All of Big Acorns	Sophie
Maple	Ivy & Rupert	Flynn L & Jaxon	Nancy & Billy
Willow	Toby & Evelyn	Penny & Aiden C	Molly & Lucy G
Oak	Jack N & Kaiden	Jack S & Sara	Samson & Kaiden

Class -	Attendance Week: 08.09.25	Attendance Week
Acorns	95%	
Maple	98%	
Willow	97%	
Oak	96%	

FORTNIGHTLY ATTENDANCE WINNERS:

Who will be our next Attendance hero class?



It's been fantastic to see over 550 children taking part in The Deep Sea Adventure: Summer Book Quest at Tiverton Library this Summer. To complete The Quest children have been reading books they love, doing activities and visiting the library. If your child signed up for The Quest, they must come into the library by 4pm on Saturday 13th September to finish.

There are no set targets for how many books or times they have read, activities they complete, or visits they have made, so **EVERYONE IS A WINNER**. Make sure they don't miss out on getting their medal, their certificate sent to school, and being entered into our big prize draw – there are some great prizes up for grabs. There are even some free family swims still available while stocks last. The library is open after school on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays to 6pm and Saturdays 9am-4pm.

School Office Opening Hours are 8.30am-3.45pm

**Please ensure that, if your child is unwell and can't attend school, you phone the School Office on 01884 253630 before 8.45am Or email: sbm@stjohnstiverton.co.uk
A letter will be sent termly regarding any child's attendance below 90% using the Traffic Light System.**

**It is vital that a good level of attendance continues for each child and we will continue to monitor attendance in line with our school policy.
Please get in touch should you need advice or support on this matter.**

Contact Information:

**Please can you inform the office on 01884 253630 if you move to a new house, change your landline, mobile number, your email address or doctors.
This is very important. Thank You.**




We are an Operation Encompass school. For further information, please come in and see us.

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Please visit our school website to view the updated document."**

Privacy Notice:

The information you provide on all forms will be used to help the school manage personal details within the school and will be shared with relevant agencies for the purposes of education and safeguarding.

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Pastoral Support:

Contact Mrs Harte if you have any enquiries or need some advice or support



Tracey Harte: pastoral@stjohnstiverton.co.uk

Safeguarding Team



Rob Meech, Executive Head



Claire Webber, Head of School



Jane Trott, Chair of Governors





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