

# St. John's Church of England Primary School Newsletter



## 'The JOY of the Lord is Your Strength'

(Nehemiah 8:10)

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> September

### Welcome Back!

An official welcome back on our first newsletter of the year! As ever, the newsletter will celebrate some of the achievements and successes taking place in school over the past week as well as giving you valuable information about upcoming events in school. I often put important reminders on the newsletter and key dates for your diaries are listed on the reverse – these are updated constantly as new events are added to the diary so please make sure you check regularly.

A couple of key dates for your diary for September:

**Tempest School Photographs** – These will be taken on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> September during the morning. Any children with siblings in school will have their photos taken first and then all children will have an individual photo taken a class at a time. Hair ready and we ask that all children have their jumpers or cardigans on this day so they look super smart for the photos.

Mrs Bond will circulate details about the ordering process once photos are complete. If your child is absent for any reason, Tempest visit again later in the school year to take class photographs and we keep a list of any individual photos we may need to catch up on!

**Harvest** – We celebrate Harvest in school on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September with a special service for all year groups in Church starting at 9:30 am. Parents and families are warmly invited to join us for this service so we can celebrate together. Every year we ask for donations of food which can then help individuals or families in need and this year is no different. We ask for tinned / packets of food from everyone who can help so we can help to make a massive difference. These donations will be taken over to Church on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>** September so we can decorate ahead of the service. Classes will additionally be completing some arts and crafts to make Church look very special. Any donations are gratefully received and can be sent into school with your child anytime from Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### Flu Vaccinations

Mrs Bond posted a letter and link regarding the annual flu immunisation (nasal spray) which children are able to receive in school in November. Year 6 will receive their vaccination slightly ahead of other classes as they are away at Robinwood when the vaccination team visit the rest of school. Should you require any assistance filling in the forms, please do not hesitate to contact me on the gate or via Class Dojo.

### Church Heritage Day

St. John's Church are holding their annual Church Heritage Day on Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> September from 10 am until 3 pm. There will be loads on display detailing the history of St. John's Church as well as Crossens and anybody who wishes to find out more is welcome to visit.

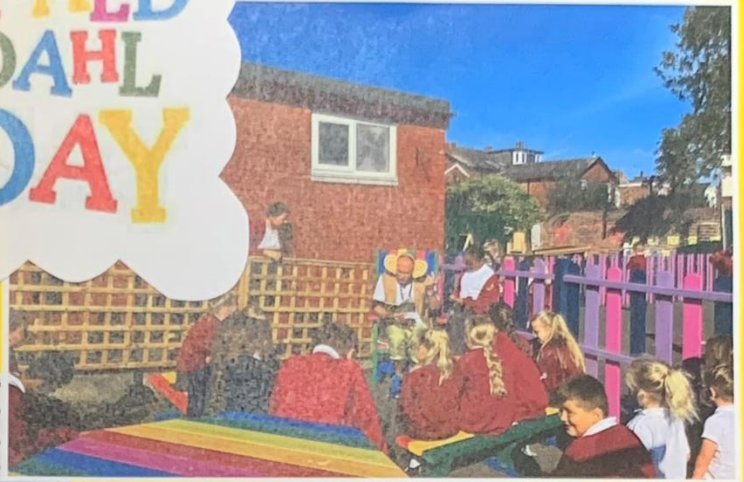
### Term Dates

Our school term dates for the year are listed on the school website and I have added a copy to this newsletter. Please refer to them when booking any holidays as Sefton – like all authorities – are adopting a zero tolerance approach to holidays during term time.

Our term dates for 2024/25 will be approved at our governors meeting in early October and then circulated. However, the term dates we set at St. John's are broadly similar to the dates on Sefton's website which gives school holiday dates until about 2029! The only change on our dates is the addition of INSET days which are bespoke to each school.

# ROALD DAHL DAY

The BFG visited at playtime and read some Revolting Rhymes!



swashboggling!



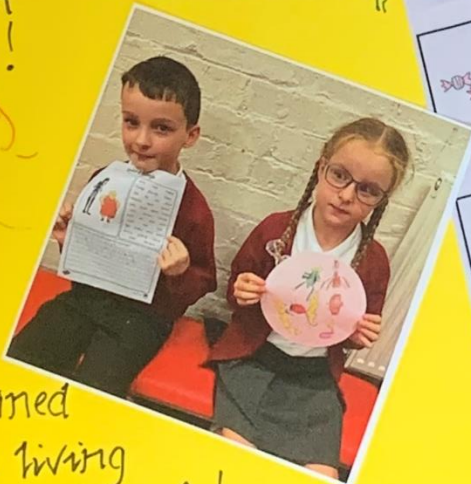
Reception survived a giant crocodile and completed some beautiful colouring!

Gobblefunk!

My dream is to become an artist or author because I write stories a lot and love to draw. It would be cool to have one or even both. I would also like to be an animal rescue service worker because I love animals and want to rescue some. I also have a big passion for animals. I want to be a fire-fighter as well because they save people.



Year 5 caught their dreams!



Year 3 imagined the creatures living inside the giant peach!

Scritch and a Pious

Sweet Addition

	$2 + 3 = 5$
	$3 + 4 = 7$
	$3 + 3 = 5$

Sweet Design

What is your sweet called? haircandy  
 What does your sweet taste like? fruit  
 What happens when you eat your sweet? your mouth gets colour

Year 2 designed their own sweets and made sure there were enough for Mr. Thomson!

phizz-whizzing





## Term Dates 2023-24

### Autumn Term

INSET:	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 (School closed)
	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 (School closed)
Term Begins:	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023
Half Term:	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Re-Open:	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2023
Close for Christmas:	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 at 1:45 pm

### Spring Term

Term Begins:	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024
Half Term:	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Re-Open:	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2024
Close for Easter:	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 1:45pm

### Summer Term

Term Begins:	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024
Bank Holiday:	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
Half Term:	Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May 2024
INSET:	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June 2024 (School closed)
Re-Open:	Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2024
Close for Summer:	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 1:45 pm
INSET:	Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024 (School closed)
	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July 2024 (School closed)

# St. John's Superstars from before half term

## Superstar Award

## Year Group

## J.O.Y. Award

Gracie	<u>Reception</u>	Daisy M
Mia	<u>Year 1</u>	Kaleb
Beau	<u>Year 2</u>	Gabi K
Christopher	<u>Year 3</u>	Isaac
Jacob	<u>Year 4</u>	Theo
Carter	<u>Year 5</u>	Charlie
Rory	<u>Year 6</u>	Meadow

### IMPORTANT DATES FOR YOUR DIARY: ATTENDANCE

Please keep an eye on the newsletter each week as the list of dates will be added to / amended over time. Further details of key events and festivals will be sent out nearer the time in case we need to make any logistical changes. Teachers will keep you updated on Class Dojo regarding key events for your child's class.

- 16<sup>th</sup> September – Church Heritage Day from 10-3
- 18<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the Teacher at 3:15 – Y4
- 19<sup>th</sup> September - Eucharist Service in school for Years 3 – 6
- 19<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the Teacher at 3:15 – Y5
- 20<sup>th</sup> September – Meet the Teacher at 3:15 – Y2
- 21<sup>st</sup> – PDS starting smoothies in school
- 25<sup>th</sup> September – Clubs will start
- 26<sup>th</sup> September – Football league matchday 1 at Larkfield – Team notified soon
- 29<sup>th</sup> September – Harvest Service in Church at 9:30 am – all families welcome
- 5<sup>th</sup> October – Y6 attending Stanley for a curriculum day
- 11<sup>th</sup> October – Y2 trip to Liverpool – a separate letter will be sent about this trip
- 17<sup>th</sup> October – special buddy assembly for Reception and Y6 parents – 9:30 am in school
- 20<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half term at 3:05 / 3:10 pm.
- 30<sup>th</sup> October – back to school
- 3<sup>rd</sup> November – flu immunisations for Y6 only

Whilst COVID is still very much around and in the news, it is important that children are in school as much as possible to catch up academically and socially. Each week the **class** with the highest attendance will get a little extra treat and a mention in assembly.

Reception	98.8%
Year 1	96.7%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	91%
Year 4	98.3%
Year 5	91.1%
Year 6	97.9%

### Useful contact details

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 Website – [www.stjohnsprimary.co.uk](http://www.stjohnsprimary.co.uk)

### Prayer for the week

We introduced the 'hand prayer' in our Worship on Monday which is something anyone can use whenever they need to!

