



## St John the Baptist C of E (Aided) Primary School

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### Newsletter No. 3 – Friday 26th September 2025

Dear Families

We have had a busy week in school with lots of learning taking place. Teachers have been focusing on handwriting throughout school. This is in line with the new Writing Framework and as writing is a whole school priority for this academic year, this is a good place to start. The importance of handwriting in developing pupils' writing cannot be overstated. Fluent handwriting is a significant predictor of positive writing outcomes.

We have also been preparing for the Open Days for our new prospective parents. It would be great if some of our current parents could provide a testimonial about our school that we can publish on the school website.

We have had our first governor meeting of the year and welcomed our new parent governor, Emily Petitt. The meetings are always productive and focus on school improvement, marketing and community.

Enjoy your weekend.

Jane Sharrock

### UNIFORM UPDATE

Following feedback from parents, red tights are accepted as part of our school uniform.

### SAFETY

When collecting children from the bottom playground, please ensure that they are not running/cycling around the parked vehicles to keep them safe.

### KS1 ANGMERING HALF MILE

Well done to our youngest children, who all managed to run the half mile course. As a team, they came 4th overall, which is absolutely brilliant, as most of the children running were from Year 1. A special congratulations needs to go to Hughie who was our first boy home in 8th place, and to Autumn who was the first girl back in 6th place. Great running.



## BOYS' VOCAL CLUB

On Tuesday, 7<sup>th</sup> October, Boys' Vocal Club will not take place because Mrs Wellby is on a school trip with her class.

## PTA NEWS



A big welcome back from the PTA.

We are so excited about all the amazing events we have planned for the school year. Please come and join our AGM on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm in school. We will be planning for the year ahead, electing the Committee and talking about ideas for fundraising. All welcome! If you can't make it but would like to get involved with the PTA this year, however big or small, then please email us -

[findonpta@gmail.com](mailto:findonpta@gmail.com)

## Desperately seeking an electrician!

We are in need of an electrician to help us with the Fireworks Fantasia on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November if you, or anyone you know, are able to help please get in touch via [findonpta@gmail.com](mailto:findonpta@gmail.com)



## Fireworks Fantasia



Our annual Findon Fireworks Fantasia is taking place on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> November, 5-7pm. Information on how to buy tickets is coming soon.

**RECENT CORRESPONDENCE** - Please speak to the office if you require copies of recent correspondence.

- Email - Year 1 and Year 2 Fairytale WOW day
- Email - -PTA AGM
- Letter – Y5&Y6 Netball Club



## DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2025

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.

### SEPTEMBER

**Tues 30 September**

PTA AGM (7.30pm, in school) – ALL welcome!

**Year 5 and Year 6 Netball Club starts (3.20pm)**

### OCTOBER

Thurs 2 October

Y5 – Y6 Football and Netball training

**Tues 7 October**

Redwood trip to Mary Rose, Portsmouth

**BOYS' VOCAL CLUB & NETBALL CLUB CANCELLED**

Wed 8 October

Open Morning for 2026 Reception visits (9am)

Thurs 9 October

Y5 – Y6 Football and Netball training

Fri 10 October

Astracolour individual school photos (am)

Wed 15 October

Harvest Festival Service – all welcome (9am)

**Thurs 16 October**

Six Weeks In meeting for our new Reception parents – details to follow (9am)

**Year 6 Height and Weights (am)**

Y5 – Y6 Football and Netball training

Fri 17 October

Rowan trip to Brighton Museum

w/c 20 October

Year 6 Bikeability training

Mon 20 October

Open Afternoon for 2026 Reception visits (1.30pm)

Tues 21 October

Y1 – Y6 Parent consultations (3.30 – 6.30pm) – info to follow

Wed 22 October

Y1 – Y6 Parent consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm) – info to follow

Thurs 23 October

Locality football and netball matches

**Fri 24 October**

**KS1 Fairytale WOW day**

Parent Forum (2pm)

Last day of half term

Fri 31 October

Deadline for secondary school applications

w/c 27 October

Half-term holiday

### NOVEMBER

Mon 3 November

Back to school

Clubs restart this week\*

Fri 7 November

\*No Chelsea Football Club

Sat 8 November

PTA Fireworks Night

Thurs 13 November

World Kindness Day

Fri 14 November

Children in Need fundraising

Wed 19 November

Small Schools Football tournament (Y5&Y6)

Mon 24 November

Angmering Football tournament (Y5&Y6)

## DECEMBER

Mon 1 December	Last Sing and Sign Club
Fri 5 December	Last Construction Club
Sun 7 December	Findon Christmas Lights Switch On! – school choir (5pm)
Mon 8 December	Last Wannado Street Dance
Tues 9 December	Findon Village Walking Nativity (5.30pm tbc)
Fri 12 December	Nasal flu vaccinations (pm) – information to follow
Sat 13 December	Christmas Carol Concert Arundel Cathedral
Tues 16 December	School Carol Service (9am) – all welcome
Fri 19 December	Whole school Christmas party lunch – Chartwells meals cancelled Last day of term
Sun 21 December	9 Lessons and Carols – school choir (pm – tbc)