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Dear Families

This week has been all about our links with the wider community. I have met with key members of our PTA to plan some projects which will develop some of our outdoor spaces. We are finalising these exciting projects and will give you a detailed update in due course.

The PTA and I visited Merriman Grange Care Home to discuss the possibility of developing community links with them. They are very keen to work with us and we discussed lots of ideas and opportunities to work together. The first of these will be taking our 'Boys Vocal' group down to perform for their residents.

I attended the Findon Swimming Club AGM this week and the meeting was very positive with two of our parents joining the committee which will further strengthen the links with school. I would like to thank Cheryl Kidd for all of her hard work and a special thank you to Mick Dicker for all of his support and hard work as he now hands over the baton.

Have a great weekend.

Jane Sharrock

KS1 MULTI-SKILLS

Well done to the boys who represented the school in the KS1 Multi-skills. There were a lot of teams taking part, and the boys were delighted to be placed 6th overall. A huge THANK YOU to our Year 6 Sports Leaders, Harry and Nancy, who came along to organise and score the different races. What a fun afternoon of sport.



ATTENDANCE SPOTLIGHT

At St John the Baptist School, we are committed to ensuring that attendance is as high as possible.

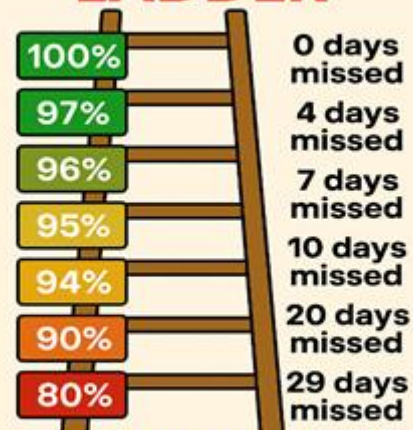
Every minute of the school day is full of opportunities for learning, building friendships, and creating lasting memories. When pupils miss time, it can affect their progress and their confidence with friends.

Children who consistently have above 95% attendance achieve better outcomes.

We know it can be hard to decide whether to keep your child at home when they are feeling unwell. The NHS has some helpful guidance on this, which you can find here:

<https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

ATTENDANCE LADDER



Every Day Counts!



FOOTBALL AND NETBALL TRAINING



As we have locality matches at Angmering School next Thursday, 5th February, unfortunately training will not take place.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT



REMINDER

We are pleased to invite you to a special workshop titled:

“Supporting My Child with Their Worries – and Managing Our Worries as Parents”

This session will be delivered by Ellis Nyss, our Family Support Worker from the Dedicated School Team. It is designed to help parents understand how to support their children through anxious moments while also exploring strategies to manage our own worries as parents.

Date: Friday, 6th February

Time: 9:00 AM

Duration: Approximately 1 hour

Location: School Hall

This will be an informal and practical session, offering useful tips and an opportunity to ask questions. We hope you can join us for what promises to be a supportive and informative event. Please let us know if you will be attending by emailing the office – office@stjbps.co.uk

UPDATING PERMISSIONS

As part of our ongoing commitment to safeguarding and respecting the privacy of all pupils, we are updating our records regarding permissions for children to appear on:

- Social media platforms managed by the school
- The school website
- Photographs used in any public domain (including newsletters, displays, and promotional materials)

We kindly ask all parents and carers to review and confirm their preferences so we can ensure we follow your wishes accurately. This helps us maintain compliance with data protection regulations and uphold the highest standards of child safety. **Please return forms by Friday, 13th February.**

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE

- **Image and media consent form – please return completed forms ASAP**
- **Y1 – Y6 Parent Consultation letters – please return slips by 9th February**

DIARY DATES FOR 2025-2026

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.

FEBRUARY

Fri 6 February	‘Supporting my child with their worries’ – workshop (9am) – all invited Last Chelsea FC
Mon 9 February	Y1 & Y2 Rainbow Theatre (pm)
Fri 13 February	Parent Forum meeting (2pm) End of half term
w/c 16 February	Half-term holiday
Sun 22 February	World Thinking Day
Mon 23 February	Back to school Celebrate World Thinking Day

MARCH

Tues 3 March	Parent consultations (3.30 – 6.30pm)
Wed 4 March	Parent consultations (3.30 – 5.30pm)
Thurs 5 March	World Book Day
Mon 16 March	Last Choir and Drawing Club for Spring term
Tues 17 March	Last Boys' Vocal for Spring term
Thurs 19 March	Easter Service – Rowan leading (9am)
	Last Football & Netball clubs
	Last Recorder Club
Fri 20 March	Easter Bonnet Parade (9am) – details to follow
	Last Chelsea Football Club for Spring term
	Last Clay Club
w/c 23 March	Y5 & Y6 Residential Trip
Fri 27 March	End of term

APRIL – SUMMER TERM

Mon 13 April	INSET day
Tues 14 April	Back to school
Fri 17 April	NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR REVELS TOMBOLA – information to follow
	Reception Health Screening
Mon 20 April	Reception Health Screening
Wed 29 April	Redwood class assembly (2.45pm)

MAY

Mon 4 May	BANK HOLIDAY – school closed
Tues 5 May	Back to school
Thurs 7 May	Reception assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)
W/C 11 May	Year 6 SATS week
Fri 15 May	NON-UNIFORM DAY FOR REVELS, SWEETS & CAKES – information to follow
Sat 16 May	Summer Revels
Thurs 21 May	Y1&Y2 trip to Drusillas, Alfriston
Fri 22 May	End of half-term
w/c 25 May	Half-term holiday

JUNE

Mon 1 June	INSET day
Tues 2 June	Back to school
Mon 15 June	Rowan Class trip to Weald and Downland Living Museum
Wed 17 June	Y1 & Y2 assembly – families welcome (2.45pm)
Tues 23 June	Y5 Legacy Games at Angmering (half-day)
Wed 24 June	Y6 Leavers' Service at Chichester Cathedral (1.30pm) – details to follow
Fri 26 June	Astracolour class photos
Tues 30 June	Y4 Legacy Games at Angmering (half-day)

JULY

Tues 21 July	Last day for children
Wed 22 July	INSET day