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Dear Families

What a great start to our new school academic year!

The children are back and are raring to go. Routines are in place, children have settled into their new year groups and classrooms are calm and positive with lots of new learning taking place.

We started the term with our launch assembly based around community and respect. We explored the fact that we are all individual, unique pieces of a puzzle which made us one school and one community. As a collective, we also reminded ourselves what respect looks like and how we show it.

During the Summer, Nicky from the PTA has been working hard developing what was our pond area. We are in the final stages of this and will share the new look on completion.

Best wishes

Jane Sharrock

SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

We would just like to remind our parents that if you want your child to be collected by another adult at the end of the day, you will need to inform the office in advance.

IMPORTANT NOTICE – WE ARE AN ALLERGY AWARE SCHOOL

As we have children in school with severe nut allergies, please could we remind all parents that if children are bringing a packed lunch (or a mid-morning snack) to school, it is important that there are no products in the lunch box that contain nuts, including items such as chicken satay, cereal bars, and peanut based chocolate spreads. Alongside this, due to some of our children having various food intolerances, we would also ask that homemade produce is not brought to school to share with other children. Your support with this is very much appreciated.

PARENT FORUM

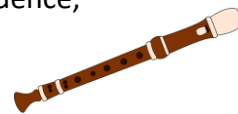
We would like to carry on with the Parent Forum this year. Meetings take place once a term. These meetings give parents the opportunities to collaborate with school on various topics that are in the best interest of our children. The first meeting is on Friday 6th November at 2pm. If you are interested in joining one of our meetings, please contact the school office.

BEGINNERS RECORDER CLUB – SPACES AVAILABLE

Would your child like to learn a new instrument? We are delighted to announce that there are still spaces available in our KS2 Beginners Recorder Club with Mrs Lorne.

The club takes place every Thursday after school from 3.20pm to 4.15pm, starting on 17 September. Learning to play the recorder is a fantastic introduction to music, helping children develop confidence, listening skills, coordination, and a love of making music.

If your child would like to join, please contact the school office for further details.



INSET DAYS 2026/2027

We have planned INSET days (staff training days) for this academic year. The school will be closed for children on the following days:

Tuesday 1st September 2026

Monday 4th January 2027

Monday 12th April 2027

Monday 7th June 2027

Wednesday 21st July 2027

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

At St John's, we have a lovely tradition of inviting children to wear non-school uniform on their birthday. If a child's birthday falls on a weekend or during a school holiday, they are welcome to wear non-school uniform on the Friday before instead. We hope this tradition helps make their special day even more memorable.



HEALTHY BREAKTIME SNACKS



Just a reminder for families with children in Rowan and Redwood classes - if your child would like a snack during the morning break, they are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or some vegetables.

All children in Ash and Willow classes receive free fruit or vegetables each day through the School Fruit and Vegetable Scheme. However, they are also welcome to bring in fruit or vegetables of their own choice if they wish.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLY

Every Friday in our Celebration Assembly, children have the opportunity to share their achievements out of school. They can bring in trophies, certificates, photographs, medals and share their success with the whole school.



NO DOGS ON GROUNDS

Please can we remind parents and carers not to bring dogs onto the school grounds at any time of the day. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

RECENT CORRESPONDENCE – Please speak to the office if you need copies of recent correspondence.

- Class topic letters and curriculum overviews
- Year 6 Secondary Transfer
- KS1 Angmering Half Mile
- KS2 Angmering Mile
- Redwood Class – Ancient Greek ‘Wow’ Day
- NHS flu vaccination programme
- Year 1 and Year 2 Arundel Castle trip
- Ash and Willow Construction Club – spaces available
- Whole school Sing and Sign Club – spaces available
- Year 2 to Year 6 Choir Club and Boys’ Vocal Club – spaces available
- Rowan and Redwood Beginners Recorder Club – spaces available
- Nature Makers Club
- Young Voices – access to music room
- National Child Measurement programme for Year 6
- Year 6 Worthing High School, Steyning Grammar School, St Andrews School Open Days
- Start of school year attendance letter
- Fidget toys and fidget tools
- SENCO update

DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 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.

SEPTEMBER

Mon 14 Sept	Sing and Sign Club starts (3.20pm – 4.15pm)
Tues 15 Sept	KS2 Angmering Mile (3.45pm)
Wed 16 Sept	Nature Makers Club starts (3.20pm – 4.15pm)
Thurs 17 Sept	Rowan and Redwood Beginners Recorder Club (3.20pm – 4.15pm)
Fri 18 Sept	Ash and Willow Construction Club (3.15pm – 4.15pm)
Tues 22 Sept	PTA AGM – school hall (3.30pm)
	Year 1 and Year 2 KS1 Angmering Half Mile (3.45pm)
Wed 23 Sept	Open Morning for 2027 Reception (9am)
Sat 26 Sept	Open Morning for 2027 Reception (10am)
Mon 28 Sept	Open Afternoon for 2027 Reception (1.30pm)

OCTOBER

Thurs 1 Oct	Open Morning for 2027 Reception (9am)
Fri 2 Oct	Rowan Class – Wild Heart Hill trip – details to follow
Tues 6 Oct	Year 1 and Year 2 Arundel Castle trip Redwood Ancient Greek Wow Day
Wed 7 Oct	Open Morning for 2027 Reception (9am)
Thurs 8 Oct	NHS Nasal flu spray programme (pm) Year 6 SATS meeting with Mrs Wellby (5pm) – letter to follow
Fri 9 Oct	Astracolour individual photos PTA Cinema evening – details to follow No Construction Club
Mon 12 Oct	Open Afternoon for 2027 Reception (1.30pm)
Wed 14 Oct	Harvest Festival Service – parents invited – (9.15am) – details to follow Redwood Class will be leading the service Harvest Festival Service – local community invited (1pm)
Thurs 15 Oct	Six Weeks In – meeting for Reception and new families (9am) – details to follow
Tues 20 Oct	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 6.30pm) – letter to follow
Wed 21 Oct	Parent Consultations (3.30pm – 5.30pm) – letter to follow
Fri 23 Oct	Last day of half term

NOVEMBER

Mon 2 Nov	Back to school
Fri 6 Nov	Parent Forum – all invited (2pm)
Fri 13 Nov	No Chelsea Football Club PTA Fireworks Evening – details to follow
Wed 18 Nov	Open Afternoon for 2027 Reception (1.30pm)

DECEMBER

Tues 8 Dec	Ash and Willow Nativity (2pm)
Wed 9 Dec	Ash and Willow Nativity (2pm)
Thurs 10 Dec	PTA Elfridges – details to follow
Fri 11 Dec	PTA Christmas Disco – details to follow
Sun 13 Dec	Arundel Cathedral Christmas Concert (5pm) – letter to follow
Tues 15 Dec	Christmas Service – parents invited (9.15am)
Wed 16 Dec	Rowan and Redwood Christmas Concert – parents invited – info to follow
Thurs 17 Dec	Rowan and Redwood Christmas Concert – parents invited – info to follow
Fri 18 Dec	Last day of term Non-uniform day