



ST JOHN'S
A PRIORY ACADEMY

Newsletter

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Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Wednesday 23rd September – 4.30pm

Phonics Information Evening – Reception parents

Thursday 24th September

Year 5 – Positive Boundaries Workshop

Friday 25th September – 9.30 – 11am

Macmillan coffee morning

Friday 25th September

FoS Discos – KS1 – 3.30pm-4.30pm

KS2 – 4.45pm-5.45pm

Monday 28th September – 4.00pm

Year 6 Residential Information Session

Friday 2nd October

National Poetry Day

Wednesday 7th and Thursday 8th Oct

Parents Evenings

Tuesday 13th October

Year 5 – Kingdom of Benin Workshop

Wednesday 14th October

Y3 Trip – River Witham

Thursday 15th October

Flu Immunisations

Dear St John's Families,

Welcome back to a new school year. It has been lovely to see the children settling into their new classes. We must say a special welcome to our new Reception children and their families. We have been so impressed with how the children have settled into school, already making friends and enjoying their new environment.

Across the school, the children have been taking part in their S.T.A.R Champion lessons. These lessons remind the children of our routines and our expectations of behaviour both inside and outside of the classroom. This year, we are excited to establish our first pupil leadership team. We had a special assembly yesterday where the team were presented with their badges in front of their families. I'm really excited to see the impact they have on school life this year. We will introduce them properly in the next newsletter!

Our extra-curricular clubs have now started and it's great to see so many children choosing to engage with these. We now have a KS1 multi-sports club which was much requested by children and families last year.

We look forward to an exciting year at St John's. Thank you for your continued support.

Mrs Emma Jefferson

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Championing children; making a difference

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Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



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RJR	97.2%
RAS	97.4%
1HC	98.4%
1/2ST	100%
2F	98.4%
3B	97.6%
3OS	99.5%
4D	97.7%
4T	97.1%
5M	97.3%
5NT	96.5%
6B	98.1%
6C	97.7%

**Attendance
for the week**



**Attendance
for the year to
date**



Safeguarding Updates

We have a small number of children in Y5/6 who are arriving to school very early and waiting in the school car park. Please can you ensure that your child does not arrive at school before 8.35am, especially if they are coming to school by themselves.

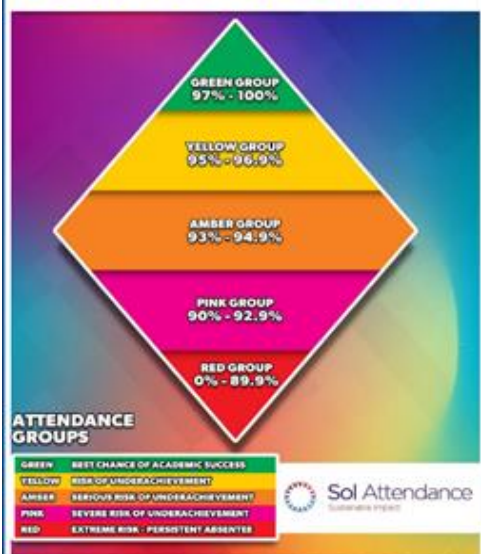
Attendance Updates

At the start of each academic year, we send out a letter to all families with the trust attendance policy and expectations. It details that we can't authorise holidays as per the DfE statutory guidance. Families should be aware that fixed penalty notices are issued for an unauthorised holiday. Please see the table below in regards to penalty notices.

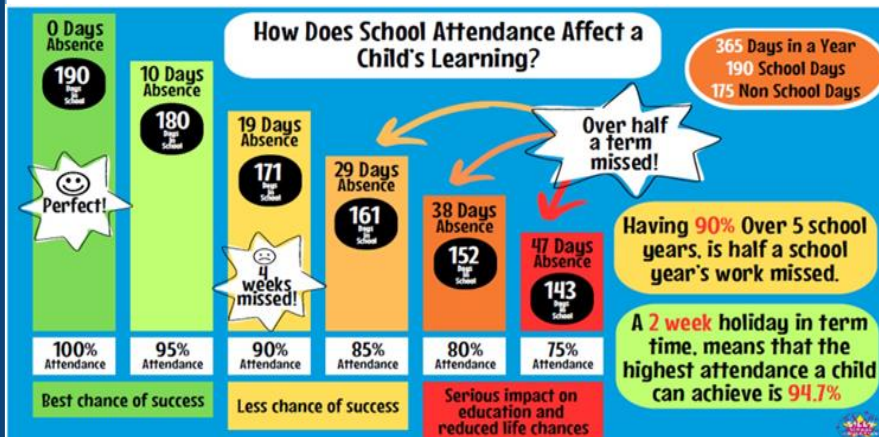
Please be aware that the DfE National Framework sets out the following with regards to a penalty notice:

Penalty Notice	Details
First Penalty Notice in a 3-year period:	Issued to each parent. Charged at £80 if paid within 21 days. £160 if paid within 28 days.
Second Penalty Notice in a 3-year period:	Issued to each parent. Charged at a flat rate of £160 if paid within 28 days.
Third Penalty Notice in a 3-year period:	Alternative action should be taken, for example, prosecution or other attendance legal interventions. Fines per parent are capped at two within any three-year period. If a parent is prosecuted for their child's non-attendance, they could face a magistrate's court appearance and a fine of up to £2,500 and/or prison.

Attendance Ladder



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



Learning in class



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Year 2

The children settled into Year 2 and completed some self portraits by following Draw with Rob. They all started with the same basic person and then had to add features and colours to make it look more like them. They are now hanging proudly in their class galleries!



Year 5

Year 5 took part in some teambuilding activities to start their year off together. Could they build a cup tower without touching the cups? They needed good communication skills, patience and teamwork – all things we want them to demonstrate throughout the year!



Early Years

We have been so excited to welcome all our new children into Early Years. As the children settle into school, we will be focussing on teaching our daily routines so they feel happy, safe and confident. This term our topic is 'marvellous me' where the children will explore what makes them special and will be learning all about their amazing bodies!



Learning in class



Gardening Club

Gardening club started this week and the children have had a fantastic time pulling up the carrots that were planted last year. They took them home to enjoy as a healthy snack!



Thank you Mr Griffiths

We were delighted to welcome Mr Griffiths into school once again this year to speak to KS2 in assembly about the Jewish Festival Rosh Hashanah. He told us about how it is the Jewish New Year and how Jews promise to do good over the coming year. He also brought in his shofar

and showed us how it worked! In our KS1 assembly, we learnt that apples dipped in honey are a delicious dish eaten at Rosh Hashanah!



Snack-tember

We are enjoying taking part in Snack-tember where the children have learned about the importance of healthy snacking. In KS2, on Tuesday, we all tried sugarsnap peas. Over the remaining Tuesdays in September, we will try other healthy snacks as well. For more information, the website for Snacktember can be found [here](https://www.nutrition.org.uk/snack-tember-2026).



Snack better this September!

EXPLORE BETTER SNACKING...
TRY NEW SNACKS...
MAKE YOUR OWN SNACKS!

Inspiring healthier, more sustainable snacking for children and young people. Find out more: www.nutrition.org.uk/snack-tember-2026

Better snacking. One bite at a time.
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In other news



Sensory Garden

Over the Summer Holidays, work began on our sensory garden. This will be a calm, regulation space where children can experience sensory activities. It will also be a space where we can provide outdoor learning and experiences linked to areas of our curriculum. Children will have responsibility to plant, grow and take care of the environment. We are so pleased with how it is coming together – there's some more to do but the progress so far is very exciting! A huge thank you to MKM Lincoln North for providing the digger for us to use and Lindums who are providing the fencing for the perimeter of the garden. Pennells have also donated £100 to spend in the garden centre.



Football Success for Frank

Before the summer holidays, Frank came to see me with a bunch of medals and trophies that he had achieved with his football team outside of school. We always love celebrating children's achievements both inside and outside of school. We are so proud of the qualities that Frank has demonstrated to achieve this success! Well done Frank!



Macmillan Coffee Morning

We are delighted to be hosting a coffee morning on Friday 25th September from 9.30-11.00am in aid of Macmillan Cancer Research. We really hope you will be able to join us for coffee, some delicious cakes and bakes and to spend time with our extended school community.



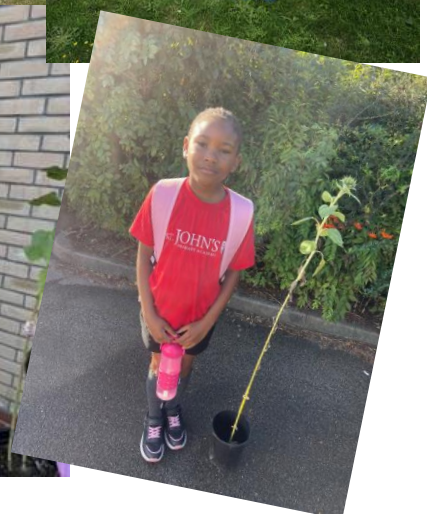
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Sunflowers!

We set the children a challenge over the Summer holidays to grow the tallest sunflower and we are amazed by how well they have done! Thank you for sending these fantastic photos in and house points have been awarded for the wonderful effort. We hope the children enjoyed taking responsibility and seeing something grow so well!



In the community



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Bracebridge Heath Scarecrow Trail 2026

Saturday 19th & Sunday 20th
September 9am to 5pm.

Pick up your Trail Map for £1.50 from
outside the Co-op 9:00am to 12:30pm
both days.

Suggested Theme:

Disney

(or do your own thing)

To enter your scarecrow email:

eventsgroupbbh@gmail.com

Closing date for entries is

Friday 28th August

For more information visit our Facebook page
[bracebridgeheathevents](https://www.facebook.com/bracebridgeheathevents) or scan the QR code.



Make a mini Scarecrow

19th September 26

10am to 12pm

FREE EVENT

Bracebridge Heath
Community
Hub and Library



Saturday 10th October 2026

10am - 12noon

Bracebridge Heath
Community Hub & Library

Future Aviators and
Aerospace Engineers
Challenge

To celebrate our local
Red Arrows Team
come and make and fly
paper planes.

Free event



The Heath Surgery Patient Participation Group



Bracebridge Heath Health & Wellbeing Day Organisation's Attending

One You Lincolnshire: St. John's Primary Academy:
(Children's Healthy Eating)

Connect to Support: Health Watch Lincolnshire:

Social Prescribers: NKDC Health Trainer:

Heath Surgery: RAF Benevolent Fund:

Co-op Pharmacy: Fire Service:

U3A Bracebridge Heath Parish Council:

Thursday 24th September
10.00am to 2.00pm

Everyone Welcome to Attend

Bracebridge Heath, Village Hall
Red Hall Lane. LN4 2LB
Opposite Doctor's Surgery: