



Respect Kindness Confidence Tolerance Self-Discipline

Key Dates

Monday 13th July

French Day

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th July

Year 6 Production—6pm

Tuesday 14th July

Move-up Morning

Wednesday 15th July

Winning house—Reward Day

Thursday 16th July

Y1 Whisby Trip

Thursday 16th July

KS2 Sports Assembly—9.15am

Friday 17th July

Leavers Assembly—2.30pm

Friday 17th July

End of term!

Back to school on Monday 7th September

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Dear St John's Families,

Well we have nearly made it—the end of another academic year is nearly upon us and what a fantastic year it has been.

We have had a fantastic couple of weeks - most notably with our Sports Day this week which was just a joy to be part of. Thank you so much to the huge number of family and friends who turned up to support the children even in the heat. I think it was clear what a fantastic day the children and staff had and the teamwork, determination and support for each other made me so proud. We have had some lovely feedback from families about the event.

Next week doesn't get any quieter for us! We have French Day on Monday—remember the children can come in red, white and blue. We also have our whole school move-on morning on Tuesday 14th July. The children will spend the morning in their new classes with their new teacher.

Year 6 have got a busy final week with two performances of their production which they've been working so hard on as well as their leavers assembly which promises to be emotional—bring the tissues!

On a personal note, as we come to the end of another year, I'd like to thank all our families for your continued support. Working in partnership is crucial for the continued success of our school and all our amazing children and your positive collaboration means the world to us all.

I'd like to take a moment to thank the entire staff team at St John's for their dedication this year. They really do go above and beyond in everything they do.

Finally, I hope you all have a fantastic Summer and we look forward to seeing the children back on Monday 7th September!

Mrs Emma Jefferson

Championing children; making a difference

Attendance and Safeguarding

**MOMENTS
MATTER,
ATTENDANCE
COUNTS.**



RJR	95.9%
RAS	98.2%
1T	93.8%
1HC	97.5%
2ST	98.2%
2F	97.1%
30S	98.6%
3B	97.6%
4T	96.9%
4D	95.9%
5N	96.2%
5M	94.4%
6B	90.8%
6C	97.3%

**Attendance for
the week:**

96.3%

**Attendance for
the year to date:**

96.3%

Attendance

We have so much to celebrate when it comes to our attendance this year and we'd really like to thank families for supporting us with promoting positive attendance habits.

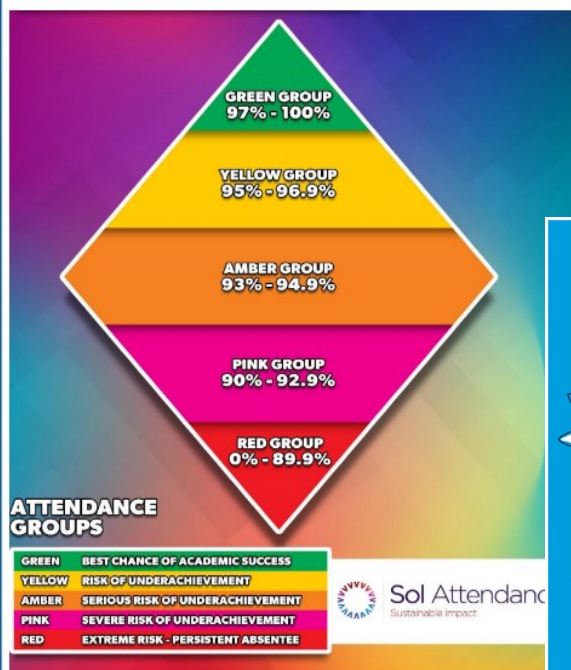
Last year, our attendance was 95%.

The DfE set us an attendance target this year of 95.4% taking into account contextual information and our previous attendance figures.

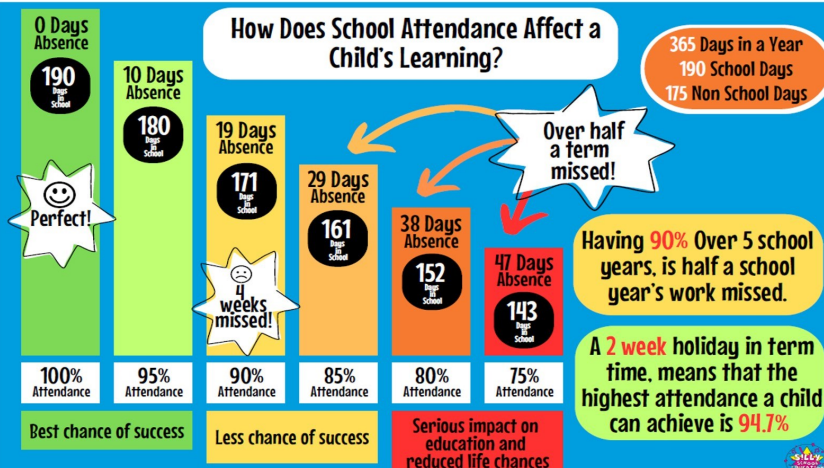
We are absolutely thrilled that our current yearly attendance is well above the target set for us at 96.3%. This is an increase of 1.3% which means more children than ever before are regularly attending school which will then lead to improved outcomes. Your support in bringing your children to school regularly has had a hugely positive impact.

Persistent Absence is classed as any absence which falls below 90%. At this point, educational outcomes are severely at risk. Nationally, this counts for 12.1% of all pupils. At St John's, this is less than 6%. Less than 6% of our pupils have attendance which is below 90% which means we have very few children where outcomes are being put at risk due to low attendance. There is lots therefore to celebrate at St John's!

Attendance Ladder



How Does School Attendance Affect a Child's Learning?



Learning in Class



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Year 6

Practices are in full-swing for the Y6 Production next week. The children are taking to their roles incredibly and enjoying showing off their drama skills. They have done so well in remembering their lines, showing off their humour and singing skills. We have been really impressed with their dedication and commitment to the show. They are looking forward to sharing their hard work with the rest of the school and parents next week!



Year 3

In Art, Year 3 have been exploring prehistoric cave paintings and learning about how early humans used art to tell stories. They discovered how to mix different shades of brown by combining colours and experimenting with creating tints and shades to make our paintings look more realistic. To help us understand what it might have been like thousands of years ago, they created their own cave walls using tables before creating their artwork on them. This gave them the opportunity to experience painting on an uneven surface, just as prehistoric artists did.



In Other News



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Social Media Ban—Under 16s

I'm sure you will have seen in the media the recent announcement regarding social media bans for under 16s. This will include restrictions to major social media platforms including youtube, Instagram, snapchat and tiktok. We appreciate that navigating this with your children, especially if they are already used to using these platforms, may be tricky but there is some really useful information for parents available [here](#) which might provide a good starting point.



Gardening Club

Gardening Club have been very busy with their planting this year and have taken great care to tend to their duties of looking after the plants. They've grown herbs, vegetables and sunflowers. We'd also like to thank Taylor Wimpey for their generous donation of seed houses as part of National Garden Month which will promote wild-flower growth!



Year 6 Residential

Year 6 had the best time on residential at PGL. They took part in lots of different activities including climbing, archery, zipline and survival skills to name a few. It was fantastic to go and visit them and see how much they were enjoying the experience. They overcame fears and accomplished so much whilst making precious memories with their friends.



In Other News

Thank you Electrotechnical Services

You may have seen on our Facebook page that we were appealing for some support to create a sensory and wellbeing garden at St John's. We'd like this to be a safe, calming space for any child to use if needed as well as a resource to support outdoor learning. We had a plan but it would have taken a considerable amount of time to raise the funds. That's why we were blown away when an incredibly generous parent, Chris Benson, along with his brother Noel Benson and their company Electrotechnical Services have kindly donated 24 sleepers for us to create raised planters and 10 tonnes of soil. They're being delivered over the Summer break where we will then set to work! We will keep you updated on the progress but a huge thank you to Chris and Noel for their amazing gesture for our school.



Summer Reading Challenge

The Summer Reading Challenge is a national initiative run by public libraries to encourage children to continue reading regularly over the Summer holidays whilst not at school. At St John's, we are huge supporters of this! More information can be found on the website [here](#). The Heath library are running events over the Summer holidays to support with the challenge and this year's theme is "Read to the Beat"

We really would like to encourage children to take part in this initiative and therefore, for any child who completes the reading challenge and brings in their completed booklet in September, they will be awarded with 50 house points!



Summer Reading Challenge at Bracebridge Heath Library

Sat 4th July 10am-12 noon - Summer Reading Challenge Launch - come along and sign up to get your "Read to the Beat" pack.

Sat 31st July 10am -12 noon Julia Donaldson Day - Listen to her stories, do some fun activities and dress up in your favourite Julia Donaldson character - all children welcome

Lots more activities to follow including,
making musical instruments,
clapping games,
percussion band
and bagpipe making!!

Watch out for dates!



Sports Day



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What an amazing day we had this week for Sports Day. We wanted to trial something different for our KS2 sports day and we think the balance of fun with an aspect of competitiveness was achieved. There were smiles all around and the children impressed us so much with their participation, determination and team spirit. The opening ceremony was a hit for our KS2 Sports Day and something which we can look to include in our EY/KS1 event as well. Thank you to our amazing staff for their entertaining staff race and to our willing family volunteers for joining in with the tug of war! I'm still smiling from the entire day—a few highlights are below!



