Wednesday 21st May 2025

Dear Parents and Carers

This term has been very short but very busy. Y6 have now completed their KS2 SATs, and they have all worked extremely hard and we are all very proud of the effort and perseverance that they have shown over the past few weeks.

Y6 and some Year 5’s have also completed their residential visit this week. Mrs Chamberlin managed to find a free 2-day, 1 night stay at the Biblins Campsite which the children really enjoyed.

We have seen the introduction of Arbor and now every family within school are logged on. Over time we will all get used to it and become more proficient in using it.

Aspens is now running the kitchen and from a school point of view this has gone very well. If you have any feedback you wish to share, please contact me via the school office.

Children have taken part in a range of sporting activities and Hazel class have visited Puzzlewood as part of their enquiry into the Romans.

Mrs Kennedy has gone off on maternity leave and we have welcomed Mrs Sian Damon to the St John’s team to cover Beech class.

Thank you for all your support over the past term. It is always very much appreciated.

**School Attendance**

The table below compares St John’s attendance data with the trust wide data for the Spring 2 term.

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|  | Spring 2 |
| Trust | 95.1% |
| National | 94.7% |
| **School** | 96.5% |
| Trust SEND | 93.7% |
| **School SEND** | 95.4% |
| Trust PP | 91.7% |
| **School PP** | 95.95% |
| Trust Boys | 94.7% |
| **School Boys** | 96.09% |
| Trust Girls | 96.4% |
| **School Girls** | 96.01% |
| Trust Persistent Absence (Below 90%) | 14% |
| **School Persistent Absence (Below 90%)** | 5.16% |

Thank you for all your help and support in getting your children to school. Your child has good school attendance when they are in school every day that the school is open. Being in school is important to your child’s achievement, wellbeing, and wider development. Evidence shows that the students with the highest attendance throughout their time in school gain the best GCSE and A Level results.

**PTA News**

We hope you enjoyed our recent Friday ice cream sales. As the weather improves, we hope to offer this again. Keep an eye on your Arbor messages and our Facebook page for updates.

Our recent wonderful person event made £182, and the Easter raffle made £274. Thank you for your support.

**PTA dates for your diary:**   
Tuesday 3rd June, 7:15pm- PTA meeting online (new members welcome)

Friday 13th June - Wonderful person event

Wednesday 25th June - Sponsored bounce (more information to follow)

Friday 4th July – Summer Fair

**SEND news**

The Local Offer is a central source of information on services for children and young people aged 0-25 years with Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) and their families in Gloucestershire. It includes specialist activities and support, which may be particularly useful as we approach the summer holidays.

You can find more information by searching 'Gloucestershire local offer' or using this link: [https://www.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk/kb5/gloucs/glosfamilies/family.page?familychannel=2\_1](https://gbr01.safelinks.protection.outlook.com/?url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.glosfamiliesdirectory.org.uk%2Fkb5%2Fgloucs%2Fglosfamilies%2Ffamily.page%3Ffamilychannel%3D2_1&data=05%7C02%7Chead%40st-johns.dgat.org.uk%7Cc0aa8053b26841a14a5408dd94568545%7C3fbe8332d38c4160b8fc1a07a014345d%7C0%7C0%7C638829821512381984%7CUnknown%7CTWFpbGZsb3d8eyJFbXB0eU1hcGkiOnRydWUsIlYiOiIwLjAuMDAwMCIsIlAiOiJXaW4zMiIsIkFOIjoiTWFpbCIsIldUIjoyfQ%3D%3D%7C0%7C%7C%7C&sdata=ZN47CrGYD8kPjGUe86s5x9JFS1EHS0cLjeg3vlny%2FUM%3D&reserved=0)

**Diary Dates for term 6**

As you can see below, we have another busy term ahead of us. Below are some dates we would like you to keep in mind and further information will come out about some of the events as we draw nearer to the occasion.

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| **Date** | **Event** |
| Thursday 22nd May 2025 (3.15pm) | Term 5 ends |
| Monday 2nd June 2025 | Start of Term 6 |
| Tuesday 3rd June 2025 | PTA meeting online – new members welcome |
| Friday 6th June 2025 | Cut off day to pay outstanding Parent Pay debts |
| Friday 6th June 2025 | Wellbeing Champions to Viney Hill |
| Monday 9th June 2025 | New Reception Class Parents’ Evening |
| Thursday 12th June 2025 | Leavers’ service at Gloucester Cathedral |
| Friday 13th June 2025 | PTA Wonderful Persons Event |
| Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th June 2025 | Life Education Tent visiting school |
| Wednesday 25th June 2025 | PTA Sponsored Bounce |
| Friday 27th June 2025 | Reception & KS1 Sports Day -1.15pm-2.30pm.  Sports Day- Year’s 3 & 4 – 9.30am- 10.30am.  Year’s 5 & 6 – 10.45am – 11.45am. |
| Friday 30th June | Year 5 Visit to Dean Academy Lydney |
| Wednesday 2nd July2025 | Whole school to see a theatre production |
| Wednesday 2nd July 2025 | Y6 to visit Five Acres – Transition Day |
| Thursday 3rd July 2025 | Y6 to visit Five Acres – Transition Day |
| Friday 4th July 2025 | PTA Summer Fair |
| Wednesday 16th July 2025 | Leavers’ service at Baptist Church Time TBC |
| Thursday 17th July 2025 | Shining Star Worship at 9.00am |
| Friday 18th July 2025 | Last day of Term 6 – finish at 1.15pm |

Have a happy half term.

See you all again on Monday 2nd June 2025

Kind Regards

Joanne Peaper

Headteacher