



**St John the Evangelist Catholic Academy**

**December 2025  
Newsletter**



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to parents and grandparents for supporting our Advent Prayer Sessions so far. Once again, they have been a great way to prepare ourselves for the coming of Jesus at Christmas.

We are very excited for the upcoming EYFS and KS1 nativity performance next week. Thank you to all of the support from home with costumes, lines and songs and thank you to the staff who have worked hard putting the performance together.

The KS2 children will be leading us in a carol concert in the last week of term on the Thursday at 2.00pm in the school hall, parents, family members and parishioners and warmly invited to join us for the carol singing.

Dates for the last 2 weeks are:

<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	<b>Year 4 Advent Prayer Session 9.10am</b>
<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 Christmas Visit to SMW - The Grinch (am)
<b>Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 3 Advent Prayer Session 2:50pm
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 6 Advent Prayer Session 9.10am
<b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS Santa Trip
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Y6 (am) and Y5 (pm) Forest School
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	KS2 Mass 9.30am (Y3-Y5)
<b>Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 1.30pm
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	EYFS and KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
<b>Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 SMW PE (am)
<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 5 Advent Prayer Session 9.10am
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Year 4 Advent Prayer Session 2.50pm
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School End of Term Mass 9.30am
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Christmas Disco – Letter to follow
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Reception (am) and Nursery (pm) Forest School
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Whole School Carol Concert led by KS2 2.00pm (Rec – Y6)
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	End of Term Celebration Assembly Whole School Celebration Assembly 9.10am
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	School closes for the Christmas holidays – Usual time

God bless  
Mrs Rigby



In this week's Gospel we will hear how John the Baptist had an important hope-filled message announcing what people could do to prepare for Jesus' arrival.

His message helps us today to live our journey of faith – the decisions we make about how we live and love today help us to live life to the full in God's presence.

# Diary Dates

## December

- 11<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Mass 9.30am
- 11<sup>th</sup> – Year 6 Forest School
- 11<sup>th</sup> – EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production 1.30pm
- 12<sup>th</sup> - – EYFS & KS1 Christmas Production 9.30am
- 17<sup>th</sup> – Whole School End of Term Mass 9.30am
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Reception & Nursery Forest School
- 18<sup>th</sup> – Whole School Carol Concert led by KS2 2.00pm
- 19<sup>th</sup> – Whole school celebration assembly

## January

- 5<sup>th</sup> – INSET Day
- 6<sup>th</sup> – School open
- 9<sup>th</sup>- EYFS & KS1 Celebration Assembly
- 15<sup>th</sup> – Young Voices
- 16<sup>th</sup>- KS2 Celebration Assembly
- 21<sup>st</sup> – EYFS visit to St Joseph's Church
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - EYFS & KS1 Celebration Assembly
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Year 4 Trip to Liverpool Museum
- 28<sup>th</sup> – Nursery & Reception Teddy Bear Hospital
- 30<sup>th</sup> – KS2 Celebration Assembly

**PE kits need to be brought into school every Monday and left in lockers for the week, full uniform to be worn everyday. Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and PE kit.**

**Thank you.**



# Terms Dates 2025/2026



<b>Monday 1st September</b>	INSET
<b>Tuesday 2nd September</b>	INSET
<b>Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> September</b>	First day of school
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Last day of term
<b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	INSET
<b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	School opens to all
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December</b>	Last day of term
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	INSET
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	School opens to all
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	Last day of term
<b>Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February</b>	School open to pupils
<b>Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Last day of term
<b>Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April</b>	School opens to all
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Bank Holiday
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Last day of term
<b>Monday 1st June</b>	School opens to all
<b>Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July</b>	Last day of term

## October Attendance

Nursery	98.44%
Reception	98.38%
Year 1	99.02%
Year 2	98.03%
Year 3	97.14%
Year 4	96.30%
Year 5	98.50%
Year 6	95.20%



Well done Year 1!

## CARECLUB

Please ensure you book your Child/ren's place in advance on Arbor, we have limited places and can't guarantee a space if you don't book in.

Bookings have to be made on Arbor 48 Hours in advance.

Emergency Bookings via the Office.  
01782 367267

## Harvest Collection

Thank you for the donations for our harvest, these were donated to the Foodbank. A grand total weight of 114.51Kg of goods were donated!

## **IMPORTANT**

**If your address/telephone/email has changed, please ensure this is updated on Arbor**

**ABSENCE ....IF YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST TELEPHONE SCHOOL ON 01782 367267 AND LEAVE A MESSAGE ON THE ABSENCE LINE. BEFORE 09.30am stating the reason for absence.**

Please be mindful of other road users, local residents and the safety of our children when parking around school. Please do not block residents driveways or park on the zig zag lines.

Thank you for your cooperation .

## CAR PARKS

The car parks in the school grounds are for staff cars only, please do not use them for dropping off/picking up careclub and afterschool clubs. There is a car park lower down for parent use.



Its important that we hold up to date information on our pupils.

Changes can be made by yourselves.

All you need to do is log into the account and make the changes, we will receive a notification of those changes and approve them.

### Trip reminder

Please ensure if you are required to give consent for an upcoming trip that you log into Arbor by the deadline date which appears on the letter.

Thank you for your co-operation.

# DAILY LATENESS EQUATES TO...



Remember - your education is important - don't miss out!



## Poppy Appeal Donations

Thank you to everyone for the donations to the Poppy Appeal, as a school we raised £188.90 which is fantastic!

Also, thank you to all the children, staff and parents who turned out to represent St John's for Remembrance Day Parade, we really appreciate your support.



# CHRISTMAS

*Lunch*

Roasted Turkey

or

Cranberry Cheese  
Whirl

both served with Creamed  
Potatoes, Roasted  
Potatoes, Steamed  
Vegetables, Sage & Onion  
Stuffing Ball, Pork/ Quorn  
sausages in Blanket with a  
rich gravy.



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Ice Cream Christmas  
Trees

Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Please confirm on Arbor if your child would like a  
Christmas Dinner, by 5<sup>th</sup> December

# WOW

**WOW – the walk to school challenge** is delivered by Living Streets, the UK charity for everyday walking, to help as many children as possible to experience the benefits of walking to school.

We are hoping to encourage more children and their families to be active when travelling to school. We know how important being active is to both our physical and mental health, so this is an exciting challenge.

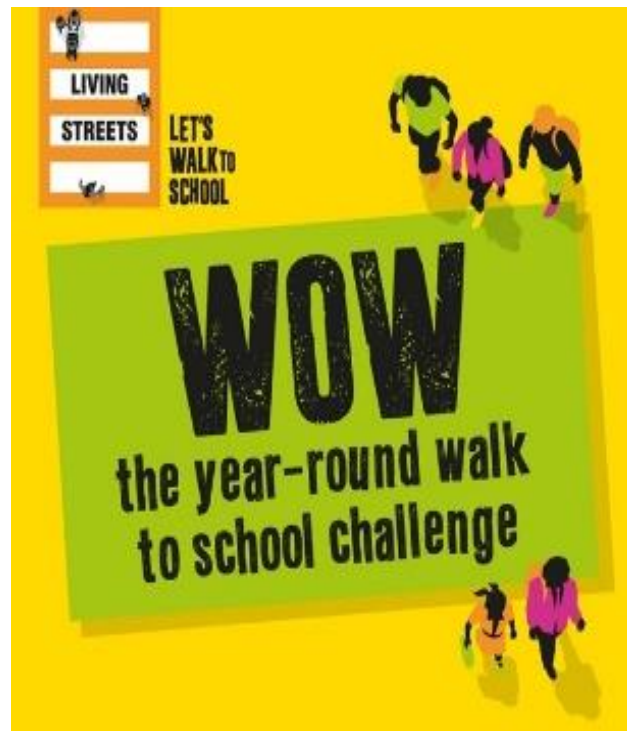
WOW is a pupil-led initiative where the children can self-report how they get to school every day. If you child walks, cycles, scoots, park and stride at least twice a week, for a month, they get rewarded with a badge.

Walking to school helps children to feel happier and healthier and they arrive feeling refreshed, fit and ready to learn. More families walking also means fewer cars on the road during the school run, helping to reduce congestion.

If you live too far away or don't have time to walk the whole way to school, you can 'park and stride'. This means parking or getting off public transport at least **five** minutes away from the school and walking the rest of the way.

Let's swap those school runs for school walks!

If you have any questions, please speak to the office or find more information and useful videos at [livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch](http://livingstreets.org.uk/wowlaunch)





HERE  
EVERY DAY  
READY  
ON TIME



Be In SCHOOL  
Be On TIME

# Reminders to Parents

◆ **School Uniforms**—Our full uniform range is now available at **National Schoolwear, Hanley** (including Ties and book bags).

◆ **School Dinners** -

Price per meal **£2.50** for Nursery.

Price per meal **£3.25** for years 3/4/5 & 6.

◆ **Breakfast Club** - Staffed by **Mrs Copeland & Miss Hancock**

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Arbor

**Breakfast Club per child; from 7.30am £5.00 or £20 for the whole week—Children must be in by 8.30am**

Drop off at 8.30am cost £1.00

◆ **After school care club—Mon-Fri 3pm-5.45pm –Snack included. Staffed by Mrs Bennett & Mrs Copeland**

◆ Places must be booked and paid for in advance via Arbor

**Care Club per child:**

from 3.00pm to 4.30pm      £5.00

from 3.00pm to 5.45pm      £7.50

St Margaret Ward Siblings can be dropped off **from 8.10am and picked up by 3.40pm** no charge. Before or after this time charges above apply.

◆ We are a cashless school—all bookings and payments are to be made in advance via your child's Arbor account.

**Late Arrivals / Early Leaving** - please bring/collect your child to/from the school office. It is important that your child attends school regularly and on time in order to ensure good academic achievement. Please ensure that where possible, medical appointments are arranged outside school hours.

**Please note the school has a strict no smoking policy on its grounds. This includes E-cigarettes or any other nicotine based products.**

If you see anyone on the school premises when the school is closed please call the police on **101** and report the incident. Thank you for your support and cooperation

**Would Parents and Carers please note that dinner money, careclub and afterschool clubs are payable in advance and should be paid online via your child's Arbor account.**

**School Hours:** EYFS/KS1 - children need to be in school for 8.40am registration, please ensure you are outside the classroom doors/on the EYFS playground by 8.35am, the gates for EYFS/door for KS1 will be closed at 8.42am.

Nursery doors open 3.00pm Reception & KS1 Collection at 3.10pm

KS2 Doors open at 8.45am need to be in by 8.50am, school gates are locked at 8.52am. Collection at 3.20pm

**Office Opening Hours** Monday - Thursday 08.00-16.00 Friday 08.00 - 15.30



**Please note Dogs should not be brought onto school premises**

# Reminders to Parents

## Uniform

### Boys

School Navy woollen jumper (school colours on the V neck)

White school shirt (polo shirts for Nursery)

School tie

Dark grey flannel trousers

Grey, black or white socks

Black shoes

Black boots (only during winter months and must be no more than ankle height)

### PE Kit

Navy T-shirt (with/without school logo)

Navy cotton shorts

Navy sweatshirt/hoodie (with/without school logo)

Navy jogging bottoms (Winter)

Black plimsolls or Trainers

### Summer Term only

Boys may wear dark grey flannel shorts

### Girls

School Navy Cardigan (school colours around the edge)

White school shirt (polo shirts for Nursery)

School tie

Dark grey skirt, pinafore or trousers

Grey, black or white socks or grey or black tights

Black shoes

Black boots (only during winter months and must be no more than ankle height)

### PE Kit

Navy T-shirt (with/without school logo)

Navy cotton shorts

Navy sweatshirt/hoodie (with/without school logo)

Navy jogging bottoms (Winter)

Black plimsolls or Trainers

### Summer Term only

Girls may wear navy and white checked summer dresses

The wearing of correct school uniform is considered to be an important part in establishing a sense of community and standards in school. Children are encouraged to take pride in wearing appropriate uniform, including PE kit.

### Hair and Accessories

Hair should be conventionally cut with no visible lines and should be an appropriate length (not shaven or less than grade 2).

Shoulder length hair should be tied back at all times using a navy bow or plain bobble in the school colours (navy and white) or black.

Highlights/Lowlights and any additional hairpieces (eg braids/hair tinsel) are not permitted.

A small bow or hair bands may be worn but these must be in school colours (navy and white).

### Tattoos, Make up and Nail Varnish

Temporary transfer tattoos, make up and nail varnish are not allowed.

### Jewellery

In the interest of Health and Safety, jewellery must not be worn. This includes earrings, which are not permitted even if covered with a plaster.



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