



St John's C.E. (Aided) School

Weekly Update

Please see the following notices and attachments for week commencing 18/05/26.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

15/05/2026 – School 'Whole Class' photos

15/05/2026 – Year 2 Community Centre performance. To clarify this is for pupils only and no spectators are permitted.

15/05/2026 – PTA 'Sip and Paint' evening.

19/05/2026 – PTA movie night – see attached flyer.

20/05/2026 - World Bee Day – Chartwells are acknowledging World Bee Day with a change of pudding today. This change will not be reflected on Parentpay.

21/05/2026 – Don't forget the PTA are holding a cake sale on Thursday 21 May, if anyone would like to donate cakes for the cake sale, please let your PTA class rep know. See attached flyer.

21/05/2026 – END OF TERM 5

01/06/2026 – START OF TERM 6

14/07/2026 – Save the date 'PTA end of year Disco' - for pupils!

GENERAL INFORMATION AND ATTACHMENTS

- **General housekeeping reminders:**

When leaving the school property at the end of the day, please be aware of where your children are and stay on the path around the school. The trees and banks around are not meant to have children climbing or running on them. There was an incident yesterday where a child fell from the bank but was lucky enough to be caught by a member of staff preventing a potentially very nasty accident.

Please show some common sense with regard to parking. On the return of the Year 1 school trip yesterday, a car pulled up onto the pavement where the children were lined up to come back down to school, and this could be very dangerous.

Although Mrs Cooper adores our 4-legged friends, can I please remind you that not everybody does and dogs are not permitted on the premises.

- Well done to Year 6 for completing the SAT's with calmness but great gusto!
- **Free School Meals.** Parents of pupils who are **not** currently eligible for FSM are being advised about a new category covering pupils who do not qualify for targeted FSM, but who are in households receiving Universal Credit and would like to encourage them to apply from 1 June via the ESCC website [Free school meals | East Sussex County Council](#). They should not apply before this date, as the current eligibility criteria will still apply and they may receive a 'not entitled' result. We will not be rechecking eligibility for pupils whose previous FSM application was unsuccessful.

It is imperative that parents of children already in receipt of FSM **do not** reapply.

- We will be sending home 'Bag 2 School' bags in the next couple of days in time for that half term clear-out! These will be collected on the 3rd of June by 9.00am. Please do not leave them outside the school if it is raining as they will not collect wet items. The following items can be donated: good quality Adult and Children's clothing, paired shoes, hats, belts and handbags. Unfortunately, it is no longer possible to donate soft toys, towels, bedding and curtains. There are additional bags outside the office if required.
- Please find attached details of the Bikeability holiday courses running over May half term 2026.
- Please see attached information regarding a menu change, we have decided to offer this menu on Sports Day, Wednesday 17th June and this change will be reflected on Parentpay.
- There are copies of the primary times outside the office if you would like to have a browse.
- For Parents - Find the Right Words

Virgin Media and Internet Matters have released a wonderful new resource for parents/carers. Called 'Find the Right Words', the video and resources help with some of those difficult conversations about how to keep children safe online.

Link - [Find the Right Words](#).

- **Reminder:** The PTA have started organising the Summer Fair and would be grateful for any clean jars and their lids (preferably with the labels off). A box will be outside school each morning from the 5th May – if the box is not outside for any reason, please feel free to pop into the office. The jars can be of any size and will be filled with sweets for the Summer Fair.

They will also be running a second-hand book sale, so please do donate any unwanted books at the same time.

Are those soft toys mounting up? Donate any unwanted teddies too!