



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

Weekly Update

Please see the following notices and attachments for week commencing 1/06/2026.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

21/05/2026 – END OF TERM 5

01/06/2026 – START OF TERM 6

03/06/2026 – Bags2school collection to be at school no later than 9am. Please do not leave outside the school if it is raining as they do not accept wet donations. 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.

You are welcome to bring any donations into school prior to this date from Monday 1st June onwards.

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

GENERAL INFORMATION AND ATTACHMENTS

- As we are approaching the Summer season and it looks like we are going to have some very warm weather, including this half-term, I thought it would be a good idea to just remind you of some **Summer health tips**:

Please send your child in with a cap/hat to wear whilst out at play and lunch times, the children will spend as much time on the field as they can, and while we are lucky that there is plenty of shade, it is prudent to keep the sun off heads as much as possible. (We do have a limited number of caps, so if a hat is forgotten, you do not need to make a second journey to school).

Please make sure that, especially our younger pupils, come into school wearing sun lotion. If you do send lotion in for your child to apply themselves, please can you ask your children not to share their lotion, some children are prone to sensitive skin and the wrong type of lotion may be irritating for them. Please also name the bottle.

We are aware that there are some children in school that are coming home having drunk very little during the school day, so we want to make you aware that, whilst we promote good independence skills within school, we also support good hydration and healthy habits, at school by:

At key times, we endeavour to prompt and remind children to drink.
For any pupils who have not brought a water bottle to school, we have spare school water bottles and the water fountain for use at break and lunch time.
Encourage the use of the water fountain.

Lead by Example - Children are more likely to adopt healthy habits if they see adults modelling them.

If you are finding that your child is still not drinking, these are some suggestions that you could do to help:

Encourage and remind your child in the morning to use key times during the day to drink: before assembly, breaktime, lunchtime.... etc

Before setting off for school, ensure your child has had some water before leaving home.

Set goals – 'I bet that you cannot drink the whole of your water bottle before the end of the day'.

There are also motivational water bottles available - with lines at times during the day to where you should have drunk too.

- **Thank you from the PTA** A big thank you to all the families that have been able to support the recent PTA events. All fundraising figures are approximate at the moment and final figures to be confirmed.

The Quiz Night was another great success, raising approximately £700.00!

The PTA hosted our very first Sip & Paint evening – this was a very relaxed evening whilst sipping a glass of wine and creating some "beautiful" pieces of floral art, raising approximately £220.00!

The Film Night had great attendance and the children enjoyed the screening of Toy Story, raising approximately £400.00!

- **Plea from DT club** – Please send in any large cereal boxes for the next exciting project.
- Please see details regarding an event that [Crowborough Library](#) will be hosting during half-term. This is a wonderful storytelling event, 'The Wishing Tree', performed by award-winning author, Bernadette Russell. This is a fun, interactive, and playful storytelling experience aimed at primary school age children.

This session is free and attendees do not need to be library members to take part. There's no need to book a space in advance. For more information on this event, please visit our website: [The Wishing Tree | East Sussex Libraries](#)

- Please see attached flyers for various holiday clubs.
- We have been notified by **East Sussex County Council**, Health and Safety department of a national issue relating to a number of sand-based products (including craft and play items) which may contain small amounts of asbestos.

The Office for Product Safety and Standards (OPSS) has identified that some consumer products containing sand may be contaminated, and affected items are being recalled.

If you think you may own a product that may be affected the guidance is;

Check your item against the list of affected products via the national recall database.

If any products are identified, stop using them immediately

Keep any items sealed, secure and out of reach of children

Follow the specific recall guidance provided by the retailer or manufacturer for return or disposal.

While the risk from intact products is considered low, asbestos is a hazardous material, so a precautionary approach is important.

This is an evolving situation, and additional products may be added to the recall list. We recommend that those concerned check the links below regularly:

Asbestos guidance: [Asbestos in consumer products – GOV.UK](#)

Product recalls:

[asbestos – Product Safety Alerts, Reports and Recalls – GOV.UK](#)

- **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!

Have a lovely half term holiday see you all on the 1st June