

Friday 1st May 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I have been overwhelmed this morning by seeing so many children wearing outfits reflecting their own culture or that of another country of their choice. Our federation is such a diverse one, with around 30 different home languages spoken by our children, and a day like today is an opportunity to celebrate that together. One of the elements that I have always been so impressed by is the inclusivity that permeates our whole community. We want everyone to feel welcome, in line with our vision 'for the good of all'. Tonight is our international evening and I hope to see lots of people coming together to share what is always a hugely enjoyable event. Thank you to Mrs Shobha for organising and I am very much looking forward to it.

Multiplication Check Meeting for Parents

There will be a short online meeting for parents of children in Year 4 on Tuesday 12th May at 6pm to provide information on the Year 4 multiplication check and how parents can help children to achieve their best in this. The link for the meeting is below:

Microsoft Teams meeting

Join:

<https://teams.microsoft.com/meet/370448907629520?p=2QceJh3JbzrsOinb89>

Meeting ID:

370 448 907 629 520

Passcode:

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Friends of St John's and St Nic's Annual General Meeting

All parents, carers and friends of the schools are invited to join us for the Friends of St John's and St Nic's AGM on Monday 7th June at 7pm in St John's School Community Room. We are keen to encourage more volunteers and so hope to see you there. We are also on the lookout for a Treasurer and Secretary so please come along if you might be interested in these roles.

Friends of St John's and St Nic's Summer Fair

Please save the date for our Friends of St John's and St Nic's Summer Fair on the afternoon of Saturday 27th June at St Nicolas School. It promises to be a wonderful event, with lots going on and there will be further details over the coming weeks.

If you work for a company that may be able to provide a raffle prize for the event, please do encourage them to consider this. The Friends can be contacted at fosjsnschools@gmail.com

Mobile Phone Use in School

Could we please ask parents to avoid using their mobile phones to make calls when dropping off and collecting children, as we have had a few incidents where parents have used inappropriate language when talking to others. Additionally, if your child brings a phone to school, please ensure that they know that they **must** be switched off when they are on school premises. This includes before and after school on the playground.

Bag2School

The FoSJSN have arranged a Bag2School collection from St John's School on Thursday 7th May. Families from both schools may drop off any unwanted, good quality clothing, paired shoes, bags etc to St John's on Wednesday 6th May or before 9am on Thursday 7th May. There will be a further collection from St Nic's School on Tuesday 16th June. Please contact fosjsnschools@gmail.com with any questions.

Rail Safety

Children in both schools have now seen videos on rail safety. Links to these have been uploaded to [our website](#) for parents to view if you wish to do so.



THE RAIL SAFE FRIENDLY PROGRAMME

The Rail Safe Friendly programme has educated over **3 million young people** on the dangers of the railways.

Discover our FREE rail safety videos and keep your children safe by visiting railsafefriendly.com

DON'T LET YOUR CHILDREN BECOME THE NEXT STATISTIC

According to the **ORR Report**, April 23 - March 24 on UK railways:

12 people died in accidents while trespassing	58% were struck by a train or tram	42% were electrocuted
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According to **Rail Safe Friendly**, July 25:

120+ companies support the programme	11,000+ schools in the UK have engaged	20,000+ UK schools still need to be reached
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Simon Frazer, Principal, Guilsborough Academy

"I implore you to listen to Harrison's story"

Taxis

If you are using taxis to get your child to and from school, could you please ensure that the taxi driver is mindful of other families coming to school. Taxis should not come into the car park at either school and should park/stop in a place that does not block the road for other road users.

SEN Coffee Morning

Please see the below message from Ellen Clinch, our new Family School Support Worker:

We would like to warmly invite you to our upcoming SEN Coffee Morning - Let's Talk Sensory.

This relaxed and friendly session will explore the different senses, how sensory needs can impact children, and practical ways we can support sensory challenges at home and in school.

It will also be a great opportunity to meet other parents/carers and professionals, share experiences, ask questions, and gain advice in an informal setting. Please note that no diagnosis is necessary to attend.

Event Details

Date: Thursday 21st May

Time: 9:00am - 10:30am

Location: Community Room, St John Evangelist Infant & Nursery School

Professionals from a range of services will be attending to offer guidance and support.

We would be delighted to see you there and hope you can join us for coffee, conversation, and community support. Please email me if you want some more information.



Attendance

Congratulations to Cherry Class at St John's with 98.7% attendance and 5N at St Nic's with 100% attendance. Both classes have won our attendance aardvarks for this week.

Attendance at each school last week was as follows:

- St John's: 93.8%
- St Nic's 96.6%

Across the two schools, there were 41 late marks last week. Every minute that a child is late can impact on their learning. Please ensure your child is in school, on time, each day.

Writer of the Week

Well done to Youmna in Year 4, who was this week's writer of the week. Also well done to Vira in Year 4 and Olivia in Year 5 for achieving their bronze reading badges. The inspiration for next week's writer of the week is below:



Year 2 Homework

Maths

This week we have learnt what a unit fraction is and non-unit fractions:

Each of these are unit fractions.

$$\frac{1}{2} \quad \frac{1}{3} \quad \frac{1}{4}$$

In a unit fraction the numerator is 1



Each of these are non-unit fractions.

$$\frac{2}{2} \quad \frac{4}{4} \quad \frac{3}{3} \quad \frac{3}{4} \quad \frac{4}{4} \quad \frac{2}{3}$$

In a non-unit fraction the numerator is greater than 1



The list below are fractions games that you may wish to play to consolidate children's understanding of fractions:

- [Fruity Fractions - Recognise fractions](#)
- [Firepit Fractions](#)
- [Fraction Finder - mobile friendly](#)
- [Fraction Fresco](#)

Spellings

In spellings this week we have looked at words with the er sound spelt as or e.g. work, world, worth, worst etc.

We have looked at words that have the 'or' sound in them spelt as ar after a w e.g. war, dwarf, towards, swarm, reward, wart, wardrobe

Our homophone this week is one/won

Phonics Books for the Week

Reception:

[https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S23 Not On the Beds&d=Not%20on%20the%20Beds!](https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S23%20Not%20On%20the%20Beds&d=Not%20on%20the%20Beds!)
<https://vimeo.com/692012806/cb31a6b179>

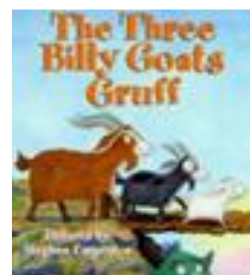
Year 1: [https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S59 Butterflies&d=Butterflies](https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S59%20Butterflies&d=Butterflies)
<https://vimeo.com/731076602/c06b8eb271>

Year 2:

[https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=Snow White and the Jazz Band&d=Snow%20White%20and%20the%20Jazz%20Band](https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=Snow%20White%20and%20the%20Jazz%20Band&d=Snow%20White%20and%20the%20Jazz%20Band)

Drawing Club

Drawing Club is a way of igniting joy and a love of stories with the early years and follows Greg Bottrell's beliefs and passions. Your child will be using their imagination to create new characters, settings, and events for this story. They will be adding marks, codes, labels, and messages to their work and realising that they are writers! Each week we will choose a different story or an animation, this week our story is The Three Billy Goats Gruff.



They will also be learning some exciting new vocabulary with actions. This week's vocabulary list is:

LUSCIOUS; TRIPLE; CREAKY; FEARLESS; GRUESOME; SUDDENLY; DETERMINED; BAMBOOZLE

See if they can teach you the actions!

Upcoming Dates

Monday 4 th May:	Bank Holiday – no school
Wednesday 6 th May:	Drop off for Bag2School collection at St John's
Thursday 7 th May:	Celebration worship 10.10am
Thursday 7 th May:	Bag2School collection from St John's at 9am
Saturday 9 th May:	Quadkids athletics for invited children
Week beginning 11 th May:	Year 6 SATs Week
Tuesday 12 th May:	Multiplication Check Meeting for Parents 6pm

Yours sincerely,

Keith Harvey
Executive Headteacher