

Friday 27th March 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is hard to believe that we have already reached the Easter break, after a short half term. I hope that everyone is able to enjoy the holidays and I look forward to seeing everyone back in school on Monday 13th April, for what should be a lovely summer term.

Congratulations

I am sure that parents will want to join with me in offering congratulations to Miss Joyce, one of our Year 6 teachers, who will be getting married during the Easter break! We wish her and her partner an amazing day and every success for the future together.

Advanced Notice – Meetings for Parents

We will be holding two meetings for parents of children in specific year groups during the first half of the summer term:

- Year 6: Information meeting for parents about SATs tests and teacher assessments, as well as information in advance of the residential trip to Osmington Bay – Tuesday 21st April 6pm on Teams (link to be sent after the Easter break).
- Year 4: Information meeting for parents about the Multiplication Test that is statutory for all Year 4 children – Tuesday 12th May 6pm on Teams.

Parking Near the Schools

Please ensure that if you need to park your car near our schools that you follow these guidelines:

- Ensure your engine is turned off to prevent adding fumes and pollution to the air
- Do not park on single yellow or double yellow lines, even if just dropping off, as this can make the roads dangerous
- Never stop or park on the School Keep Clear lines as these provide essential access to the schools
- Please do not park with your wheels on the pavement, as we have had children, who have nearly been hit by cars pulling away
- Do not park across driveways or in private parking areas

Spare uniform

If your child has come home wearing any of our spare uniform this term, please can you ensure it is washed and returned to the school office after the Easter break. St John's in particular need to maintain their supplies of spare uniform for when accidents happen.

International Evening

You may have seen posters beginning to spring up around the schools advertising our international evening on 1st May. For those people, who have not yet seen it, the poster is below:



Mrs Littlechild – London Marathon

Mrs Littlechild is running the London marathon in April for Sue Ryder and would love to raise as much money as she can to support the charity.

On Friday 17th April, Mrs Littlechild would love to see as many St Nic's pupils as possible come in their own clothes (preferably something they can run easily in!) in exchange for a £1 to be donated to Sue Ryder. Mrs Littlechild will be running with each class for their daily mile that day too! Thank you in advance for your support!

Here is the link for donations: https://www.justgiving.com/page/charlotte-littlechild-6?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

Bake Sales

The Friends of St Johns and St Nics will be holding bake sales at the end of the school day on Friday 17th April at both schools. All cakes, biscuits and sweet bakes will be gratefully received at school first thing that morning. Please include a list of ingredients and no nuts or sesame seeds please.

Doodle Spring Challenge



The Doodle Spring Challenge

1st – 30th of April 2026

Earn a pin badge and certificate!
Between the 1st – 30th of April, Doodle are running two exciting wildlife-themed Spring Challenges — the DoodleMaths Challenge and the DoodleEnglish Challenge!



Both Challenges are designed to encourage a few minutes of daily Doodling, keeping your child engaged in their learning and boosting their skills. Plus, they can earn exclusive rewards by taking part!

How to take part

1 Create or link your account

If you haven't already, create and/or link a parent account to your child's school account. To find out how to do this, see the reverse of this flyer or visit help.doodlelearning.com and search 'how to link account'.

2 Register for the Challenge

From the 1st of April, visit parents.doodlelearning.com and press Register next to your child's name for one or both Challenges.* The last day to register for and begin the Challenge is the 24th of April.

3 Doodle 'little and often'

Once you've registered, encourage your child to earn 450 stars (or 350 if they were born after August 2018) and use DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish for 7 days* between the 1st – 30th of April.

*These 7 days don't need to be in a row. A day of use is defined as completing at least one exercise between 00:01 and 23:59.

4 Receive a pin badge and certificate!

Once they've reached their target, we'll send a pin badge to their school. This will arrive after the Challenge comes to an end. You can also claim a



Tag us and use the hashtag
#DoodleSpringChallenge

For more information,
please visit doodlelearning.com/challenge.

Any questions? Please visit
help.doodlelearning.com and
press on the green circle icon
to chat to our team.

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Money Coaching Course

"This course breaks down a complex, daunting problem into simple, manageable steps. It has given me the tools to become much more intentional and responsible with our finances."

It was really enjoyable too! The resources from CAP were interactive and engaging, and the host team created a very welcoming environment which put us all at ease.

The course meets you whatever point you are at with issues around budgeting, debt and fears for the future, I recommend it wholeheartedly! Thank you CAP"

Feedback from delegate on recent course in Newbury

Newbury Baptist Church
10am – 12 noon
Wednesday 15, 22 & 29 April

Register via QR code, or call
David Clark on 07803 838917



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Attendance

Congratulations to Poplar Class at St John's with 98% attendance and 3S at St Nic's with 97% attendance. Both classes have won our attendance aardvarks for this week.

Attendance at each school last week was as follows:

- St John's: 95.0%

- St Nic's 94.8%

Across the two schools, there were 38 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

The inspiration for next week's writer of the week is below:

In a bright farmyard, there was a special chicken named Flower. She had shiny turquoise feathers and laid very colourful eggs. The eggs were not for eating because they had surprises inside for the lucky finders.

Continue the story.



Year 2 Homework

Maths

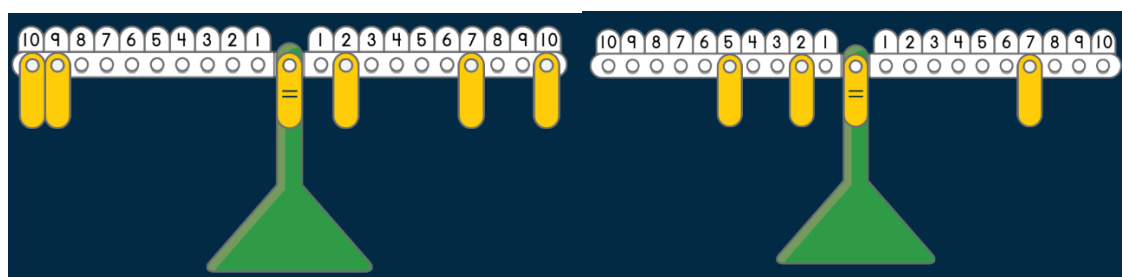
Over the Easter holiday, you might wish to consolidate your child's maths learning with a few of the online games below:

- Weighing and reading scales: [ITP measuring scales - Mathsframe](#)
- Capacity: [ITP measuring cylinder - Mathsframe](#)
- Temperature: [ITP thermometer - Mathsframe](#)
- Reading scales levels 1 and 2: [Reading Scales](#)

We have also been looking at balanced equations so each side of the equals sign the total should be the same.

Eg $12 + 6 = 10 + ?$ (8) $18 = 18$

Your child might like to use the scales to balance the sides e.g. [Math Balance](#)



Spelling

We have been consolidating all our spelling rules this week- look at the words below,. Which one is the correct spelling?

Ali's	Alis	ali's
shops	shop's	shops'
plase	playc	place
wuman	woman	women
cownta	cownter	counter
really	realy	reelly
shelvez	shelfs	shelves
stackt	staked	stacked
lowves	loaves	loavez
bread	bred	brehd
boxis	boxes	boxiz
fanci	fansy	fancy
huny	honey	hunny
peaches	peeches	peachez
monney	money	moni
hohl	hole	whole

Please continue to hear your child read over the holiday and don't forget to sign their reading record so that they can complete our school reading challenge.

Phonics Books for the Week

Reception: https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S20_Let-s_Do_Art&d=Let%E2%80%99s%20Do%20Art
<https://vimeo.com/692003491/792b99716b>

Year 1: https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S55_In_the_Attic&d=In%20the%20Attic
<https://vimeo.com/731076545/fec34583c2>

Upcoming Dates

Monday 13 th April:	Start of Summer Term
Thursday 16 th April:	Celebration worship 10.10am
Friday 17 th April:	School reports to be sent out
Friday 17 th April:	St Nic's Non Uniform Day (Donations for Sue Ryder)
Friday 17 th April:	FoSJSN Bake Sales
Tuesday 21 st April:	Year 6 parent meeting – SATs and Osmington Bay 6pm
Wed 22 nd to Fri 24 th April:	Year 5 residential visit to Grittleton House
Week beginning 11 th May:	Year 6 SATs Week
Wednesday 12 th May:	Year 4 Multiplication Check Parent Meeting 6pm

Yours sincerely,

Keith Harvey
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