

Friday 26th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

It is ironic that our sustainability week has been undermined by the extreme weather and it demonstrates strongly why it is so important for our children to learn about sustainability, climate change and climate resilience.

I am sorry that the week has been so disruptive, particularly with the number of short notice changes that we have had to make. I am proud that we have been able to keep both schools open to some extent, but understand the impact that the week has had on families. I am hopeful that next week will bring some respite and we will be able to have a normal week in school. Please remember that children should be back in school uniform from Monday.

Fiver Challenge Sale



Summer Fair

It is a real shame that we have had to cancel our summer fair tomorrow, particularly when so much work has gone into making it a success. We are planning on having a smaller event a little later in the term and more details on this will go out next week.

Ongoing Hot Weather

Although the temperatures are due to reduce next week, the days will still be warm with temperatures in the mid-twenties. Please continue to ensure that your child comes to school with a full water bottle, sun hat and with sun cream applied.

Sports Days

Reception and Nursery: Our Reception and Nursery sports morning will take place at St John's School on Friday 3rd July starting at 9.30am. Parents are welcome to attend and support their child. Please wait just outside the black gates once you have dropped your child at school, and we will let parents back through to the playground at around 9.20am, once the children are ready.

The children will be split into groups and will rotate around a carousel of activities. The event should last around an hour. Children should arrive in their P.E. kits on that day and should be wearing sun cream. All children will need a hat and a water bottle.

St Nicolas: I am so sorry that we needed to cancel the St Nicolas Sports Day. As there is no clear day that we would be able to hold this, in the remainder of the term, I have asked individual year groups to hold their own events, at a time that is convenient to them. If we are able to provide enough notice, we will try to invite parents that want to come to observe their child's year group in action.

Sports Days Next Year: Sports days are a much-loved feature of the summer term. However, they are becoming increasingly likely to be cancelled due to extreme weather. Next year, I am considering holding our sports days in mid-May to avoid this. Of course, this does increase the risk of rain disrupting the events, but would, at least, give us an opportunity to reschedule, if they are unable to happen.

Summer Library Reading Challenge

Each year, we encourage our families to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge organised by the library and this year is no different. The children will be taking part in an assembly on 7th July to give them further details.



As mentioned, a couple of weeks ago, the Children's Commissioner for England is keen to gather views of children and parents. A link for the survey is below. Please try to complete it if you can.

<https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>

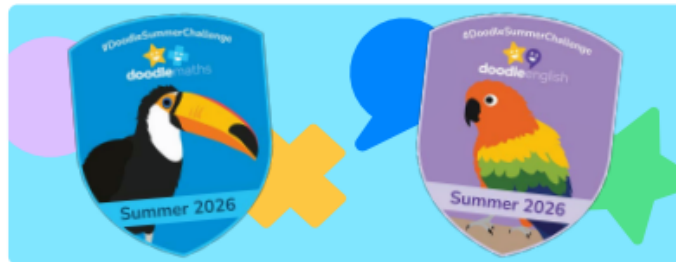
Doodle Maths Summer Challenge

The Doodle Summer Challenge

1st of July - 31st of August 2026

Earn a pin badge and certificate!

Between the **1st of July - 31st of August**, Doodle are running two exciting Summer 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 July**, 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 18th of August.**

3 Doodle 'little and often'

Once you've registered, encourage your child to **earn 750 stars** (or **600** if they were born after August 2018) **and use DoodleMaths and/or DoodleEnglish for 14 days*** between the **1st of July – 31st of August.**

*These 14 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 **personalised certificate** for them by visiting parents.doodlelearning.com and pressing **Download certificate.** The last chance to do this is midnight on the 25th of September.



Tag us and use the hashtag
#DoodleSummerChallenge

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

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

Stress and Anxiety Workshop for Parents and Carers

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are pleased to invite you to a free workshop for parents focusing on stress and anxiety in children and young people.

The session will explore:

- The difference between stress and anxiety
 - Why we experience these feelings
- Common thinking patterns that can increase anxiety
 - Anxiety disorders
- Practical strategies to support your child

The workshop will be facilitated by Ellen Clinch your Family School Support Worker, and will provide an opportunity to learn helpful techniques and ask questions in a supportive environment.

Booking is essential as places are limited.



Attendance

I will not provide attendance information for this week or next week, as both schools have been so significantly disrupted by the weather.

However, attendance remains very important and we ask all parents to ensure that children are in, on time, every day.

Phonics Books for the Week

Reception:

[https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S30 Picnic on the Common&d=Picnic%20on%20the%20Common](https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S30+Picnic+on+the+Common&d=Picnic%20on%20the%20Common)

<https://vimeo.com/692012963/0840949a92>

Year 1:

[https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S66 The Age of the Dinosaurs&d=The%20Age%20of%20the%20Dinosaurs](https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=S66+The+Age+of+the+Dinosaurs&d=The%20Age%20of%20the%20Dinosaurs)

<https://vimeo.com/731076690/c628d385ee>

Year 2: [https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=Beas Pumpkin&d=Bea%E2%80%99s%20Pumpkin](https://parents.fft.org.uk/viewer/?pdf=Beas+Pumpkin&d=Bea%E2%80%99s%20Pumpkin)

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 Magic Pause Button.



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

Pondering; Unfreeze; Squander; Jinxed; Blissful; Inquisitive; Extraordinary; Minimise

See if they can teach you the actions!

Upcoming Dates

Monday 29 th June:	Year 3/4 Talent Show – 4.30pm
Tuesday 30 th June:	Year 5/6 Talent Show – 4.30pm
Wednesday 1 st July:	St Nic's Group at Hexagon concert pm
Thursday 2 nd July:	Celebration Worship 10.10am
Friday 3 rd July:	Reception and Nursery Sports Morning
Monday 6 th July:	Change Over Day

Yours sincerely,

Keith Harvey
Executive Headteacher