



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Friday 6th September

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the start of a new school year at St John's! We hope you all had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been a wonderful first week back, and we are delighted to see the children settling in so smoothly.

The excitement and energy from the children has been truly inspiring, both in the classroom and the playground. This week, we have been busy re-establishing routines, setting expectations, and getting to know one another. It is clear we are off to an excellent start, and already, there is a strong sense of community building among the children and staff.

Learning and Class Activities

We have jumped straight into a range of learning activities, and the pupils' enthusiasm has been remarkable. This week, every class has been working on their contributions to our **Biblical Timeline and Class Charter**, which ties into the UN's Convention on the Rights of the Child. The children have explored key articles from the charter, identified which ones they feel are most important, and made thoughtful pledges on how they will uphold those values throughout the year.

Our **Biblical Timeline** plays an important role in our RE lessons. It helps children connect their learning to the bigger picture, featuring key concepts such as **God, Creation, The Fall, People of God, Incarnation, Gospel, Salvation, and Kingdom of God**. Each class has created their own visual representation of one of these concepts, and it has been wonderful to see their creativity and understanding come to life.

Attendance Matters

Regular attendance is vital for your child's success. Missing school can lead to falling behind in learning and missing important opportunities to engage in classroom activities. By attending regularly, your child not only stays on track academically but also remains socially connected with their peers.

Please remember to notify the school if your child is absent. You can easily do this by calling or emailing the school office.

Behaviour at St John's

At St John's, we are committed to supporting positive behaviour through our **Rights and Promises** framework. This is reflected in each class's charter, which promotes good relationships and a collaborative environment where everyone can thrive and learn together.

We also use a behaviour system called '**Going for Gold**', which highlights rewards for positive behaviour and explains the consequences for inappropriate actions. More details will be shared during our upcoming **Meet the Teacher Mornings**, so you'll have a chance to learn about this system and how it supports your child.





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Meet the Teacher – Next Week!

Next week, we invite you to come and meet your child's teacher, explore their learning environment, and hear more about their school day. This is a great opportunity to find out how you can support your child's learning at home. If you have more than one child in different classes and the meetings overlap, don't worry—teachers will happily arrange a convenient time to repeat the session for you.

We are excited about the year ahead and all the wonderful learning experiences and enhancement opportunities that your children will have. Thank you for your continued support, we look forward to working together to ensure that this is a successful and fulfilling year for all our pupils.

Key dates for next week

Meet the teacher meetings - all meetings will take place from 9:05 - 9:20 in your child's classroom

Monday 9th September - Y1 and Y2

Tuesday 10th September - Y6

Wednesday 11th September - Y3

Thursday 12th September - Y4

Friday 13th September - Y5

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

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Head of School





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