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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a good week. As we head into the weekend, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and dedication to the school.

This week at St John's we have been carrying out assessments for Y1 to Y5. Next week, Y6 will be completing theirs. Why do we do summative assessment at the end of each term? These assessments provide a helpful overview of your child's learning and progress, giving us valuable insight into their strengths and areas for development. Unlike formative assessments, which guide daily teaching, summative assessments provide a broader picture of progress over time.

We want to emphasise that these assessments are not about pressure or stress, but about recognising progress and planning for success. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress, please feel free to speak to their teacher. We will share the results with you at the end of the term.

Reading Breakfast

This week marked our final reading breakfast, and I would like to thank all the parents who were able to attend. The event was a great success, and I received wonderful feedback from both the children and the parents and carers.

The purpose of the session was to promote reading for pleasure and highlight the importance of adults reading to children.

Once again, thank you for your time and support in making this event a success. I hope we can organise something similar again next year.

Donation Update

This week, I had the pleasure of meeting with a parent who has made an exceptionally generous donation to the school. Thanks to their kindness and support, we will be able to significantly expand our enrichment programme.

As a sneak preview of what's to come, I'm excited to share one upcoming opportunity: whole-class chess sessions for all pupils from Year 1 to Year 6.

A heartfelt thank you to the wonderful family who has made this possible. Your generosity is truly appreciated.





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Silent Auction

The winner of the silent auction for tickets to the Arsenal vs Liverpool women's game tomorrow is Alex McFarlane (father of Helena Y3 and Sam Y6).

Sickness

At our school the health and well-being of our children and staff are a top priority. We would like to remind all parents of the **48-hour rule** when a child has experienced **diarrhoea or vomiting**.

Why is the 48-Hour Rule Important?

If your child has had diarrhoea or vomiting, they must stay at home for **48 hours after their last episode** before returning to school. This is in line with NHS and Public Health England guidance and helps to:

- **Prevent the spread of illness** – Stomach bugs can be highly contagious, and keeping children home reduces the risk of spreading infections to others.
- **Allow your child time to recover** – Even if they seem better, their body needs time to fully recover and regain strength.
- **Protect other children and staff** – Keeping unwell children at home helps us maintain a safe and healthy environment for everyone.

We understand that this may sometimes be inconvenient, but following this guidance helps protect the wider school community. If your child becomes unwell at school, we will contact you to collect them as soon as possible.

Thank you for your support in keeping our school a safe and healthy place for all. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Spotlight on SEND

This week in the newsletter, you'll find an account from a parent of a child with special educational needs. At our school, we are committed to being fully inclusive and ensuring that every child feels supported, valued, and able to thrive. To achieve this, we believe it's essential to work closely with all our families and hear the voices of all stakeholders. Your experiences, insights, and feedback help us grow and improve. Together, we can create a school community where every child—and every family—feels a true sense of belonging.





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New morning fitness club

This week I wrote about a new fitness club in the morning. I hope that your child will be able to attend. Please ask the office team if you have any questions.

Key dates for next week

Friday 28th March - KS2 mothering sunday lunch

Years 3 and 4: 12:00 PM – 12:45 PM

Years 5 and 6: 1:00 PM – 1:45 PM

Friday 28th March - Reception Class Assembly - 2.50pm

I hope you have a lovely weekend.

Ms Khan

Head of School

