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As well as welcoming our new Reception children, we also had a number of other new pupils join our school this week. A big welcome to those children and their families to St John's Highbury Vale. I look forward to getting to know the children and their families over the coming weeks.

On Wednesday, we held a special assembly led by Nathan, the Curate and Assistant Pastor from St Augustine's Church. He shared the story of David and Goliath, reminding us that even when challenges feel impossible or overwhelming, with courage, faith, and determination, we can overcome them.

This is such a positive message for our children as they begin a new school year. We know there will be times when they are faced with new challenges in their learning, their friendships, or when trying something for the very first time. Just like David, we want them to remember that they can approach these challenges with confidence, resilience, and belief in themselves.

As a school community, we will continue to encourage and support one another so that every child has the opportunity to grow, flourish, and succeed. We are looking forward to an exciting year ahead, filled with learning, perseverance, and achievement.

The children were put straight to work this week! They have already been busy with their core subjects, showing great focus and enthusiasm in their learning. In addition, they have taken time to reflect on their hopes and dreams for the year ahead, thinking carefully about what they would like to achieve both academically and personally. Together as a class, they have also created their own class charters, setting out shared values and expectations to ensure a positive, respectful, and supportive learning environment for everyone.

Entering the building

For safeguarding reasons, we kindly ask that parents and carers do not enter the school building while the children are in their classrooms. Please drop your child off in the playground, or if you are running late, bring them to the main office where they can be signed in safely.

We want to assure you that this is not about being unwelcoming, but about keeping all our children safe and ensuring the school day runs smoothly. If you need to speak to your child's class teacher, there are plenty of ways to do so: you can email the office, send a Dojo message, or catch them in the playground before or after school.





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School uniform

I'm sorry to raise a concern so early in the term, but I have noticed several children wearing the incorrect school uniform and PE kit this week. I would like to kindly remind you to ensure your child wears the correct uniform to school each day.

To support this, we will keep some spare uniforms in the classroom. If a child repeatedly comes in wearing the wrong uniform, we will ask them to change into the spare set provided. Hopefully, it won't come to that, as we are all working together to support the children and to ensure everyone follows our school procedures.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping us maintain our high standards.

Attendance and punctuality

At St. John's, we place a high value on good attendance and punctuality. Every day in school matters – even missing a single day can mean important learning is lost. Arriving on time also ensures children start the day calmly and ready to learn with their classmates.

The Department for Education is very clear that:

- Good attendance is 95% or above.
- Regular and punctual attendance is vital for children's achievement, wellbeing, and wider development.

We ask for your support in making sure your child is in school, on time, every day, unless they are genuinely unwell. Together, we can give your child the very best chance to succeed.

Meet the teachers meeting

If you can attend the meeting, please do—it will be a great opportunity to meet the teacher and see your child's classroom. If you are unable to attend, we will send the slides to you.

We look forward to a year filled with growth, perseverance, and many achievements. Thank you for your continued support and the warmth you show me and the staff. Together, we can ensure that the children feel encouraged, valued, and motivated to reach their full potential.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend—the weather looks nice.

Warm regards,

Ms H Khan

Head of School

