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Dear Parents and Carers,

We had a really wonderful week. The summer holidays are a distant memory — we are working hard and making every minute in school count.

House Captain

We started the week with House Captain speeches by our very confident Year 6 children. Almost all of Year 6 put their names forward to be House Captain this year. The speeches were very well thought through, incredibly persuasive, and honest. I definitely think our politicians could learn from the children!

I would like to thank all the children who put their names forward — I am very proud of you all. Please do not feel disheartened if you were not chosen for the position.

Congratulations to these children on becoming the House Captains for 2025–2026. I look forward to working with you.

- Blue – Harmony and Sophia
- Green – Izzy and Naomie
- Yellow – Alberto and Charlie
- Red – Rebecca and Eliza

Harvest

As we look ahead to our Harvest celebrations on the **2nd October at Christ Church**, we would be so grateful for your support in donating food items to help those in need within our community. Harvest is a special time for us to come together, reflect on all that we have, and share with others who may be facing challenges. Your generosity, whether big or small, will make a real difference and show our children the importance of kindness, compassion, and giving. Please see the list we sent out.

Thames festival

Some of the children from the choir took part in the Thames Festival last Sunday. It was a wonderful event, and our children sang as part of a large choir made up of schools from across London. Thank you to all the parents who gave up their Sunday to bring their children and stayed to enjoy the event.





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Parents evening

The Autumn Term Parents' Evening is a very important opportunity to discuss your child's progress. You will be able to find out how your child has settled into the new school year and also share any information with the class teacher that will help us support your child further. We strongly encourage all parents to attend.

Appointment bookings will remain open until 2:00 pm on the day. If you have any questions or require support with booking, please contact the school office.

Music at St John's

In our school, we have some wonderful musicians and definitely some future stars. This year, we have a new music teacher who will continue to teach recorders to Years 2–5, and Year 6 will learn the clarinet. Reception and Year 1 will continue to develop their musicianship skills.

In order for children to learn an instrument and take it home to practise, we need to either hire or buy it. We are asking for a £5 contribution towards this. If you are able, please use School Gateway to make the payment. If you are not able, please don't worry—your child will still learn the instrument and will be able to take it home to practise.

End of day and club arrangements.

Thank you to all the parents who are booking places for Kidz Club and Breakfast Club in advance. This forward planning makes a real difference, as it allows us to prepare appropriate activities, organise staff, and provide food for the children. Recently, however, we have noticed that some children have been collected earlier than expected without the school being informed. This has meant that staff have spent valuable time searching for children they believed were still in the club. Please be aware that all of our clubs, including Kidz Club, take a register at the start of the session, and in the case of Kidz Club, several times throughout the afternoon as children join later. We do this to ensure every child is safe and accounted for. To support this safeguarding practice, it is vital that you let us know if you plan to collect your child earlier than booked. This not only keeps the children safe but also prevents unnecessary worry and anxiety for staff, who want nothing more than to know your child is safe.

We also kindly ask that you inform the office or your child's class teacher if someone different will be collecting your child. Sharing this information in advance makes the transition at the end of the club much smoother and avoids the need for multiple phone calls to verify the arrangements. Above all, this helps us to respect your wishes while ensuring the highest levels of safeguarding for every child in our care. Thank you for working with us to make sure our clubs are safe, calm, and supportive environments for both children and staff.

Have a lovely weekend. If you are able to come to the farmers' market at our school on Saturday, please do!

With thanks,

Ms H Khan

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Key dates for next week

Monday 22nd September - EYFS expectations meeting for REC parents - 9am

Monday 22nd September - Parents Evening - 3pm - 6pm

Tuesday 23rd September - Parents Evening - 3pm - 6pm

Friday 26th September - Y3 Coffee Morning - 9.10 am

