



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Welcome Back

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a wonderful summer. We are very much looking forward to welcoming the children back to school and hearing all about their holiday adventures.

A warm welcome goes to our new Reception class and to the children joining us in other year groups – we are delighted to have you as part of our school community and look forward to getting to know you and your families as you begin this exciting new chapter with us.

INSET days

Our staff have been working incredibly hard over the past few days to get everything ready for the new school year. Classrooms have been refreshed, displays updated, and resources carefully organised so that our children can return to a warm and welcoming environment. Richard has worked all summer, not only getting our new staff room ready but also moving the Year 5 classroom upstairs.

As part of our commitment to supporting every child's well-being, we have started our journey to become a trauma-informed practice school. One of our training sessions this week focused on understanding the impact of trauma on young people and how we can best support them in the classroom. This is an important step towards ensuring our school remains a nurturing, inclusive, and supportive environment for all.

Wraparound care

Breakfast and Kidz Club will be available from Wednesday, 3rd September. This year, please book Breakfast Club by 2pm on the day before you need it. For Kidz Club, please make sure you book by 2pm on the same day. The reason we are asking for bookings for Breakfast Club in advance is to ensure we have the right amount of food prepared and enough staff available to support the children.

After school activity clubs will start the week beginning 15th September. Speak to the office if you have questions about clubs.

Meet the teacher meeting

'Meet the Teacher' meetings will take place during the week beginning September 8th. We would love to see as many parents as possible. During the meeting, we will share the expectations for the year, and it will also be a great opportunity for you to get to know the class team.





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Monday 8th September – Y1 Meet the teacher meeting - 9.00 am

Tuesday 9th September – 2 Meet the teacher meeting - 9.00 am

Wednesday 10th September – Y3 Meet the teacher meeting - 9.00 am

Thursday 11th September – Y4 Meet the teacher meeting - 9.00 am

Friday 12th September – Y5 and Y6 Meet the teacher meeting - 9.00 am

The office team will send out several forms for you to complete. This is something we must do at the start of each academic year. Please can I ask that you complete them and return them as soon as you can.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you this year to achieve the very best outcomes for your children – not only academically, but also in supporting their personal development and emotional wellbeing, helping them to grow in confidence, build positive relationships, and develop the skills they need to thrive both in and out of the classroom.

Finally, a small reminder that we are a **smartphone-free school**. Please ensure that your child does not bring a smartphone to school.

We can't wait to see everyone back in school tomorrow at 8.45 am.

Warm regards,
Ms H. Khan

Head of School

