

The Jottings - 17th July 2026

St John the Baptist C of E Primary School

'Creating new possibilities for our future, with compassion in our hearts and courage on our journey.'



Dear St John's Families,

As we come to the end of another busy and joyful week at school, I wanted to share some of the highlights that have made it such a memorable one.

Our Year 6 production, beautifully supported by Year 5, was a true celebration of talent. The children shone with confidence, creativity and teamwork, and it was wonderful to see them showcase everything they have learned and loved throughout their time at St John's.

We also welcomed our new entrants for another successful Stay and Play session. It was a delight to meet them again, and their enthusiasm has made us even more excited for the year ahead.

This week we hosted our final Community Hub of the year, and we hope those who attended found the session helpful, particularly the input from our visiting professional from the Mental Health Support Team. Supporting wellbeing across our community remains a key priority, and we are grateful for the engagement from families throughout the year.

Alongside this, staff have been busy preparing and sharing end-of-year reports, celebrating each child's achievements and progress. Year 6 results will follow shortly. We are incredibly proud of the progress children across the school have made — their resilience, curiosity and determination have been evident in every classroom.

Our development work this year has been far-reaching. From improvements to our grounds and buildings, to strengthening provision across all areas of the curriculum, so many children have benefited from the changes we have made. These developments have directly contributed to the school achieving some of its strongest outcomes in recent years:

- **Year R** — 81% of children achieved a Good Level of Development, placing us above national averages.
- **Year 1 Phonics** — 88% of children met the expected standard, again above national averages.
- **Year 4 Multiplication Check** — Our average score has risen significantly to 22.9, placing us above national averages.
- **KS2 Outcomes:**
 - Reading: 75.9% (above national averages)
 - Maths: 65%
 - Writing: 79% (above national averages)
 - Science: 86% (above national averages)

These achievements cannot be reached without strong partnership with families. With attendance also rising this year, now above national averages, it is clear that our shared commitment is having a real impact on children's learning and wellbeing. As this is the final Friday Jottings of the year, and with 3 school days to go, it feels like the right moment to pause and reflect on how far we have come. We finish the year proud of our growth, proud of our children, and proud of the community that makes St John's such a special place. And with so much more planned for next year — including further developments to our offer to support children's **mental health, wellbeing, personal development and academic growth** — we look forward to continuing this journey together.

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Have a lovely weekend.

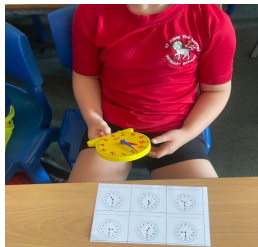
Rebecca Livings

Headteacher

Spotlight on Year 2

Year 2 have had a fantastic week recapping their measurement skills, including reading time through practical activities. They also have enjoyed writing a narrative inspired by *The Tale of the Toothbrush*, using imaginative ideas and creative language for their new teachers to enjoy over the summer.

A part of our learning for DT, the children have explored Nepalese culture, smelling and sorting spices used in traditional cooking before measuring ingredients to make their own spiced biscuits. A brilliant blend of maths, storytelling and geography.



Attendance Matters

Together, we can make sure every child makes the most of their opportunities and enjoys success.

This Week:

Whole school attendance average: **95.2%** Our target is **97%** - please come and chat with us regarding any attendance issues.

Best Attendance - KS1: Frog 96.4% KS2: Kingfishers 97%

Best Timekeepers: KS1: Tadpoles 5 late minutes KS2: Kingfishers 0 late minutes

Thank you for supporting good attendance.

Bring a bag

We will be sending this year's exercise books home with the children next week, if you wish to, please provide them with a bag to make things easier.

Thank you.

Support over the holidays

– from us to you –



myHappymind at St John's

We are proud to launch myHappymind, an NHS-backed mental health and wellbeing curriculum that helps children build resilience, self-esteem and lifelong habits for positive mental health in school from September 2026.

myHappymind is grounded in neuroscience and positive psychology. It teaches children how their brains work, why emotions matter, and how they can proactively strengthen their wellbeing. This preventative approach aligns beautifully with our Christian values of Courage, Compassion and Creativity, helping children understand themselves deeply and respond to challenges with confidence.

A Whole-School Approach

Engaging, Inclusive Curriculum

- Fully digital lessons with animations, songs, quizzes and friendly characters.
- Tailored versions for Early Years to Year 6, including transition support.
- Structured around five modules: Meet Your Brain, Celebrate, Appreciate, Relate and Engage.
- Inclusive content designed to support neurodiverse children, including a dedicated Special Schools Programme.

By embedding myHappymind into everyday practice, we hope to help children grow into thoughtful, compassionate and courageous learners who are ready for the world.

myHappymind supports not only children, but also the adults around them.

- Families can use the Parent App, ensuring consistent language and strategies at home. To access these materials just go to <https://myhappymind.org/parent-resources> to create your free account. You will need to enter your name, email, and authentication code.

Your authentication code is 116314

Or simply scan this QR code to sign up

Once you have created your account, you will receive an email with the next steps on downloading the app. We really encourage you to make use of this free content so that you support your child over the summer. If you have any questions about myHappymind, please contact your class teacher.



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If you have any technical questions about accessing the resources, please contact hello@myhappymind.org

Follow this link for an introductory video clip and more information

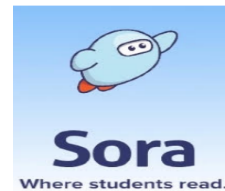
<https://myhappymind.lpages.co/myhappymind-parent-app-introduction/>

SORS Online Reading App

Free access to the SORA online reading app for all students!

*Simply download the SORA app on the App Store or web browser

- Select our school (St John the Baptist C of E primary school, Waltham Chase)
- User login is your first and last name without a gap (if your last name is hyphenated use - between the two last names as you would write it) capital letter at the start of each name eg: JoeBloggs



It's as simple as that!! Then you have access to lots of books, magazines, audio books etc. you can increase font size if you need larger text and change background colours if you find it easier to read on a background colour! If English is your second language you can even select another language!

Library

Many thanks to all the parents, we really do appreciate your support in returning your children's books this week. However, sadly we still have 81 books outstanding. If we could ask that all books are returned by Monday next week please. This is to allow us to complete the library stocktake which is a big piece of work, we will also endeavour to remove books for Forever books that the children can enjoy over the holidays and set ourselves up in readiness for the next academic year.

Thank you.



PAFS

Break the Rules Day

The popular Break the Rules day returns on Wednesday 22nd July! There are 10 rules to be broken and cost 50p per rule, cash to be handed to teachers on the door or via PTA Events (Cash preferred please)

Posters will be up around school and on social media shortly so keep your eyes peeled for the list of rules!!

Mega Sale

PAFs will be holding a mega sale of tuck, ice cream and uniform straight after school on Wednesday 22nd July.

Community Hub Dates

Following the success of this year's Community Hubs, we will be continuing them into next year.

Dates for 2026–27:

- Thurs 22 Oct 9.00 - 10.00am
- Weds 16th Dec 2.00 - 3.00pm
- Tues 9th Feb 9.00 - 10.00am
- Thurs 25th Mar 2.00 - 3.00pm
- Fri 28th May 9.00 - 10.00am
- Mon 19th July 2.00 - 3.00pm

Tea, coffee and cake will be provided - **Visitors to TBC**

SEND - Coffee Meetings Dates

Following the success of this year's SEND-coffee meetings, we will be continuing them into next year.

Dates for 2026–27:

- Tuesday 13th October 2:00 - 3:00pm
- Tuesday 1st December 2:00 - 3:00pm
- Tuesday 2nd February 2:00 - 3:00pm
- Tuesday 9th March 2:00 - 3:00pm
- Tuesday 27th April 2:00 - 3:00pm
- Tuesday 8th June 2:00 - 3:00pm

Sessions run from **2:00 – 3:00pm**, and **tea, coffee and biscuits** are provided.

Dates for your diary

This term important dates:

21st June - Yr 6 Leavers Service

22nd June - YR Slide Into Summer & Last Day of Term

2026 - 2027 Important Dates

Tuesday 1st September 2026 - **INSET DAY**

Wednesday 2nd September 2026 - **INSET DAY**

14th & 15th Sept - Year 6 Bikeability

17th Sept - Year R Teddy Bears Picnic 3.15pm - 4.15pm

INSET dates 2026-2027:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
- Wednesday 2nd September 2026
- Friday 23rd October 2026
- Friday 12th February 2027
- Friday 25th June 2027



The poster features a central illustration of a boy with dark hair, wearing a pink shirt and dark pants, riding a large yellow pencil. He is holding a ruler in his right hand and a brown satchel in his left. A paper airplane is flying above him, and a blue cap is flying to the right. The background is white with blue and pink splatters. The title 'BREAK the RULES DAY' is written in large, bold, white letters with a blue outline. The PAFS logo is in the top left corner. A pink speech bubble in the top right says 'END OF TERM FUN!'. A yellow box on the right lists 'Rules to be broken include:'. A pink speech bubble at the bottom says 'Here's how it works:'. A green box at the bottom left says 'When?'. A pink box at the bottom right says 'Pay 50p for every rule you would like to break. This can be paid by card on our website:-' and 'or cash to teachers on the day.'.

PAFS PRESENTS

BREAK the RULES DAY

END OF TERM FUN!

Rules to be broken include:

1. Football kits and other sportswear is not permitted.
2. School uniform must be worn.
3. Tattoos (temporary!) and glitter must be hidden under clothing.
4. Hair must be natural colours and tied back if longer than shoulder length.
5. Games from home must not be brought in to school.
6. Sandwiches must be eaten first.
7. Chocolate bars and sweets are not allowed in packed lunches.
8. Children are not allowed to choose music played in class.
9. Telling jokes in class is never permitted.
10. Children must never have an extra playtime in the afternoon.

Here's how it works:

When?

22nd July 2026
(last day of term)

Pay 50p for every rule you would like to break. This can be paid by card on our website:-

www.pta-events.co.uk/pafs

or cash to teachers on the day.

LEGO LUNCH CLUB

Tuesday 28th July
St John the Baptist,
Shedfield

Aimed at 4 – 11 year olds

Children need to be
accompanied by a responsible
adult

For more information please
contact

Chris on 07906 436391



LEGO LUNCH CLUB DATES

28th July 11am – 1pm lunch
included

25th August 2pm – 4pm Free
play

27th October 11am – 1pm lunch
included

29th December 2pm – 4pm Free
play

For more information please
contact

Chris on 07906 436391



July 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	6 July 10am
Anxiety Explained	6 July 7pm
Introduction to OCD	7 July 10am
What is ACT?	7 July 7pm
Decreasing Depression	13 July 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	13 July 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	14 July 10am
Understanding the Teenage Brain	14 July 7pm
FREE - Supporting Healthy Screen Use	16 July 7-8pm
Autism-Improving Communication	20 July 10am
Improving Family Communication	20 July 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	21 July 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	21 July 7pm
Understanding Anger	27 July 10am
School Anxiety	27 July 7pm
Facing Defiance	28 July 10am
Supporting Health Screen Use	28 July 7pm

Hampshire SENDIASS Online Workshops

- Free impartial advice relating to SEND for 0-25 years.
- Confidential sessions not recorded.
- Peer support, talking to others experiencing a similar journey.
- A dedicated session with an experienced support worker

**8
JULY
13:00**

Appeals to SEND Tribunal
A step-by-step guide
through the appeals
process

**9
JULY
13:30**

Responding to a draft
EHCP
If you are in that critical
time frame having
received your draft

**10
JULY
11:00**

Considering an EHC Plan?
Independent and
impartial information to
guide you through the
process

**14
JULY
13:00**

Ordinarily Available
Provision and SEN Support
Looking at support
available for those who do
not have an EHCP

**15
JULY
10:00**

Alternative Provision
What constitutes as a
suitable education in
relation to section 19 of
the education act

**22
JULY
12:00**

Responding to a draft
EHCP
If you are in that critical
time frame having
received your draft

www.hampshiresendiass.co.uk/workshops



August 2026 Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

School Anxiety	3 Aug 10am
Anxiety Explained	3 Aug 7pm
Facing Defiance	4 Aug 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	4 Aug 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	10 Aug 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	10 Aug 7pm
Introduction to OCD	11 Aug 10am
Decreasing Depression	11 Aug 7pm
What is ACT?	17 Aug 10am
Improving Family Communication	17 Aug 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	18 Aug 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	18 Aug 7pm
FREE - Raising Self-Esteem	20 Aug 7-8pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	24 Aug 10am
Understanding Anger	24 Aug 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	25 Aug 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	



September Timetable

All regular sessions delivered live online via zoom, 90 minutes long

£24 each or FREE with School Membership

Book online at facefamilyadvice.co.uk

Recordings available for 48 hours

Facing Defiance	1 Sep 10am
Cannabis & Ketamine Awareness	1 Sep 7pm
Supporting Healthy Sleep	7 Sep 10am
Raising Self-Esteem	7 Sep 7pm
Introduction to OCD	8 Sep 10am
Decreasing Depression	8 Sep 7pm
What is ACT?	14 Sep 10am
Improving Family Communication	14 Sep 7pm
Supporting a Child with ADHD	15 Sep 10am
Understanding Addictive Behaviour	15 Sep 7pm
Understanding the Teenage Brain	21 Sep 10am
Understanding Anger	21 Sep 7pm
Autism: Improving Communication	22 Sep 10am
Supporting Healthy Screen Use	22 Sep 7pm
FREE - Masking Awareness	24 Sep 7-8pm
Anxiety Explained	28 Sep 10am
School Anxiety	28 Sep 7pm

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FREE

*For children eligible for benefits-related Free School Meals or deemed vulnerable.

WHEN: Summer 2026 - Dates vary by venue

WHO: For children aged 4-12

WHERE: Across Hampshire (see below)

COST: FREE for eligible children*

VENUES:

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 - Lealand Junior School
 - Orchard Lea Junior School
 - Grange Infant & Junior Sch.
- Basingstoke & Deane:
 - Chalk Ridge Primary School
 - Manor Field Junior School
 - Oakley Infant School
- Eastleigh:
 - Colden Common Primary Sch.
 - Toynbee School
 - Stoke Park Junior School
 - Barton Perrett Sixth Form
- New Forest:
 - Applemore College
- Havant & Waterlooville:
 - Morelands Primary School
 - Padnell Junior School
- Winchester:
 - Stanmore Primary School
 - Sun Hill Infant
 - Swanmore College

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WHEN: 23 July - 28 August 2026 - 9am - 4pm (Early and late options available)

WHERE: Swanmore College

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Mini Campers must be aged 4 and in Yr R

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SUMMER FUNDED ACTIVITY CLUB

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St Anne's Grove, PO14 1JJ

8:30AM - 4:30PM

JULY

WEEK 1 23RD & 24TH

WEEK 2 27TH - 13TH

AUGUST

WEEK 3 3RD - 7TH

WEEK 4 10TH - 14TH

WEEK 5 17TH - 21ST

WEEK 6 24TH - 28TH

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EASTLEIGH ACTIVE

AGES 5-16 YEARS

Monday 27 July - Friday 21 August

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*£1 concessions available to residents receiving qualifying benefits. Activities may be subject to change.

BE INSPIRED THIS SUMMER

EASTLEIGH ACTIVE

BUILD STRENGTH, SKILLS AND FRIENDSHIPS THIS SUMMER

AGES 5-16 YEARS

Monday 27 July - Friday 21 August

GIRLS ONLY SESSIONS

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