



Dear parents/ carers

As ever a busy but wonderful week at school. I have loved spending a little time in Year R seeing them settle and grow into life at school – as well as with Year 3.

Please see below for updates from this week.

Class Dojo:

I'm happy to say we have now set up parent access for every year group for parents for Class Dojo. If you haven't had the e mails giving you access, please let the class teacher know.

From now you should be able to see some of the exciting things your children do at school from home.

We hope you enjoy the window you will get into your children's classroom and daily life at school.

We will also add whole school messages into the Whole School area on Dojo. Hopefully this will help communication from school to home.

Please remember, we will **not** be using the messaging function in Dojo.

And please also be patient with us as we learn how to use this new system!

Finally – please **do not pay** for access to Dojo – it is free to use. As you log in for the first time you will be encouraged to sign up to pay for extras – you don't need to! You should be able to just 'Skip for now'. If you have problems – please let me know!

Harvest:

Please see yesterday's letter about this year's harvest appeal. We are collecting again for Doorways Derby. Year 4 will be leading our Harvest Celebration of the Word that they prepared during their wonderful retreat day this week.



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Admissions September 2026:

Applications are now open for new Reception / Year 3 children to start in September 2026! Tours around school are available every Monday at 10am and 1pm.

Tell your friends! Bring your nieces and nephews! Bring your younger children!

ParentPay:

Please log on to ParentPay and make sure your dinner and club payments are up to date.

Lunches:

Please remember we are a **nut free** school. We do have children and staff with allergies. This does include not having Nutella.

Lunches should also be as healthy as possible and should not include packs of sweets!!

World Mental Health Day:

Next Friday – 10th October – is World Mental Health Day. As last year, we would like the children to wear yellow to mark this day. There will be curriculum activities alongside the non-uniform day.

There is a suggested donation of **£1** towards the non-uniform.

Yours sincerely

Graham Lobb

Headteacher



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Tours for prospective parents

Running every Monday from 10am to 11am and 1pm to 2pm. No need to book, come along and find out how you and your child can become part of our wonderful school community.

Scan the QR code to visit our website

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October:

- Tuesday 7th - St John Fisher vs Alvaston Junior School football match
- Wednesday 8th - Year 4 Celebration of the Word Harvest theme (9:15am - preceded by Y4 breakfast at 8:30am)
- Friday 10th - World Mental Health Day
- Wednesday 15th - Year 2 Retreat Day
- Tuesday 21st - Year 2 Celebration of the Word (9:15am - preceded by Y2 breakfast at 8:30am) **NEW CHANGED DATE**
- Wednesday 22nd - Individual photos (for photos with younger - non SJF siblings - please arrived from 8:30am)
- Thursday 23rd - PTFA Whole School Halloween Disco 4:30pm->
- Friday 24th - Break up for half term



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