



Dear parents/ carers

It has been a lovely first week back – welcoming all our children and families back from last year but also welcoming so many new children and families, both in Year R and in nearly every class through school.

Children have settled into new classes and routines quickly and school just feels a fresh and vibrant place again.

There are lots of exciting things happening over the next few weeks – and some important notices in the letter – please do read through and make sure you take note of the events and notices that apply.

There are also most of the key dates for the year at the end of the letter – retreats/ Class Celebration of the Word/ sports days/ parents evenings.

There are more dates to add, and some dates may have to change but we will keep to them as much as we can.

If you haven't got access to Class Dojo – please pop in and let Miss Willmott know – lots of information and pictures do get added to give you a window into your child's day!

Allergies:

Due to changes in the law – and us wanting to make sure all our information is up to date – please fill in our new form to give us information about any allergies or sensitivities that your child has. I know you will have done this before, and we should have all the information, but this will help us create a fresh whole school register.

Please fill this in even if your child has no sensitivities or allergies.

The link is [here](#)

A reminder – we are a nut aware school – so no child should be coming in with any nut based snacks – or items in their lunchboxes. This does include Nutella.

Children with inhalers should have an inhaler in school at all times.

Thank you.

PTFA AGM:

The PTFA AGM is on Friday 25th September at 9:15am. They are a really friendly group – and would love to welcome new members and helpers.

The PTFA do so much to fund raise – but also to bring our community together so we are very lucky to have them.

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Being involved doesn't mean you have to help at everything -or do everything. Do as much or as little as you can.

But many hands do make for light work - Come along to find out more.

Free School Meals checking:

New changes in eligibility means that many additional children nationally are entitled to Free School Meals.

Also, for the first time in many years, there will be children who have been previously eligible who may no longer be.

If you have not filled in the short form on the website – please do -- you may be paying for dinners you don't need to/ not paying for dinners you do!

You will only need to do this once in the time your child is at St John Fisher.

Even those in Years R/1/2 should complete this as school does gain some additional funding to support children in some cases of eligibility.

If you need help with this application, please pop in to see Miss Willmott.

Thank you. The link is [here](#)

Swimming:

Rather than taking a year group to Moorways to swim, this year we have hired a pool for 2 weeks that will be on the school playground.

Our focus year groups will be Years 4 and 5 – with hopefully Year 3 getting some time in the pool as well.

There will also be the opportunity for some swimming after school clubs.

There will be an additional letter next week with further details.

Please be aware that swimming is part of the national Curriculum and is not an activity that children can be withdrawn from unless there are exceptional medical reasons.

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Snacks at break:

Children in years 3-6 can bring a healthy fruit-based snack for breaktimes if they would like one.

Snacks bought should be healthy and able to be eaten with fingers.

Children in Year R-2 are provided with fruit.

Parking/ Driving around school:

At the beginning and end of the day, please park and drive with care and responsibility. Please do not park on the school's driveway area (unless this is with prior arrangement).

I know it is a busy time for everyone but- especially at the start of the day – children arrive over a period of time so please take extra care when driving off. Thank you.

Hoping for a restful – and dry weekend. God bless.

Yours sincerely

Graham Lobb

September:

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| Friday 4 th | - INSET Day |
| Monday 14 th | - Start of Year Mass (Education Sunday) 10am at school |
| Tuesday 15 th | - Y6 retreat |
| Thursday 24 th | - Y6 CotW 9:15 / Breakfast (8:30am->) |
| Friday 25 th | - PTFA AGM 9:15am |

October:

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| Wednesday 1 st | - Whole School Poetry Assembly/ Macmillan Breakfast (8:30am->) |
| w/c Monday 5 th | - Pool to be set up on site |
| Wednesday 7 th | - Individual photos |
| w/c Monday 12 th | - Swimming Wk1 |
| w/c Monday 19 th | - Swimming Wk2 |

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Friday 23rd - Break up for half term

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November:

Monday 2nd - INSET Day

Tuesday 3rd - Children Back to School

Friday 6th - Y5 retreat

Monday 9th - Parent's Evening

Tuesday 10th - Parent's Evening

Wednesday 11th - Remembrance Day

Thursday 12th - Y5 CotW 9:15 / Breakfast (8:30am->)

w/c Monday 16th - Anti-bullying week

Friday 20th - World Youth Funday (details TBC)

Monday 23rd - Flu Jabs in school

Friday 27th - Advent CotW (2:30pm)

December:

Tuesday 1st - Mass (St Ralph Sherwin) 11:00am at Church

Wednesday 9th - KS1 Christmas Performance 10am

Thursday 10th - KS1 Christmas Performance 2pm

Tuesday 15th - Christmas party day

Wednesday 16th - Whole School Panto trip

Thursday 17th - Christmas Lunch (and Jumpers)

Friday 18th - Carols around the Tree (10am and 2pm)

- Break up for Christmas holiday

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January:

- Monday 4th - Back to School
- Wednesday 6th - Mass (Epiphany) 11am at Church
- Tuesday 19th - Y3 retreat
- Thursday 28th - Y3 CotW 9:15 / Breakfast (8:30am->)

February:

- Tuesday 2nd Year R National Measurement 9:30am
- Tuesday 9th - Safer Internet day
- Wednesday 10th - Ash Wednesday Mass 10am at school
- Friday 12th - Break up for Half term

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- Monday 22nd - INSET Day
- Tuesday 23rd - Children Back to School
- Friday 26th - Year 5 Space Centre trip – TBC

March:

- Monday 1st – Parent's Evening
- Tuesday 3rd – Parent's Evening
- Thursday 4th – World Book Day
- Tuesday 9th - Y4 retreat
- Thursday 18th - Y4 CotW 9:15 / Breakfast (8:30am->)
- Thursday 25th - Easter CotW (2pm)
- Break up for Easter holiday

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April:

- Monday 12th - Back to School
- Tuesday 13th - Y2 retreat
- Monday 19th - Mass 11am at Church
- Thursday 22nd - Y2 CotW 9:15 / Breakfast (8:30am->)

May:

- Monday 3rd - Bank Holiday
- Wednesday 5th - Class photos
- w/c Monday 10th - KS2 SATs week
- Tuesday 18th - Y6 Alton Towers trip - TBC
- Friday 21st - May Procession 2:30pm
- Tuesday 25th - Y6 retreat
- Thursday 27th - Sports Day pm
- Children Break up for Half term
- Friday 28th - INSET

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June:

- w/c Monday 7th - Back to School
- Y4 Multiplication Check (week 1)
- Wednesday 9th - New Year R 2027 Parent's Meeting 3:30pm
- w/c Monday 14th - Y1 Phonics screening/ Y4 Multiplication Check (week 2)
- Monday 14th-16th - Year 6 Residential at Lea Green
- Tuesday 22nd - Mass (St John Fisher) 10am at school
- YR retreat
- Thursday 24th - YR CotW 9:15 / Breakfast (8:30am->)
- Tuesday 29th - Transition in School Day 1 (TBC)

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Wednesday 30th - Transition in School Day 2 (TBC)

July:

Thursday 1st - Transition in School Day 3 (TBC)

Monday 12th - Year 6 Leavers Play (dress rehearsal) 2pm

Tuesday 13th - Year 6 Leavers Play 5:30pm

Wednesday 14th - Year 6 Leavers Play 2pm – followed by Year 6 Leavers BBQ

Friday 16th - Reports to parents

Monday 19th - Leavers Mass 11am at Church

Wednesday 21st - Family picnic followed by Y6 vs staff rounders

Friday 23rd - Break up for end of school year.....

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September:

Friday 4th - Back to School (INSET)

School Year 27/28

Monday 6th September to Friday 22nd October

Monday 1st November to Wednesday 22nd December

Thursday 6th January 2027 to Friday 18th February

Monday 28th February to Friday 7th April

Monday 24th April to Friday 26th May [Bank Holiday Monday 1st May]

Monday 5th June to Friday 21st July (Monday 24th INSET)

4 INSET Days TBC