



St. John's C.E.
Primary School

PROSPECTUS

2026-2027 Academic Year

A member of
The Spire
CHURCH OF ENGLAND LEARNING TRUST
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*"Let your
light
shine!"*

(Matthew 5:16)



WELCOME TO ST. JOHN'S

A very warm welcome awaits you at St. John's C.E. Primary School, where we value our strong relationship with parents and carers. St. John's is a school with a strong Christian ethos and our school is part of The Spire Multi-Academy Trust. Here at St. John's, we pride ourselves on being judged Good by Ofsted at our last inspection in January 2023.

If you would like to visit our school, please contact the office on 01562 745558. We look forward to welcoming you.

In 2023, Ofsted said, 'Pupils are happy at St. John's. Leaders have set high expectations for what pupils learn and how they behave.'

Headteacher and DDSL Suzanne Finlay BA(Hons) NPQH



Deputy Headteacher , SENDCo and DSL Lisa White



ST. JOHN'S C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL VISION



"Let your light shine!"

(Matthew 5:16)

We will **let our light shine** through **courage** that dares to try when we face challenges, **compassion** that notices and acts, and **respect** that listens, values and honours every person as made in God's image. In our changing and diverse school community, we will ensure everyone is nurtured and supported to flourish.

How Our Vision Is Lived Out Every Day

Courage — "the courage to try"

We choose brave goodness: speaking truth kindly, persevering when learning is hard, and making good choices even when they are not easy. We take inspiration from the risky road in the Good Samaritan story, where love becomes action rather than avoidance.

Compassion — "the compassion to care"

Like the Good Samaritan, we are moved to act, helping, including and forgiving so that care is practical, not just a feeling. Compassion shapes our relationships, worship, curriculum priorities and community engagement.

Respect — "the respect to listen"

We honour every voice and background, choosing words that support and practices that protect dignity. Just as the Good Samaritan did, we show that our neighbour includes everyone, especially those who might be overlooked.



Our School Rules

Be Ready

Be Respectful

Be Responsible

Our school rules are simple for the children to follow and known by everyone.

Children who demonstrates our rules and core values well will receive rewards in such as Dojo Points, Shine Your Light Cards and Headteacher's Awards.



Safeguarding and Pupil Welfare

**Keeping
children safe
is everyone's
responsibility**



The safety and welfare of our pupils and their families is of utmost importance to us at St. John's CE Primary School. We work in partnership with numerous external agencies to ensure that each child's needs are met and that positive outcomes are achieved.

We can provide help and support for a range of needs. Including pastorally. Links to other agencies as well as support and guidance for families can be found on our website.

Child Protection

Every school is legally obliged to follow a set procedure if we are concerned about a child's safety or welfare. Head Teachers are required to refer their concerns to the Social Care Department of Social Services for further investigation so that children at risk can be quickly identified. We have a duty of care to protect and safeguard the children at our school. We follow the Worcestershire Safeguarding Procedures. All adults in school are subject to Enhanced DBS checks whether they are employees or volunteers.

The school does not investigate the concerns or make decisions about whether or not a child is being abused. We work in partnership with all agencies to ensure that children are safe and can provide help and support if you are struggling in any way. If your child has a named Social Worker please let us know.

Safeguarding Team

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Miss White

Deputies DSLs:

Mrs. Finlay

Mrs. Taylor

Mrs. Love

Governors

Our Chair of Governors is Daniel McEvilly, who leads the governing body, a small group of committed people responsible for the strategic development of the school.

The School has strong links with St. John's Church and our vision is at the heart of everything we do at St. John's. Our staff have high expectations for the pupils in their care.

In partnership with our families, we strive for the best outcomes for our pupils. We look forward to warmly welcoming all children and their families who join our school.



Learning at St. John's

Learning is fun at St. John's and children enjoy their learning. The children are taught from the Early Years Foundation Stage Curriculum and the National Curriculum. Each topic subject is carefully planned to ensure that all curriculum areas are covered and that the children are equipped with the skills, knowledge and understanding needed to be successful.

Some subjects can be blocked or taught discretely. Learning should be a rewarding and enjoyable experience for everyone and we encourage pupils and teachers to take the learning in a direction that builds on the interests of the child.

On PE days, children come to school in their PE uniform ready to participate in PE and other activities that promote their mental and physical health and wellbeing.

Parents are informed of learning so they are able to support home learning so that school and home work in partnership.

Wraparound Care

Wraparound Care is available on site with Breakfast Club starting from 7:30am and is run by our own staff.

Long John's @ St. John's



Afterschool care runs from the end of the school day at 3:10pm until 5:30pm. Contact the office for more information on 01562 745558
office@stjohns.worcs.sch.uk

2026-2027 Term Dates

2026 - 2027 Academic Term Dates for St. John's CE Primary School



Autumn Term

Professional Development Day
Professional Development Day
Term starts on
Term ends on
Professional Development Day
Half Term
Term starts on
Term ends on

Tuesday 1st September 2026
Wednesday 2nd September 2026
Thursday 3rd September 2026
Thursday 22nd October 2026
Friday 23rd October 2026
Monday 26th - Friday 30th October 2026
Monday 2nd November 2026
Friday 18th December 2026

Spring Term

Term starts on
Term ends on
Half Term
Term starts on
Term ends on
Easter Holiday

Monday 4th January 2027
Friday 12th February 2027
Monday 15th - Friday 19th February 2027
Monday 22nd February 2027
Thursday 25th March 2027
Monday 29th March – Friday 9th April

Summer Term

Term starts on
Term ends on
Half Term
Professional Development Day
Term starts on
Term ends on
Professional Development Day

Monday 12th April
Friday 28th May 2027
Monday 31st May – Friday 4th June 2027
Monday 7th June 2027
Tuesday 8th June 2027
Tuesday 20th July 2027
Wednesday 21st July 2027

Bank Holidays

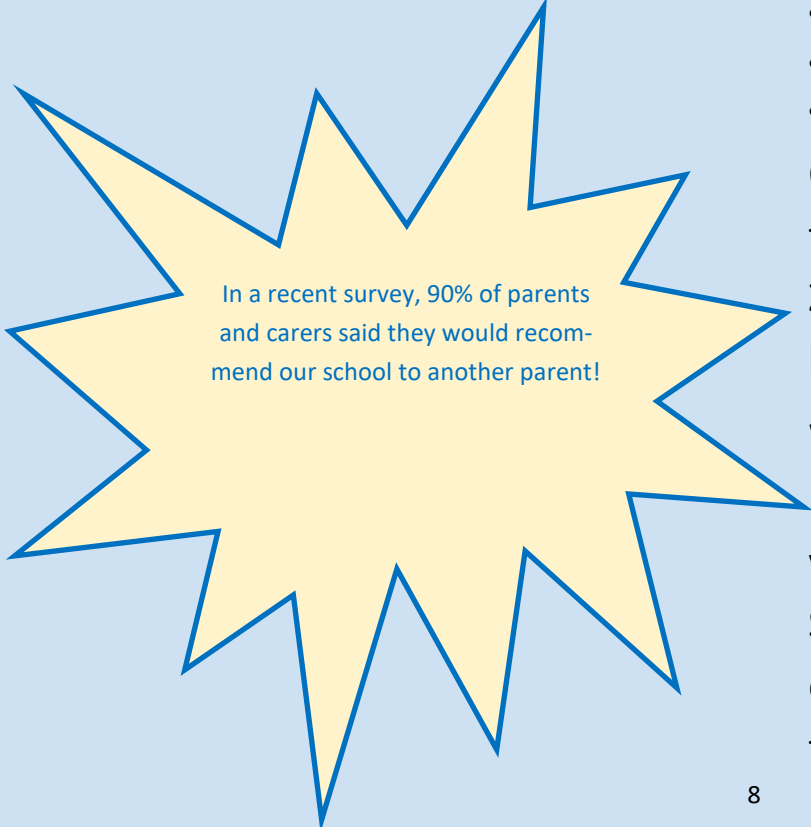
Good Friday
Easter Monday
May Day
Whitsun Bank Holiday

Friday 26th March 2027
Monday 29th March 2027
Monday 3rd May 2027
Monday 31st May 2027

Clubs, Trips and Enrichment

A range of enrichment activities are available for our children to enable them to experience opportunities that they will enjoy and learn from. Some examples are:

- Dance
- Football for both boys and girls
- Multi-Skills
- Choir
- Art
- Science
- Tennis
- Dodgeball
- Running



In a recent survey, 90% of parents and carers said they would recommend our school to another parent!

Our children also have opportunities to participate in a range of sporting events and competitions such as :

- multi-skills,
- ten-pin bowling,
- football skills,
- bicycle skills,
- swimming,
- tri-golf,
- cross country
- tag rugby.
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Other trips take place to local places of interest such as the Brinton Park, the West Midlands Safari Park, Dudley Zoo and Castle and Birmingham Museum and Art Gallery.

We currently run a residential visit for year 6, where they are able to experience a range of outdoor and adventurous activities such as zip-wiring and laser-tag. Staying away from home encourages them to work on confidence and independence to support them with the transition to secondary school.



St. John's CE Primary School Uniform Policy

Our branded uniform is available from
Crested Schoolwear, Kidderminster and online from
<https://myclothing.com/>

Girl's Uniform	Boy's Uniform
- Navy blue school sweatshirt (crew-neck or V-neck) or cardigan with school logo - White polo shirt - Grey or black skirt, pinafore or tailored trousers - Plain black shoes or plain black trainers - Grey, black or white socks or tights <u>Summer uniform (optional)</u> - Blue checked dress or culottes - Grey or black tailored shorts	- Navy blue school sweatshirt (crew-neck or V-neck) with school logo - White polo shirt - Grey or black trousers - Plain black shoes or plain black trainers - Grey, black or white socks <u>Summer uniform (optional)</u> - Grey or black tailored shorts
Long hair must be tied back with a blue or black hair bobble. Jewellery is not allowed except for a small pair of plain studded earrings. Digital or analogue watch may be worn. Smart watches are prohibited.	
Unisex PE Uniform	
- Royal blue t-shirt with optional school logo - Plain black or navy shorts - Plain black or navy joggers or leggings - Black trainers or pumps - School jumper or cardigan - Year 6 only – Leaver's hoodies (ordered via school) Earrings must be removed for PE and swimming lessons for health and safety reasons.	
WE ADVISE PARENTS AND CARERS TO WRITE YOUR CHILD'S NAME ON THE LABEL IN EACH ITEM OF CLOTHING. ST. JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL CANNOT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST ITEMS OF UNIFORM. THANK YOU FOR ENSURING YOUR CHILD WEARS THE CORRECT UNIFORM.	



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Food and Drink

Milk

Children in Reception are provided with milk each day.

Drinks bottles

All children should bring a water bottle to school and weak squash is also allowed. Pupils can access water throughout the day keeping them refreshed and hydrated. Water is also provided at lunchtimes.

Fruit and Playtime Snacks

Children in Nursery, Reception, Year One and Year Two are provided with a piece of fruit (or veg) each day as part of the national scheme. The fruit (or veg) choice is varied throughout the year and ranges from pears, apples and bananas to carrots, tomatoes and peas. Older children can bring in their own healthy snack to eat at playtime if they wish. We encourage snacks such as fruit, vegetable sticks, yoghurt or cheese sticks for example.

School Meals

All children can choose meals from a balanced, varied menu. The meals are currently provided free of charge for children in Reception, Year One and Year Two and for older pupils who are entitled to claim free school meals. Pupils who are not entitled to free school meals can purchase meals and parents should order by Wednesday for the following week through ParentPay.



Health Matters

First Aiders

At St. John's, we have numerous staff who are trained in First Aid and are able to support a child who requires basic treatment. We also have an accessible toilet for pupils with conditions requiring more support.

Medicines



Medicines, such as antibiotics can usually be given before and after school. Where this is not really possible, or where there is an on going or chronic condition the school is happy to offer help. Medication should be handed in at the office and a medication form completed. A qualified First Aider will administer medicine.

We reserve the right to ask parents to come into school to administer the medicine themselves. Children with asthma should keep an inhaler in school. All inhalers must be in date and should be labelled with the child's name.

Long Term Medical Needs

If your child has any allergies or needs additional medical support, we will work with you to produce an individual care plan. Please discuss any specific needs with us.



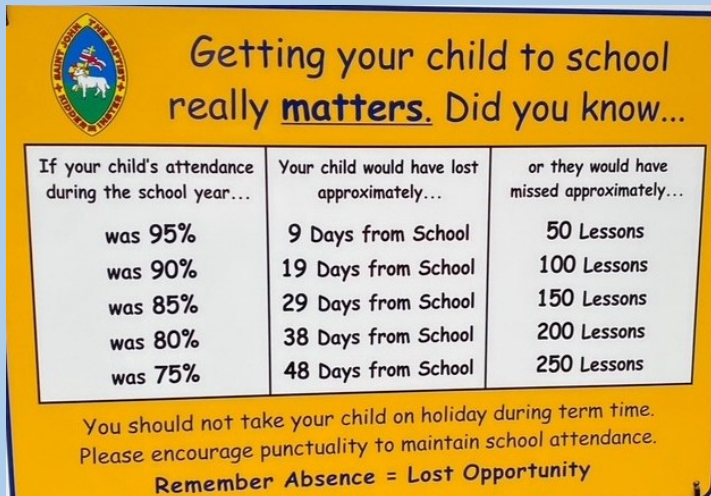
Attendance and Punctuality

Regular attendance at school is vital if children are to make good progress and to benefit from all the opportunities that school offers. Good attendance and punctuality is important. If your child has been absent from school the law requires you to notify the school of the reason for absence. As a guide, children should only be absent if they are ill or attending a medical appointment.

Children should not be kept off school to help at home, for a new pet, or to go shopping. We are not allowed to authorise absence for birthdays or personal events.

HOLIDAYS

Holidays **will not** be authorised except in exceptional circumstances. Children are expected to be in school for 190 days during the school year. This leaves 175 days for holidays, treats, special events and non-urgent appointments. Parents and carers taking children on holiday in term time are referred to the Local Authority who may issue a fine. If you need to make an application for leave in term time, a form is available from the office which must be completed.



Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
was 95%	9 Days from School	50 Lessons
was 90%	19 Days from School	100 Lessons
was 85%	29 Days from School	150 Lessons
was 80%	38 Days from School	200 Lessons
was 75%	48 Days from School	250 Lessons

You should not take your child on holiday during term time.
Please encourage punctuality to maintain school attendance.
Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

The School Day

Registration: 8:40am

Break: 10:45am—11:00am

Lunch: 12:15pm —1:00pm

End of Day: 3:10pm

Reporting Pupil Absence

We continually strive to improve attendance for the pupils in our school as good attendance is linked to future success. In any case of absence, it is a parent or guardian's legal duty to notify school of the reason why. You can report your child's absence in any of the following ways:

Phone the school on 01562 745558

Send an email to office@stjohns.worcs.sch.uk

Send a Dojo message to Mrs. India Smith or your child's class teacher

Send a message through ParentMail



 Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If in a school year, your child is late every day by...	Your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
5 Minutes	3.5 Days from School	20 Lessons
10 Minutes	7 Days from School	41 Lessons
15 Minutes	10 Days from School	55 Lessons
20 Minutes	14.5 Days from School	82 Lessons
30 Minutes	22 Days from School	123 Lessons

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