

Newsletter – July 2026

End of Term

The final day of the school year will be **Friday 17th July 2026**.

Children will return to school on **Thursday 3rd September 2026**.

We would like to wish all our families a safe, happy, and restful summer holiday, and we look forward to welcoming the children back in September. We would also like to extend our very best wishes to our Year 2 & Year 6 children as they move on to the next stage of their education and begin an exciting new chapter. We wish them every success and happiness for the future.

INSET Days (2026–27)

The following INSET days have been scheduled for the next academic year:

- Tuesday 1st September 2026
 - Wednesday 2nd September 2026
 - Friday 23rd October 2026
 - Monday 12th April 2027
 - Friday 28th May 2027
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Staffing Update

- We have appointed two Teaching Assistants who will start in September 2026
 - I am really pleased to share the exciting news that Mrs Katie Bradshaw is expecting twins during the Summer holiday and will be starting her maternity leave in September. She will keep us informed and I will let you all know in September any further news.
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School meal price increase

We have been informed by the council that school meal prices are increasing from September by 20p.

A nursery lunch will now cost £2.85 and for a primary aged child will cost £3.15

Pupil Premium and sports Premium funding

The government announced significant changes to Pupil Premium and Free School Meal eligibility a few months ago. The council has now almost completed its eligibility checks and has advised that parents will shortly receive correspondence regarding the outcome.

As a result of these changes, some children who were previously eligible may no longer qualify, while others may now become eligible for support. Parents are encouraged to read any communication from the council carefully and contact the relevant team if they have any questions.

We have also been notified that sports premium funding is ending which will possibly have an impact on funding for all the sports provision we have at the school.

The government have identified sports partnerships for further funding so we will have to see what the offer is from these providers in the Autumn Term.

Reminders

Water Bottles

Please ensure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day. To support healthy hydration, water bottles should be filled with **water only** and not juice, squash, fizzy drinks, or other flavoured beverages.

Uniform

Please check that all clothing items are clearly labelled, as names can fade over time.

As we prepare for the new academic year, we would like to remind all families that from September we will be actively monitoring our school uniform standards and expect all pupils to attend school in full, correct school uniform each day.

Please find attached our School Uniform Policy. We ask that you take the time to read this carefully and ensure that your child adheres to these expectations from the start of term.

Toys and Personal Items

Children should not bring toys, sensory items, cuddly toys, or pencil cases into school. Any such items will be sent home. Please remind your child.

2-Year-Old Provision and Nursery

We have several spaces available from September. If you know anyone looking for a place, please share our details so we can arrange a visit.

Year 2 and Year 6 Payments

Please ensure your **ParentPay account is fully cleared** before the end of term. Kindly check your account and settle any outstanding balances before your child leaves. The office staff and I will be chasing up any outstanding payments next week.

Recent communication about changes for entry to classroom and moving around the grounds at St John's.

Please read the letter that was sent out earlier this week.

Scooters and bikes

Please ensure your child does not ride their scooters or bikes on the school site. We are all for children using active travel, but it becomes a safety risk when other people are also walking around the site.

Message from Y6 staff

Can all Y6 children bring a very strong carrier bag into school on Monday 13th July to take home books and belongings.

On Friday 17th July can all Y6 children bring in a marker pen and school top for shirt signing.

We would like to give our Y6 children a memorable send-off and are inviting parents and carers to join staff in saying a final farewell. To make this possible, the Y6 children will be dismissed at **3:30pm** to allow time for the rest of the school to leave.

Dates for Diaries

Royd Nursery Infant

July

- 13** - Royd Sports Day
- 14** - Y2 leavers concert 6pm at The Venue
- 15** - Summer Fayre 2pm
- 16** - 2.30 pm Rocksteady Concert

Deepcar St John's

July

- 14** - Y6 Prom at 5pm
- 15** - Summer Fayre 2pm
- 16** - 10am Rocksteady concert
- 16** - Y6 Leavers service