ST JOHN THE BAPTIST RCP SCHOOL

Headteacher's Note

Weekly Newsletter
Friday 24th April 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

As this school year continues to move at pace, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a real pleasure to see the enthusiasm, resilience and kindness our pupils demonstrate each day, both in the classroom and around school.

It has been lovely to welcome the children back for the final term of the year. It is hard to believe how quickly time has flown. The Spring term was as busy as ever and filled with many memorable moments — from Bunny Bingo and our Music Concert, which was a wonderful celebration of the talents within our school, to our special Easter Readaround. This gave us a valuable opportunity to pause, reflect, sing and pray together as we explored the Easter story — an experience that was deeply moving for all involved.

I hope you all enjoyed a relaxing Easter break, and I extend my Easter blessings to you and your families.

Staffing Update

The School Office

We would like to share that Miss Ormerod from the school office has now left us to pursue a career in the beauty industry.

Mrs Schuck has kindly joined us on a temporary basis while we recruit to fill this vacancy permanently.

Nursery

Mrs Dowson will be leaving us at the end of the half term, having secured a new role closer to home. We offer her our congratulations and wish her all the very best for the future. We thank her sincerely for her contribution to the school and wish her every success in this next chapter.

Teaching, Learning and Curriculum

Our focus this term remains firmly on providing high-quality teaching and learning that enables all pupils to thrive. Children have been engaging enthusiastically across the curriculum, and it has been wonderful to see learning brought to life throughout the school.
Please continue to check our communications app to stay up to date with school events and reminders.

As part of this, pupils will be attending their annual class trips during the term. These visits provide a valuable opportunity to enrich classroom l earning, allowing children to experience their topics first-hand and make meaningful connections between their studies and the wider world.
Thank you to parents and carers for continuing to support learning at home — whether through reading, homework, or simply talking to your child about their day. Your involvement truly makes a difference.
Class Trips

- **Nursery: Thornton Hall Farm**
- **Reception: Mrs Dowson's Farm**
- **Year 1: Skipton Castle**
- **Year 2: Rochdale Fireground**
- **Year 3: Wild Discovery**
- **Year 4: Eureka**
- **Year 5: Legoland**
- **Year 6: Borwick Hall Residential and Turret House**

PTA

Our PTA are already working hard to plan the **Summer Fair**, which will be held on **12th July**.
If you are able to offer any help with the organisation or running of the fair, please contact **Jo Brelsford**. We are always extremely grateful for your support.



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New Starters

We have been delighted to welcome **three new children** into Key Stages 1 and 2 this week, and we hope that they settle quickly and feel happy and secure within our school community.
We have also welcomed **four new children into Nursery**, and it has been lovely to see them begin their school journey with us.

Reception Starters – September 2026

During the Easter holidays, parents received notification of their child's allocated school place for September 2026. Once again, we are pleased to confirm that the school is full, with all **30 Reception places** offered.
Over the coming weeks, we will be writing to parents to formally request acceptance of the offered places and to share details of our induction arrangements and information evening. Further information will follow shortly.



Mission Possible – Kenya

I am pleased to share that I am once again planning a return visit to **Kenya during the May half-term break**, travelling this year as part of a team of eight.
Next week, I will be bringing my suitcase into school so that the children can help and support me with packing. We would be extremely grateful for any donations of stationery, such as pencils, pens, coloured pencils and packs of felt-tip pens.
As many of you know, I also like to take small treats for the children, including sweets, lollipops and popping candy, which they always find great fun. Donations of **new socks and underwear** are also very much appreciated, as many of the children we support have very few, if any, of these essential items.
This year, our focus is on supporting the Sisters who have opened a **brand new primary school in Embu**. We are offering educational advice, practical support, mentoring in teaching and learning, and much-needed resources. Any support you are able to offer would be most gratefully received.
Members of the team have begun parish appeals at weekends to help raise vital funds. There will also be a **collection box next to my suitcase**, and we may look to organise a **non-uniform day** ahead of the visit.
Thank you, as always, for your generosity and continued support of this important mission.

Key Dates

- **Thursday 30th April - Class Leavers Photographs**
- **Thursday 30th April—KS2 Film Night 6.15pm**
- **Friday 1st May - Year 3 & 4 Class Mass 9.00am**
  Reception Class Assembly
- **Monday 4th May - Bank Holiday School closed**
- **Tuesday 5th May - Reception Class Trip**
- **Thursday 14th May - Ascension of the Lord/May Mass 1.30pm**

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Summer Term and Uniform

As we move into the Summer Term, children are now welcome to wear **summer uniform**, including summer dresses. On hot, sunny days, please ensure that sun cream is applied before school and that any additional cream needed for lunchtime reapplication is clearly labelled and sent in.

Car Park Update

Work has continued on the **Fenny Fold car park** over the Easter holidays; however, there is still **no access permitted** until the final surface has been applied.

This situation has been difficult for parents, residents and staff alike, and I thank you sincerely for your patience. I look forward to a solution being in place soon.

Thank you once again for your continued support and for being such a valued part of our school community.

God bless,
Mrs McKeating
Headteacher



