



## St John the Baptist C of E (Aided) Primary School

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Dear Families

We have a lovely buzz going on in school at the moment and we have had another busy week!

I have met with our new School Council and we have some exciting projects planned for the forthcoming year – watch this space.

Our Harvest Service was a huge success and Holly Class did a great job. They performed as a team and showed respect and support to each other as they presented. Thank you to all our parents for your continued support.

We have had another Open Day this week for prospective 2025 parents. They had the opportunity to see music, art, cooking and design technology on Thursday afternoon. Feedback was good and one family said, “We are a happy school”. A big thank you to our School Captains for doing a brilliant job of promoting our school to prospective parents.

Finally, we are going to say a sad goodbye, good luck and a huge thank you to Miss Ainsworth as she leaves St John’s next Friday. We wish her well for the future.

Have a great weekend.  
Jane Sharrock

### YEAR 6 BIKEABILITY TRAINING

Next Monday, our Year 6 children will be starting their cycle training with instructors from WSCC. Can we remind Year 6 parents to check their emails for more details. Children must not cycle to school unaccompanied and must not ride on the school drive. They should bring in a change of clothes for the training, and keep an eye on the weather forecast, just in case they need a waterproof jacket. Good luck Year 6!



### SOCIAL MEDIA

Did you know we have a school Facebook page which we regularly update to include posts about the interesting activities the children enjoy during the day and also at sporting events, after school. Please follow St John the Baptist C of E Primary, Findon and ‘like’ the posts, too!

We also have a school website <https://www.stjbps.co.uk/> where you can find information about current clubs, including timings, as well as a calendar which shows forthcoming events. You can find our Facebook feed on the website, as well!

### FIREWORKS FANTASIA

Our PTA desperately need **YOUR** help with the forthcoming Fireworks fundraiser! We hope that you can find time to volunteer and help our hardworking PTA Committee. Thank you. <https://volunteersignup.org/A9PAJ>

## **YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT**

We took two basketball teams to Angmering School yesterday, and both teams played brilliantly. The games were fast and furious, and we managed to score some great goals. One of our teams came 5th overall, which is amazing as there were ten teams playing altogether. Everyone showed fantastic sportsmanship, and the children were an absolute credit to the school.



## **PTA NEWS**

### **Findon Firework Fantasia**

Our yearly firework event is fast approaching and we hope it will be a great evening, with some good weather too! As always, these events can't go ahead without your help, so please do sign up to help with whatever you can via the following link:

<https://volunteersignup.org/A9PAJ>



It's a fun event to help at and you will also receive a free BBQ item and drink from the bar as a thank you!

Tickets are now on sale online (see our Facebook page for details) and can also be purchased (Cash only) at either Findon Village Post Office or Michael Jones, Estate Agent, Findon Valley. You can also return your slips, which were sent out to you, via the school PTA box.

Please check out our social media and event page, we would really appreciate you spreading the word and sharing this event!

Have a great weekend!

The PTA Committee

***St John the Baptist PTA***

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## DATES FOR THE AUTUMN TERM

Over the weeks, we will add **new dates/events in red**, so please make sure that you regularly check this list and update your diaries.



### OCTOBER

<b>Mon 21 October</b>	Year 6 Bikeability Course (Monday to Wednesday) Y1 & Y2 Angmering Half Mile run at Angmering (3.45pm)
Tues 22 October	Nasal Flu vaccinations (morning) PTA meeting at school (6pm)
Wed 23 October	Six Weeks In meeting for our Reception and new parents (9am) <b>Open Evening for prospective new Reception parents (6pm)</b>
Thurs 24 October	Locality Y5 & Y6 Netball and Football matches at Angmering School (3.45pm)
Half-term break	28 Oct – 1 Nov
<b>Thurs 31 October</b>	<b>Closing date for secondary school transfer applications</b>

### NOVEMBER

Mon 4 November	INSET DAY
Sat 9 November	Y5 & Y6 Shakespeare at Windlesham (am) PTA Fireworks Fantasia
Wed 13 November	Y5 & Y6 Small Schools Football Tournament at Angmering (letter to follow)
Thurs 14 November	PTA Bag2School collection (9am) Y5 & Y6 Locality Schools Football Tournament at Angmering School (3.45pm)
Fri 15 November	BBC Children in Need – details to follow
<b>Mon 18 November</b>	<b>Year 2 Walk around Findon</b>
Thurs 28 November	Locality Y5 & Y6 Netball and Football matches at Angmering School (3.45pm)

### DECEMBER

Tues 10 December	Ash & Willow Christmas Nativity (1.30pm)
Wed 11 December	Ash & Willow Christmas Nativity (1.30pm)
Thurs 12 December	PTA Elfridges event – details to follow Y5 & Y6 Locality Football & Netball matches at Angmering School
Mon 16 December	Open Afternoon (3.30pm)
Wed 18 December	Chartwells Christmas lunch
Fri 20 December	Christmas party lunch (Chartwells lunches will not be served) – information to follow Last day of term

#### **Recent correspondence:**

- **Email to Year 6 parents regarding Bikeability course**
- **Year 2 parents – Walk around Findon**
- **Whole school – BBC 500 Words competition**