



Newsletter No.1

Friday 5th September 2025

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am sure there was a sigh of relief on Tuesday that school was reopening and the establishment of school and bedtime routines were returning. It was lovely to see you all back at the school gates this week. A warm welcome is extended to the new families joining our school and I look forward to getting to know you all as the termtime progresses.

Classes Reception A and B attended a special 'Welcome' assembly on Thursday. It was so nice to meet each child individually and be able to put some names to faces.

I am pleased to report that the children have had a lovely first week back in school and were delighted to be reunited with their friends. Thank you for making such a concerted effort to ensure that your child returned in the correct uniform and footwear. They all looked so smart and ready for learning.

Mr Campana, our site manager, has had a very busy summer ensuring that all of our various planned maintenance projects were carried out. I have provided you with a summary of these further down in the newsletter. A huge thank you is extended to Mr Campana for working so hard over the holidays to ensure our school was ready for opening on Tuesday.

I look forward to working with you and your family this year to ensure that your children have an enjoyable and fulfilling educational experience in the year ahead.

Kind regards,

Clare Campbell

Headteacher



Water Bottles & Fruit

All children are encouraged to bring a named bottle of water to school, which they can use during class time. On hot days, the staff top the water bottles up for the children during the day to ensure that they remain hydrated.



We are part of the national free fruit scheme for infants, so children in years R to 2 receive a piece of fruit daily.

Junior children are required to bring their own.

We have a number of children allergic to Kiwi fruit so please refrain from including this in your child's fruit box.



School dinners

A copy of the school's menu for this term is on the school's website: www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk



Any parents choosing to send their child in with a packed lunch should not include the following items: sweets, crisps, fizzy drinks, chocolate and foods containing nuts. Please ensure that all packed lunch boxes/bags are labelled with your child's name and class.

As healthy eating is an important issue and an increasing number of children have a range of intolerances/allergies, children are not permitted to bring in sweets or cakes to celebrate their birthday.

Medical Needs

For any child needing to receive medication during the school day, this can be dropped via the office in the morning to Ms Doogan.

If you need to discuss any medical issues regarding your child's health (in particular the use of long-term medication), please ring the office to arrange for Miss Doogan to call you to discuss this matter. If your child is returning to school in plaster, please make an appointment to see Ms Doogan prior to their return, as special arrangements have to be put in place.

The school also needs to know if a child has measles/ mumps/ chicken pox or has been in contact with another child or adult who has had any of these illnesses. The wellbeing of all our pupils, particularly several who are vulnerable to infection, is paramount to us.



Pupil Attendance and Punctuality

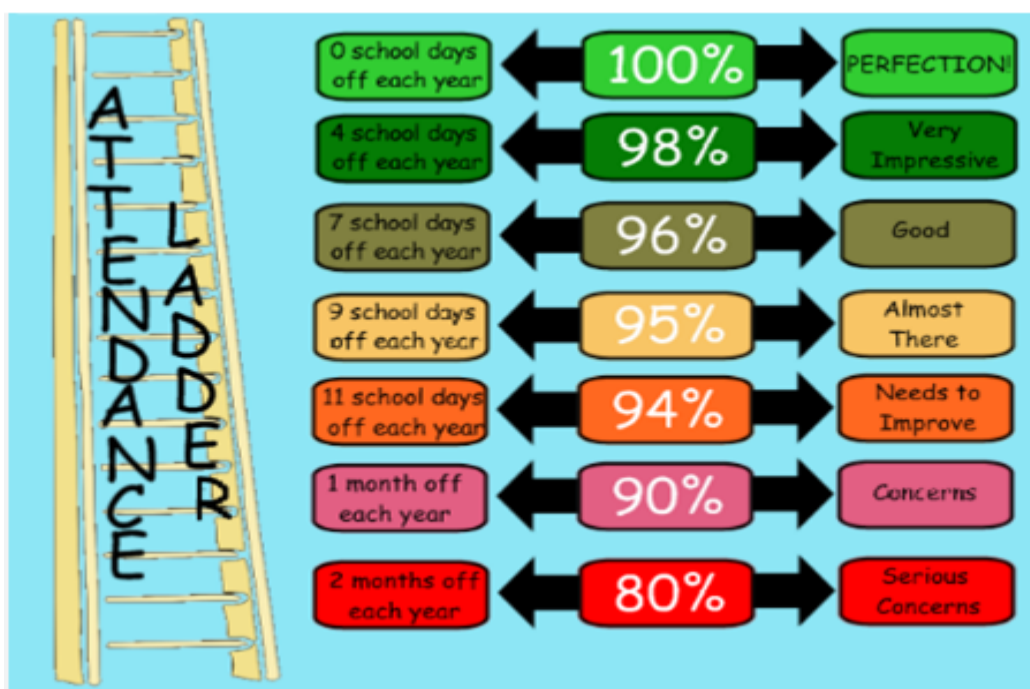
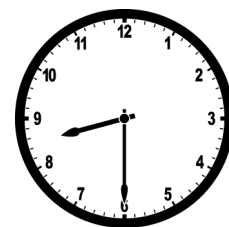
It is vital that children are in school everyday and arrive on time, unless they are unwell. Excellent school attendance enables them to access every opportunity to support their global development.

You will find attached with this newsletter information and guidance regarding taking term time absence.

Below is a chart that shows the learning time lost by being absent from school.

If your child is unwell, or will be absent from school for any reason please telephone the school office and press 1 on the automated message service to report the absence by 9.00am. Alternatively you can e-mail on:

absence@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk



School Uniform

The children have all returned to school looking very smart in their school uniforms. It is much appreciated that everyone follows the school uniform guidelines. A reminder to ensure that all uniform is labelled to reduce the valuable time lost in reuniting children and items of uniform! Please make sure labels are clear, legible and not faded. In regards to footwear, children should be wearing plain black/navy shoes of leather appearance, with Velcro, buckles or laces. The shoes should be free of sports labels/branding and should be able to be polished.

<https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/downloads/Uniform-Policy.pdf>

PE Kits

On the day/s of your child's PE sessions, they are expected to come to school dressed in their PE kits. A reminder that the school PE kit is as follows:

- Plain white polo shirt (or, if you still have the PE shirt with school logo, please continue to use)
- Navy shorts or tracksuit bottoms / school sweatshirt on colder days
- Trainers (whatever trainers your child already has will be fine for PE) if they are lace up—your child needs to be able to tie these themselves.

Year Group	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
Reception	A			B	
1		X	X		
2		X		X	
3		X			X
4		X		X	
5		X		X	
6	X			X	

Staff Welcome

A warm welcome is extended to Ms Blachowiicz and Ms Begu, who will be supporting the children with their learning across the school.

Just a reminder, that if you have a concern about your child, the first point of contact is their class teacher. They are in the best position to answer any questions about your child or investigate your concern.

On the rare occasion, where you feel not completely satisfied with the outcome of your concern, Ms Tibbs, who is in charge of EYFS/Years 1/2 or Mr McCormick Years 3—6 will meet with you.

You can make an appointment with a class teacher or Ms Tibbs by leaving a message in the school office or via email on info@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk



Term Dates

Attached are the school dates for the year. Please keep them in a safe place for your reference.

They are also available via the school's website: www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk

Virtual opportunity to meet your child's class teacher

During the week beginning Monday 8th September there will be an opportunity for you to meet your child's class teacher virtually to find out what they will be learning in the year. These sessions will take place via Google Meet for all year Groups (these will last approximately 30 minutes)

we will send a link to the session via email and text.

Some of the things that will be discussed are:



Topics that your child will be covering in class

The class rules and routines

The behaviour policy and how this is put in place in your child's new class

How homework is set and reviewed

The school's expectations for attendance / punctuality / uniform and PE kit

Upcoming events for the term

An opportunity to ask any further questions

Please see below for when your child's session will be held:

Class	Teachers	When
Nursery	Ms Decsi & Ms Kollia	Tues 16th Sept— 3.45pm
Reception	Ms Petch and Ms Susko	Mon 8th Sept— 4.20pm
Year 1	Ms O'Connor and Ms O'Brien	Tues 9th Sept – 4.20PM
Year 2	Ms Rowley and Ms Tibbs	Tues 9th Sept– 3.45PM
Year 3	Ms Williams and Ms Newman	Wed 10th Sept– 3.45 PM
Year 4	Mr Fuiava and Ms Newson	Thu 11th Sept – 3.45 PM
Year 5	Ms Vassallo and Ms Gyles	Thu 11th Sept – 4.20PM
Year 6	Mr McCormick and Mr Shreeves	Wed 10th Sept – 4.20 PM

School Mass

Our first school Mass of this year will take place on **Friday (12th September)** and will be led by **6M (Mr McCormick's class)**. This will take place at **St Joan of Arc Church at 9am.**

Pupils from Years 1-6 will be attending and as with all school Masses, all parents are welcome to attend. This will be Fr. Alexander's first school Mass so it would be lovely if as many parents as possible could attend.



Extended School Childcare & Clubs



St Joan of Arc School
Growing together

Our service, which runs both childcare and clubs is open after school every night from 3-5pm or 5.45pm. This is managed by Ms Cumpstey, with Ms Squire as Deputy Manager. All of the staff on duty each evening are members of the school staff so there is continuity of care from the school day to after school for the children.

Children attending the club are escorted from their classroom by their TA to the small hall for registration and are then handed over to the coaches for their clubs or they can choose an activity to do if they are remaining in childcare.

As well as reviewing the clubs and activities on offer, we have revised the snack menu provided each night. Different snacks are on offer depending on the length of time the children are attending the service.

Monday to Friday 3.00-5.00pm	Water Fruit Carrot sticks Cucumber Olives	With one of the following options: Cheese and crackers, toast, crumpets or bagels with jam, marmalade, cheese or ham
Monday to Friday 5.00-5.45pm	Water	A light meal (e.g. pasta with sauce /cheese, pizza or jacket potato with cheese/beans)

The booking service for after school is <https://stjoanofarc.magicbooking.co.uk/Identity/Account/Login>

We have received a number of cancellations this week so, we are working through the waiting list to offer places out to the next children on the list.

If you have an enquiry about your booking or need to speak to the Extended Schools Manager, Ms Cumpstey is on duty from 2-5.45pm and the direct line number is:

07949 406543

or email:

extendedday@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk

A reminder that a prompt collection at either 5pm or between 5 and 5.45pm is required as the staff on duty have been here since 8am and like you all, have children at home to deal with too!

School Building updates

Our site manager, Mr Campana, had an extremely busy summer coordinating various contractors as well as carrying out maintenance tasks on the building. The school governors want to ensure that the children continue to be taught in a school which has a pleasant and clean environment but is also being modernised to meet today's educational requirements.



These are the updates that were completed during the holidays:

- The main school and nursery boilers were installed and should now ensure that the school is nice and warm when the winter months kick in
- The classrooms in years 2 and 3 have had new carpets laid and the shared areas outside these classrooms have had a complete update too. This includes the installation of two small teaching and learning areas outside the classrooms
- Class 4I and 4J as well as the main junior corridor area have had air conditioning units installed
- The junior classrooms have had new interactive whiteboards installed
- Our IT systems have been updated to enable us to start our journey to become a google school

Some of the funding of the above projects has come from the school building fund which you as parents have contributed to over the last number of years. This is a fund that is held by the Diocese (on our behalf) and is ring fenced for building projects only.

A big thank you to all the families who have contributed to this fund, your generosity is much appreciated.

LUNCH CLUBS

Last term a group of nine parent volunteers took part in a trial to run lunchtime clubs for the children.

Over the last five weeks of school, 24 infant and junior gardeners explored the SJA garden, bringing sunshine to seeds and new plants into the world; 16 infants up-cycled household junk into crafty planters and colourful aeroplanes and 13 more infants embraced the zen-art of paper folding and become origami ninjas!

The kids loved taking part, the parent volunteers thought it was the highlight of their year and every week we had interested children wanting to join in or asking to take part next term.

The Parents Association would like to keep running Lunch Clubs and they need your help to involve more children and run different activities. Could you spare one lunch-time a week to volunteer? If you would like to get involved or just have questions please get in touch:

<https://forms.gle/CQaW5fyEyfCvkrK6A>



SEPTEMBER

Week Beginning Monday 8th

Year Group Curriculum meetings

Friday 12th - 9am School Mass led by Class 6M all parents invited

Week Beginning Monday 15th

Wednesday 17th - 9am Reception/Year 1 Parent Phonics Workshop

Week Beginning Monday 22nd

Friday 26th - 8.30-9.30am New Parent's Coffee Morning

Friday 26th - 6pm International Evening

Week Beginning 29th

Friday 3rd October - 9am Perform Theatre Group Years 1 - 3
3pm PA Cake Sale in Playground

OCTOBER

Week Beginning Monday 6th

Thursday 9th - School Photographer - individual and sibling group photographs

Week beginning Monday 13th

Friday 17th - 6.30pm Reception Parent Bingo in Large Hall

Week Beginning Monday 20th

Wednesday 22nd - Flu Vaccinations Reception - Year 6

Week Beginning 27th October - Half Term

NOVEMBER

Week Beginning 3rd November

Monday 3rd - INSET DAY

Tuesday 4th - 8.15 - 8.30pm Children return to school

Thursday 6th - Year 3 Trip to The Hive

Week Beginning Monday 10th

Friday 14th - Flu Vaccination - catch up session

Week Beginning Monday 17th

Wednesday 19th - 3.30 - 6.30pm Parent Consultation

Thursday 20th - 3.30 - 6.30pm Parent Consultation

DECEMBER

Week Beginning Monday 1st

Friday 5th - 3.30pm Christmas Fair in Playground

Week Beginning Monday 8th

Wednesday 10th - 8.45am [Infant Nativity Show \(Nurs to Year 2\)](#)

Thursday 11th - 8.45am Infant Nativity Show (Nurs to Year 2)

Week Beginning Monday 15th

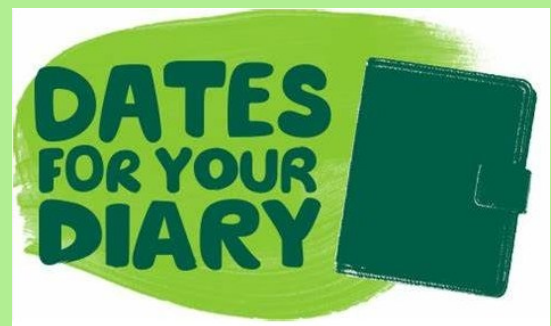
Monday 15th - Whole School to see Christmas Pantomime

Tuesday 16th - Children's Christmas Jumpers, Disco and Christmas lunch

Thursday 18th - 2pm Key Stage 2 Carol Service in St Joan of Arc Church

Friday 19th - 9am School Mass led by Class 6N

School Closes for Christmas Holidays at 1.30pm



PA INTERNATIONAL EVENING
Friday 26th September
6.00 - 9.00pm



St Joan of Arc Primary School Calendar – 2025-2026

August 2025							
Wk	Mo	Tu	We	Th	Fr	Sa	Su
31					1	2	3
32	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
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35	25	26	27	28	29	30	31

September 2025							
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2025 October							
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November 2025							
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December 2025							
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January 2026							
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February 2026							
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March 2026							
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April 2026							
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May 2026							
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June 2026							
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July 2026							
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 School Closed/ Holidays
 Bank Holiday

 School Day
 Inset Day