



Newsletter No.1

Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

I am sure there was a sigh of relief on Wednesday 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.

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. A huge thank you is extended to Mr Campana for working so hard over the holidays to ensure our school was ready for opening this week.

I look forward to working with you and your family this year and hope they have an enjoyable and fulfilling educational experience.

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.

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 Squire to call you to discuss this matter. If your child is returning to school in plaster, please make an appointment to see Miss Squire 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

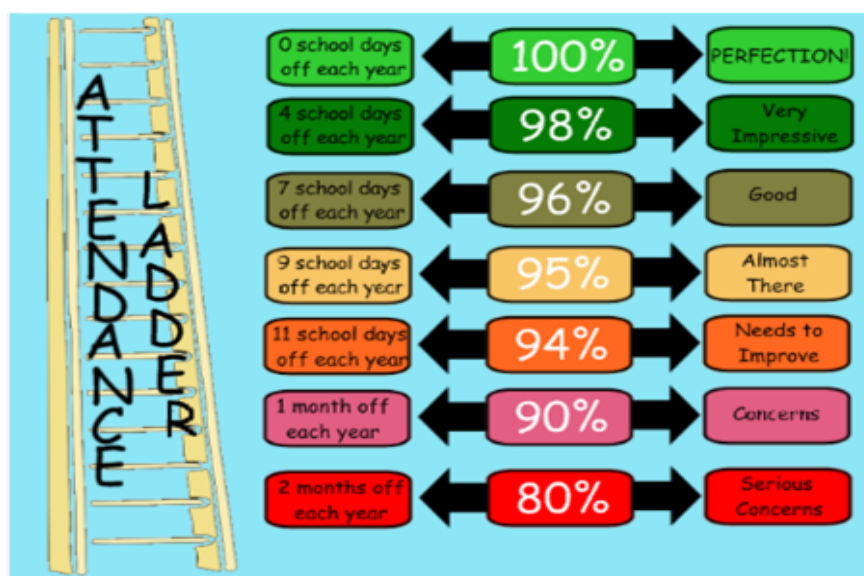
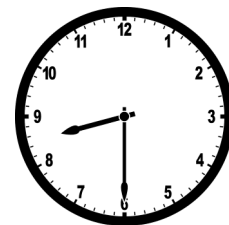
It is vital that children are in school everyday and arrive on time, unless they are unwell. Excellent school attendance enables them to access every opportunity to support their global development.

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

Thank you so much for your support in keeping our pupils smartly dressed and adhering to our uniform policy. We truly appreciate your continued effort in helping us maintain these high standards.

The rationale behind effecting a school-wide uniform encompasses a range of principles:

- It promotes equality amongst the children. Uniforms negate the status symbols that clothes can promote.
- Maintaining high standards of presentation of the uniform instils a sense of discipline: a necessary quality when focusing on classroom learning behaviours.
- It is designed to allow affordability for all families; especially in this tough economic climate.
- The school logo on the uniform encourages belonging, pride and loyalty towards the school; promoting an attitude of working in a team reflected when they represent the school at events, clubs, sports and competitions.

PE uniform and the non-wearing of jewellery, is vital for health and safety when competing in sporting activities.

Below is the uniform policy as it stands. This week we have noticed children in **sports trainers, polo shirts and non-logo cardigans/jumpers**. Please take steps to ensure these infringements are rectified. If there is a uniform related issue the school needs to know about, please inform your child's teacher.

<https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

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	A & B		
1		D	C & D		C
2			E & F		E & F
3		G & H	G & H		
4		I & J		J	I
5		K & L		K & L	
6	M & N				M & N

INTERNATIONAL EVENING

Friday 25th September 2026

6.30-9PM

ALL WELCOME

Bring a dish to share or donate £5 per family

If you can help with set up, serving food, on the bar, face painting/doing the disco that would be great

[HTTP://SIGNUP.COM/GO/QQWZJTF](http://SIGNUP.COM/GO/QQWZJTF)

See attached poster



Recycled uniform stall

A big thank you to parents who have volunteered to run this initiative this year. This is a big voluntary role that requires more helpers. If you can spare a small amount of time to support with this well-used facility, please contact the Parents' Association. **The next stall is on FRIDAY 11th SEPTEMBER at 8.30am outside the main entrance.** There is a lot of uniform in stock as well as coats across all ages so if your child is not wearing the correct uniform there is now no excuse!

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 7th 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	Mon 7th Sept— 3.45pm
Reception	Ms Petch and Ms Susko	Mon 7th Sept— 4.20pm
Year 1	Ms Tibbs and Ms O'Brien	Tues 8th Sept – 3.45pm
Year 2	Ms Nicou and Ms O'Connor	Tues 8th Sept– 4.20pm
Year 3	Ms Williams and Ms Kelly	Wed 9th Sept– 3.45 pm
Year 4	Ms Thomas and Ms Rowley	Wed 9th Sept – 4.20pm
Year 5	Ms Vassallo and Ms Gyles	Thu 10th Sept – 3.45pm
Year 6	Mr McCormick and Mr Shreeves	Thu 10th Sept – 4.20pm

Fidget Toys and Squishies in School.

Over recent months, we have seen a significant increase in the number of fidget toys, squishies and similar items being brought into school. While we appreciate that many children enjoy these toys, we have found that they are increasingly becoming a source of distraction in lessons, causing interruptions to learning and leading to disagreements when items become lost, damaged or misplaced. To ensure that all children can learn in a calm and focused environment, fidget toys, squishies and similar items should not be brought into school. We recognise that a small number of children may require a specific sensory or fidget aid to support their concentration or regulation. In these cases, the use of such equipment will be provided directly by the school.

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.

This year the children in the Nursey and Reception are accessing the Nursery areas during childcare sessions. This will ensure that they are able to settle more quickly at a time of day when they can be more tired. They will also have access to more age appropriate equipment. Collection remains unchanged for the EYFS children - this is via the extended schools main entrance.

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 still have a number of spaces for childcare and clubs available each evening. If you would like to avail of this service, please contact the extended schools team.

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!

SEPTEMBER—DECEMBER 2026

SEPTEMBER

Week Beginning Monday 7th

Year Group Curriculum meetings on-line

Thursday 10 th	Flu Vaccinations for Reception to Year 6
Friday 11th 8.30am	Recycled Uniform Stall outside main entrance
	PA Meeting in Staff Room
Sunday 13th 10.30 -12pm	PA Teddy Bears' Picnic for Reception Starters in Highbury Fields

Week Beginning Monday 14th

14th—18th National Coding Week

Week Beginning Monday 21st

Wednesday 23rd 9.15 -10.15am	Parent Open Morning
	National Live Maths Workshops
Friday 25 th – 6.30 - 9pm	International Evening

Week Beginning 27th

Friday 2nd - 3pm	Cake Sale in Playground
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OCTOBER

Week Beginning Monday 5th

Tuesday 6th 9.15-10.15am	Parent Open Morning
	Class 3G trip to King Henry's Walk
Wednesday 7th	Class 3H trip to King Henry's Walk
Thursday 8 th	School Photographer – individual and sibling group photographs
Friday 9th	PA Meeting in Staff Room

Week beginning Monday 12th

Friday 16th – 7.30 - 10.30pm	Reception Parent Bingo in Large Hall
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Week Beginning Monday 19th

Friday 23rd 8.30-9.30am	Reception Parent's Coffee Morning-Large Hall
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WEEK BEGINNING 26TH OCTOBER – HALF TERM

NOVEMBER

Week Beginning 2nd November

Tuesday 3rd	Year 2 trip to The Tower of London
Wednesday 4th 9.15-10.15am	Parent Open Morning
Thursday 5th 8pm	PA AGM - in person and on zoom

Week Beginning 9th November

Friday 13th 8.30am	PA Meeting in Staff Room (Christmas Fair)
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Week Beginning 16th November

16th –20th Anti-Bullying Week

Tuesday 17th 3.15-6.30pm	Parents' Evening
Wednesday 18th 3.15-6.30pm	Parents' Evening

Week Beginning 23rd November

Tuesday 24th 9.15-10.15am	Parent Open Morning
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Week Beginning 30th November

Wednesday 2nd 9.15-10.15am	Parent Open Morning
Friday 4th	Year 4 trip to the British Museum
	3.15-6pm Christmas Fair—School Halls

DECEMBER

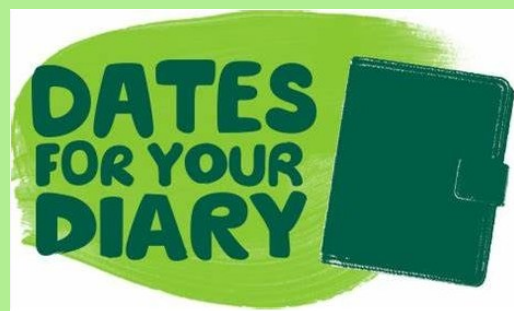
Week Beginning 7th December

Wednesday 9th 9am	Reception/Years 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity
Thursday 10th 9am	Reception/Years 1 and 2 Christmas Nativity

Week Beginning 14th December

Tuesday 15th	Christmas Disco—Christmas Jumper Day
Thursday 17th 1.45pm	KS2 Christmas Carol Service, St Joan of Arc Church
Friday 18th 9am	School Mass led by Class M

1.30PM SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS



St Joan of Arc School Calendar 2026/27

September 2026							
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April 2027							
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May 2027							
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June 2027							
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July 2027							
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August 2027							
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 School Closed/ Holidays
 Bank Holiday

 School Day
 Inset Day