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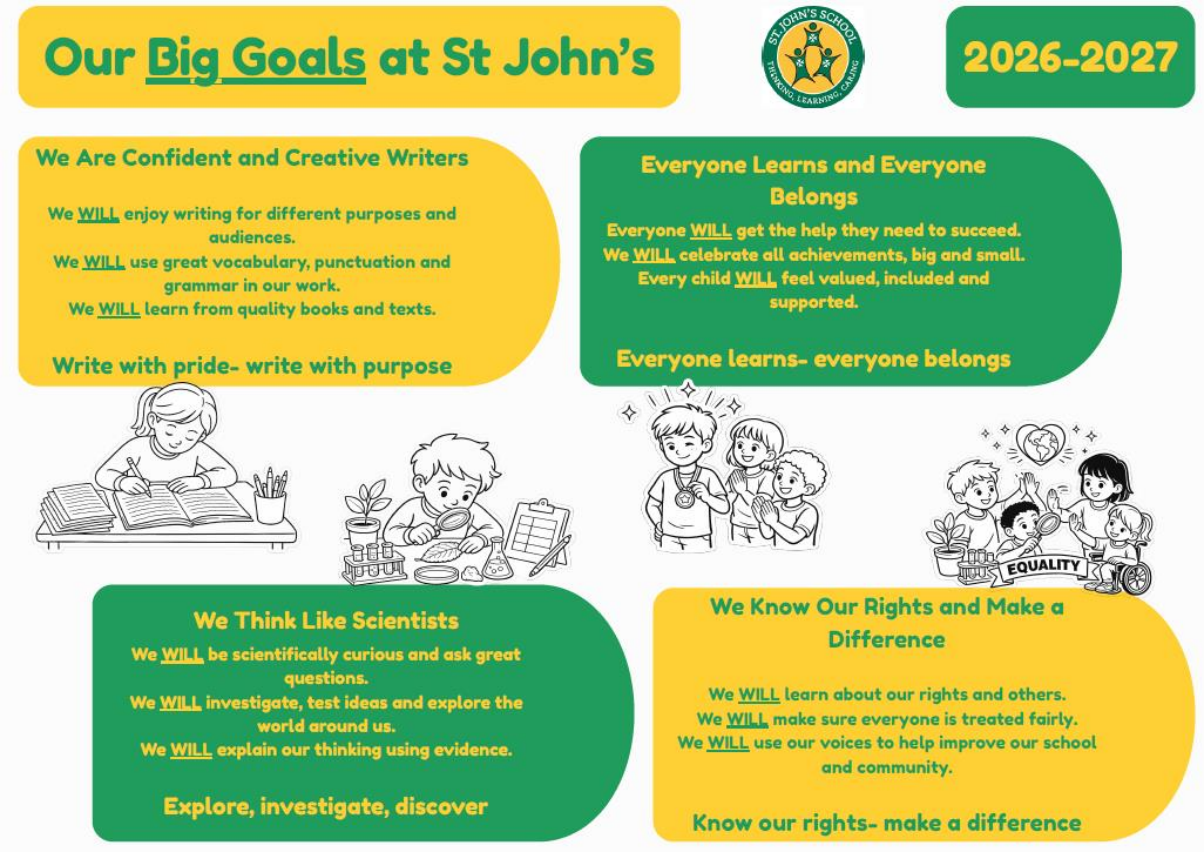
Friday 18th September 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Wow the summer break flew by! The children are now settled back into their new classes and working well alongside their new class teachers.

Our School Development Priorities

Every year as a school we review the year past, the data from teachers and assessments and the feedback from visiting professionals and then develop a School Development Plan to prioritise areas we want to focus our attentions on. This is a 21-page document and will not interest any one of you, so we have summarised this in the visual below:



Jersey's first comprehensive picture of reading for pleasure

More than 4,500 children and young people from every Government primary school and secondary school in Jersey have taken part in a major research project exploring reading habits, attitudes, and experiences. The research, commissioned by the Reading Island Network and conducted by The Open University's Literacy and Social

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Reading for Pleasure at KS2 in Jersey

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Justice Centre, provides the most comprehensive picture ever gathered of reading for pleasure in Jersey. The findings highlight both strengths and opportunities. A link to the Key Stage 2 report is shared below:

https://statesofjersey.newsweaver.com/icfiles/2/75101/336547/1656149/c4331cb74d008ea327c4aa87/jersey%20ks2%20final%20report%2016%2004%202026.pdf

Tinathon

Once again, this year we are inviting you to support our Island's homeless community by dropping off tins for this year's Tinathon. Every donated tin helps The Shelter Trust prepare meals across the Shelter sites and in the provision of essential food parcels distributed to individuals struggling in the community through their Outreach Service. Our support can make a real difference. The shelter will collect the tins from school so please donate these by Thursday 8th October.

Mustard Seed Shoe Box Appeal

Once again, this year we aim to support "Mustard Seed's Christmas Shoebox Appeal." The parcels we package are shipped to underprivileged children in Romania and Ukraine. All shoeboxes need to be in school by Friday 23rd October to ensure we have sufficient time to get them all to the charity. I have attached the pamphlet to this newsletter outlining what can be included and what cannot. Hopefully we can provide many boxes to ensure many smiles can be raised this Christmas.

SCOOP Seasonal Fruit and Veg Box Delivery

This year once again we have been approached by the Sustainable Cooperative (SCOOP) to allow our pagoda to be used as a collection point, every Friday, for seasonal fruit and veg boxes. I have attached the information, and forms sign up link in a separate flyer.

Regen Gathering



Regen Gathering was a two-day festival on the Island that puts farmers at the heart of change and two of our St John's Year 6 pupils featured on stage! Ivor was there to discuss his experience of attending Sprouts Farm School whilst Lucas was there to discuss his experience of the SCOOP Pasta Project that he took part in, alongside his classmates when in Year 5 back in June. Both talks were scheduled during the food and farming in educational contexts part of the gathering. Well done to both boys, I have been told by numerous people who attended that both spoke very well.

PTA AGM

We warmly invite all parents and carers to attend the PTA Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Monday 28th September at 3:15pm in the School Hall. The PTA plays a vital role in supporting our school community, helping to provide additional opportunities, resources and experiences for our pupils. Whether you can offer a little time throughout the year or would simply like to hear more about the PTA's work, we would love to see you there. We understand that childcare can sometimes be a barrier to attending meetings, so provision can be made for children while

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parents and carers attend the AGM. Every contribution, no matter how big or small, is valued. Any help you can offer will be greatly appreciated and will make a real difference to the experiences and opportunities available to the children of St John's.

Family Nursing and Home Care Parent Drop In AND SEN Parent Drop In Invite

Once again this term we are pleased to invite parents and carers to a Parental Drop-In Session on Thursday 24th September between 1pm and 3pm, offering an opportunity to discuss any concerns about your child's health, wellbeing or learning. Parents can book a 30-minute appointment with either our School SENCo or a member of the School Nursing Team. The School Nursing Team are working to enhance support for families and will be offering access to a school nursing assistant. They will be available to talk through any health-related concerns, provide advice, or signpost and refer to a school nurse or other appropriate services if needed. Attached is the FNHC Flyer. This is a valuable opportunity for early support, guidance, and reassurance in a confidential setting. Appointment slots with both the SENCo and School Nurse are limited, so please sign up in advance to secure a time that suits you. If you would like to sign up for a slot please email s.walker@stjohn.sch.je indicating whether you wish to meet with her as School SENCo or the School Nurse.

Online Safety

For this newsletter, Miss Clavel has asked me to share the National Online Safety Poster "**What's Real Online**" with you. The National Online Safety posters are designed for parents to keep you up to date with current protocols and suggestions to follow to keep your child safe online.



Dates for your diaries for this half term (Monday 21st September to Friday 23rd October)

Wednesday 23rd September- School Council Elections

Thursday 24th September- SEN and FNHC Drop In (1pm- 3pm)

Monday 28th September – PTA AGM @ 3:15pm

Wednesday 7th October- Cardwell Individual Photos

Friday 9th October- Jersey Sport Cycle Clinic @3pm

Wednesday 14th October- Parent Consultations- 4:30pm- 7:00pm

Friday 16th October- Reception and Key Stage 1 PTA Disco (4:45pm- 5:45pm)

Friday 16th October- Key Stage 2 PTA Disco (6pm- 7pm)

Wednesday 21st October- Parent Consultations- 3:20pm- 5:50pm

Friday 23rd October- Go Orange Day- in support of the Love Beth Fund from Bone Cancer Research Trust

Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October- Half Term

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As always, our door is open should you have any questions, queries or concerns.

Kind regards



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