

# Royston Weekly



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Monday 27th January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

As always, lots of incredible learning taking place at St John's this week alongside an action-packed calendar. The calendar is filling up with lots of exciting events for the Spring and Summer terms too. Last week, we welcomed Bikeability to work with Year 5 pupils. Pupils learned about road safety when out on bikes. Today we welcomed Barnsley Youth Choir into school to sing with KS2 pupils- beautiful singing could be heard all through the corridors.

## School Holiday date 2025-2026

I just wanted to remind you again about the change to the holiday dates next academic year- **2025-2026**. The school will follow the Barnsley Local Authority Holiday Calendar, and we will no longer have two weeks off at Spring Bank. We wanted to share this information as soon as possible so you have advanced notice. I will share next year's school calendar in the next couple of weeks once our Inset days are confirmed by the Academy Trust. This change is in line with Enhance's holiday policy and will help school work proactively with the Local Authority.

**The school calendar for this year 2024-2025 is unchanged.**

## NSPCC Number Day

On Friday 7th February, we will be taking part in the NSPCC Number Day. During the day, pupils will take part in various activities and challenges involving numbers. This will be a non-uniform day with a voluntary contribution of £1 and all monies raised will be split equally between NSPCC and school funds. Pupils are encouraged to wear something maths or number related that day if they can!



*Attendance Matters!*



*Every Student, Every School, Every Day*

- School attendance Target for the Year - 97.0%
- School attendance this year so far - 95.6%

Our school attendance is one of the most improved in the Barnsley Authority this year which we are incredibly proud of. We are still working hard to improve attendance of pupils at St John's to reach our target of 97%. Please remember individual attendance below 95% is a concern.

**For the next three weeks, every pupil with 100% attendance will be entered into a raffle to win an easter egg.**

We kindly ask that parents and carers do not email staff members. If you need to speak to a member of staff, please speak to them at the classroom door or if that is not possible you can speak to a member of our Admin Team who can pass on a message for them to call you back when they are not teaching. We also have a school email address [roystonstjohn@smat.org.uk](mailto:roystonstjohn@smat.org.uk) that can be used.

## DIARY DATES

### January

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January- Reception Stay and Play - 9am

Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January- Year 6 at Barnsley College for Athletics Final- afternoon only.

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January - Year Two parents and carers SATS information session 9:00am (Please come to the main school office after dropping children off)

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January – Reception pupils only will celebrate Chinese New Year as part of their current topic. Pupils in Reception class to wear red.

### February

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> February - Children's Mental Health Week

(children will take part in additional sessions in the week to support wellbeing)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February - Year 6 parents and carers SATS information session - 3:30pm

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February- Year 1 parents and carers Phonics Screening Check meeting – 9.00 am

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February - NSPCC Number Day (non- uniform or number themed dress)

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February - Florence Nightingale Day Year 2

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Inset Day

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February - Young Voices (School Choir)

### March

Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March - World Book Day (All children can dress up as their favorite book character)

Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Year 1 trip to the Tropical Butterfly House

Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> March – Year 5 Creative Writing Workshop in school

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> March - Class Photos

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March - Red Nose Day (non- uniform day)

### April

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Compass Be Coffee Morning – 9.00 to 10:30am

### May

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> May to 15<sup>th</sup> May - SATS week for Year 6 pupils

### June

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June - Year 5 trip National Mining Museum

17<sup>th</sup> June- Year 2 trip Yorkshire Wildlife Park

### July

Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> July - Year 6 trip Robinwood Residential

### Uniform

Anyone needing any school uniform that has kindly been donated to school by parents, please see Mrs. Bailey on the playground or the school office. This donated uniform is free of charge moving forward as we would like to help our community.

As always thank you for your continued support. We are awaiting clarification of dates for some trips, but we will share these as soon as possible so you have advanced notice.

*R. Steele*

Acting Headteacher

