

St John's Friday Newsletter

Friday 10th July 2026

Message from the Head

I cannot believe we have almost reached the end of this academic year! I would firstly like to take this opportunity to wish all our wonderful Year 6 children the best in the future as they move onto their secondary schools. You have all been amazing and although we will miss you very much, I know that you will continue to be kind, caring and hard-working children.

The Year 6 Production of Pirates of the Curry Bean was superb and we certainly have some stars of the future! I do not know how they managed to learn so many lines! Well done to all of you. Thank you to Mr Heseltine and Mrs Sykes for all your hard work too.

Once again, I would like to thank Mrs Pollard for all her hard work over the years and although we will really miss her, we want to wish her and her family the very best in the future.

The Summer Fair was a lovely event on Saturday. The money raised will help to contribute to resources in school. I would like to say a particular thank you to Mrs Dixon, Mrs Aindow and Mrs Poole for helping to organise the event - your help is very much appreciated.

A special mention has to go to the group of Year 5 children who have helped to raise £251 for the pangolin society! I'm so proud of them. This means they can adopt two animals this year. I suggest they adopt another pangolin (as that is their inspiration and adoption is for a year) but if they would like to vote on which other animal to adopt I will sort it out over the summer. The link below has all the adoption options.

https://www.bornfree.org.uk/adopt/?gad_source=1&gad_campaignid=23219854530&gbraid=0AAAApFqvDJaaB9V3w9-uW2L2WGDNX4WD&gclid=EAIaIQobChMIzOio6ovFlQMVTqVQBh17TihXEAAYASAAEgI6OvD_BwE

The Summer Concert was a wonderful event and really showcased the musical talent that we have at St John's.

Finally, we look forward to seeing some of you at the Year 6 Celebration Worship on Thursday at 9:50am and then again at the Talent Show at 1:30pm.

Have a wonderful summer holiday and we look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 2nd September.

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Dates for your diary (all dates for the academic year are on the school app/website)

16th July	Y6 Leavers Celebration Worship / Talent Show
17th July	Break up 3:20pm for Summer
1st September	Inset Day – school closed
2nd September	School re-opens – 8:40am



St John's All Stars

If you require childcare before or after school, we have St John's All Stars which opens from 7:30am and then again from 3:20pm -6:00pm Monday to Thursday and 3:20pm – 4:30pm on a Friday. Children can enjoy sausage sandwich Friday on Friday mornings! Look at the school website under Parent Information or contact wraparound@st-johns.wakefield.sch.uk for further details.



PTA Summer Fair- A big thank you to the PTA and everyone who contributed prizes for the tombola, cakes, buns food and beverages and to those who gave up their time to help out on the day. It was a lovely afternoon. I am pleased to announce the fair raised an amazing £2429.59, after deduction of costs, which I am sure you will agree is a fantastic amount of money.

I would like to say an extra special thank you for the generous raffle prizes donated:

Graham Eyes, Reel Cinema, Royal Spice, Leeds Knights, St John's Health and Fitness, Catch Fish and Chips, Mrs Wilcock's donated prizes, Marmalade on the Square, St. John's Coffee Shop, Wakefield Indoor Karting, West Yorkshire Theatre School, Haus Coffee and Plant Shop and not forgetting St John's staff for purchasing the M&S hamper.

KS2 teacher led after school clubs – After school clubs for KS2 children for the next academic year will be starting week commencing Monday 14th September until week commencing Monday 19th October (6 weeks). The letter will be added to the school website under the "parent" tab "letters" once we return to school in September. When booking children on clubs please ensure you make a note of the dates and do not double book children. More details to follow.



MP Sports - The club starts again on Monday 14th September for KS1 children and Wednesday 16th September for KS2 children (6 weeks). Permission slips will be handed out when we return to school.





The Summer Reading Challenge combines **FREE** access to books with fun, creative activities in all Wakefield Council Libraries during the summer holidays.

How the Challenge works:

- The Challenge launches on **Super Sign-up Saturday: 4th July 2026**
- Children sign up at their local library and receive a special sticker booklet
- Children borrow and read at least six library books, eBooks, or Audiobooks of their own choice during the summer, and collect special stickers to log their reading journey
- Library staff are on hand to help children to discover new books that suit their interests and reading level and run a programme of free family friendly themed activities in the library
- Children who complete the challenge are presented with a certificate, medal and a prize.

This is a fantastic opportunity to encourage children to continue their reading journey and access free activities.

Class Awards

Class R	**St John's Cup**	**Zach**	**For being a fantastic member of Class R.**
Class 1	**The Arts Cup**	**Jaxson**	**Some wonderful artwork this half term.**
Class 2	**The Topic Cup**	**Walter**	**Super work learning all about Kenya.**
Class 3	**The Improvement Cup**	**Audrey**	**For improving her adding skills.**
Class 4	**The Reading Cup**	**Jennie**	**For expressive and fluent reading.**
Class 4	**The Reading Cup**	**Zoe**	**Sharing her reading with the class clearly.**
Class 5	**The Kindness Cup**	**Esme**	**Your kindness towards others and your thoughtful, caring nature.**
Class 6	**The PE Cup**	**Harry**	**For a massive improvement in his cricket, particularly batting!**
Class 4	**Opal**	**Mikaeel**	**Very helpful, tidying up straight away and listening.**

MP Sports Holiday Camps – MP Sports Holiday Camps are coming to St John's during the Summer Holidays – this will be for the w.b. 20th July, 3rd August and 17th August. During these camps, children will be taking part in a range of activities from football, to dodgeball to crafts and gymnastics with a dinner provided by a local cafe as well!

To book your child in, please follow the link which will take you to the EEQU booking website and select the dates your child will be attending. Fill out the relevant information that we need for our registers and your child's place will be secured (It is a first come first serve basis). Bookings are open for children eligible for Pupil Premium (20 places) and to all other children (20 paid places).



https://eequ.org/book/mpse-st-johns-ce-junior-and-infant-school-with-mpse-community-engagement-cic-24427

Year 6 Production – The Year 6 children were amazing! Their production of Pirates of the Curry Bean was excellent and we are all so very proud of them. The singing was brilliant and it was a wonderful evening. A special thank you goes to Mr Heseltine and Mrs Sykes for their hard work in helping the children produce such a fantastic performance.



Summer Concert – The Summer Concert was a wonderful event and really showcased the musical talent that we have at St John's. Many thanks to Mrs Chapman and our peripatetic music staff who have helped the children this year.



Year 6 Leavers' Celebration Worship – This takes place on Thursday 16th July at 9:50am. Please come along if you are able to – it will be a lovely event as we say goodbye to the children and wish them all the best in the future.



Talent Show – The annual St. John's Talent Show takes place on Thursday 16th July at 1:30pm. Families of the finalists are welcome to join us as we showcase the talent we have in our school!



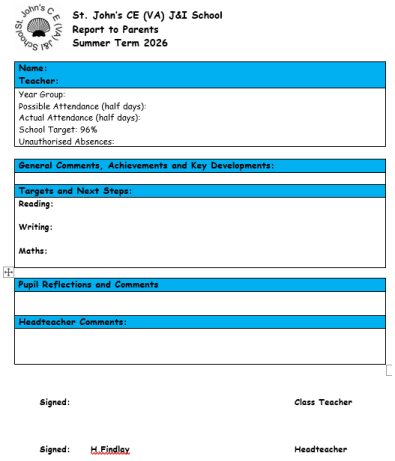
Year 6 - The Year 6 children will be able to come in non-uniform on Friday 17th July. They can also bring a white shirt/t-shirt to be signed by children and staff in school.



School Reports 2025-2026 - You will have received your child's school report on Wednesday this week. We have sent a Google Form via email for parents to complete. We value your feedback as an important part of our partnership in supporting your child's learning and development.

This short survey should take no more than 5 minutes to complete. Your responses will be treated confidentially and will help us ensure that we continue to meet the needs of each child in our school.

Thank you for your continued support and for working with us to help our children achieve their very best.



St. John's CE (VA) J&I School
Report to Parents
Summer Term 2026

Name: **Teacher:** Year Group: Possible Attendance (half days): Actual Attendance (half days): School Target: 96% Unauthorised Absences:
General Comments, Achievements and Key Developments:
Targets and Next Steps: **Reading:** **Writing:** **Maths:**
Pupil Reflections and Comments
Headteacher Comments:

Signed: Class Teacher

Signed: H Findlay Headteacher

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We have lots of fun at All Stars breakfast club/ after school club. If you need before/after school care please follow the link: https://www.wakefieldstjohnscofeschool.co.uk/breakfast-club/



Our 'Dinner Debate' for this newsletter is for you to discuss as a family if you wish

Our vision for school is 'Growing together, becoming all that we are created to be,' linked to our focus on spiritual development (Self, Others, World & Beauty and Beyond) and our Christian Value of Hope

Our Dinner Debate for this week is:

What good things might happen tomorrow?

This question helps children think positively about the future, even when today has been tricky.

It reflects the Self and Beyond aspects of spiritual development by encouraging children to believe that better days are coming, to keep hoping, and to look for small joys along the way. You might want to share something you're looking forward to—or talk about a time when something turned out better than you expected.

FREE SUMMER ACTIVITIES for 5 - 11yr old

(accompanied by a parent)

WF Happy Healthy Holidays

HEALTHY MEAL PROVIDED

Activities are **FREE** for children and young people who receive benefits-related free school meals. Please contact us for more information

Sunbeam and Stanley Family Hubs Summer of Fun

Sunbeam Family Fun Day
Thursday 30th July
10:30 - 2pm
Open to all Families

Tenpin Bowling
Thursday 6th August
10:15 - 1pm
Ages 5 - 11 years

Cannon Hall Farm
Thursday 13th August
9:30 - 3pm
Ages 5 - 11 years

Reel Cinema
Friday 21st August
9:30 - 12pm
Ages 5 - 11 years

Stanley Family Fun Day
Tuesday 25th August
10:30 - 2pm
Open to all families

Find and book FREE activities by visiting: https://eequ.org/happyhealthyholidayswakefield

or scan the QR Code

WAKEFIELD FAMILIES TOGETHER
happy, healthy, safe

BEST START IN LIFE

Funded by Department for Education


I AM ACTIVE
SUMMER CAMPS
EVERY THURSDAY
FROM 29TH JULY - 27TH AUGUST
8.30 AM- 3PM
SKATE HIRE Included!
AGE 6+
ROLLER SKATING
CIRCUIT CLASSES
BORN TO MOVE
ROLLER DISCO
SHAKES
YOGA & RELAXATION
WITH NATASHA DEL-GRANDE & NICOLA THACKRAH
ENHANCED DBS
FIRST AID
PUBLIC LIABILITY
COACHING INDEMNITY
MESSAGE US TO BOOK!
GAMEFACE
RUSSELL STREET, THORNES LANE, WF1 5QS

COULD YOUR CHILD GET FREE SCHOOL MEALS?

From September 2026, all children in households receiving Universal Credit will qualify for income-related free school meals. There will be no income limit.



Apply from 3 July 2026

Families can apply quickly and easily.
Scan the QR code or visit **www.wakefield.gov.uk/schools-and-education/schools/free-school-meals/**

If you already receive income-related Free School Meals - here's what's changing:

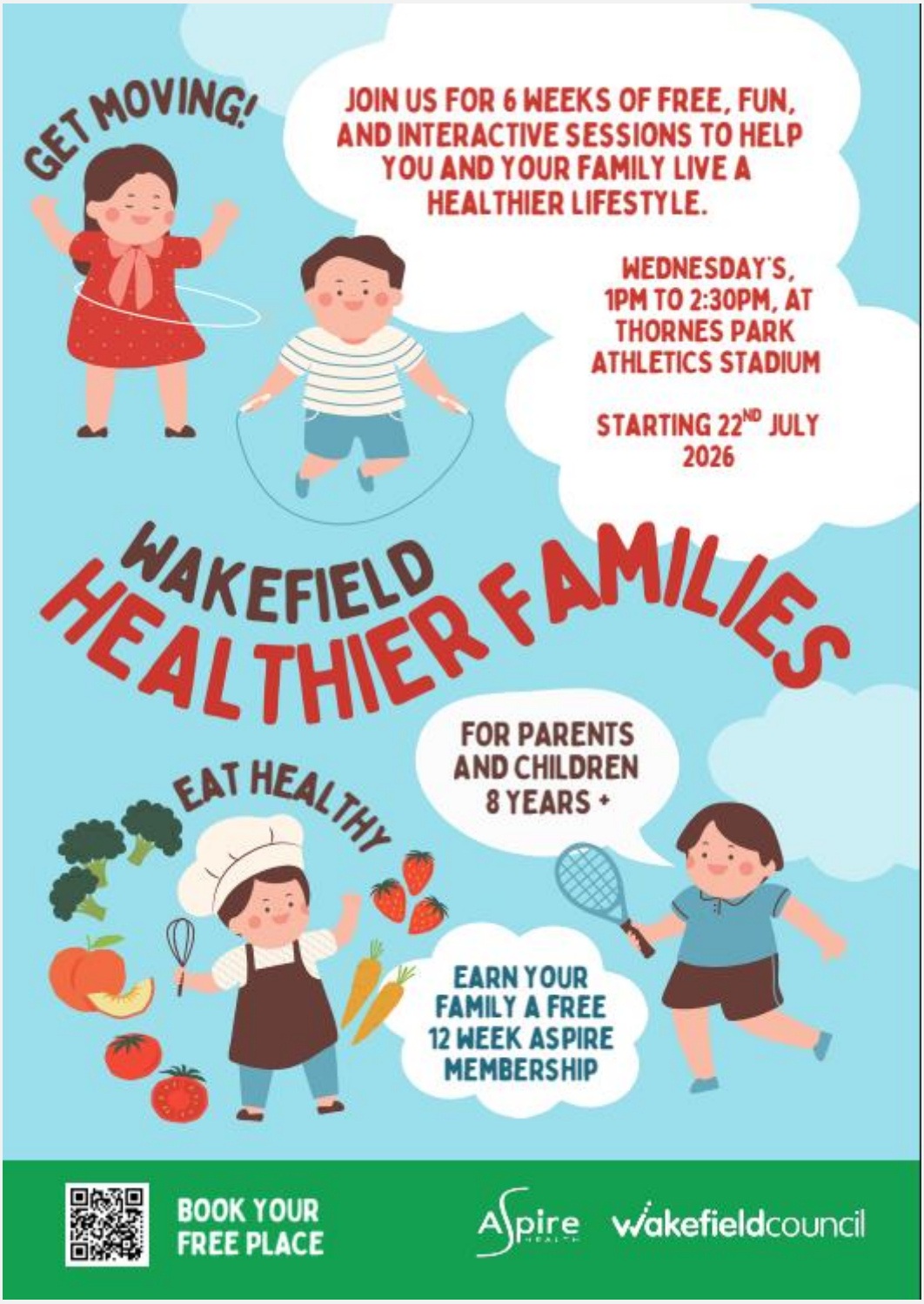
- Transitional Protection is ending
- Annual eligibility checks will begin from 1 June 2026
- You will receive confirmation after each check



FOR HELP OR QUESTIONS:

Contact the Free School Meals Team
FSM@wakefield.gov.uk

wakefieldcouncil


GET MOVING!
JOIN US FOR 6 WEEKS OF FREE, FUN, AND INTERACTIVE SESSIONS TO HELP YOU AND YOUR FAMILY LIVE A HEALTHIER LIFESTYLE.
WEDNESDAY'S, 1PM TO 2:30PM, AT THORNES PARK ATHLETICS STADIUM
STARTING 22ND JULY 2026
WAKEFIELD HEALTHIER FAMILIES
FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN 8 YEARS +
EAT HEALTHY
EARN YOUR FAMILY A FREE 12 WEEK ASPIRE MEMBERSHIP
BOOK YOUR FREE PLACE
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