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Our Core Christian Values

Compassion, Courage and Endurance, Interior Posture and Wisdom

Update from the Headteacher

4th September 2026

First, I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all of our new families joining the school family. It has been a pleasure to meet so many children and families this week and to begin building the strong relationships that are at the heart of our school.

I would also like to welcome back those families who are already part of our school family. We are delighted to start another school year together and we look forward to the opportunities, achievements and experiences that lie ahead for all of our children!

We are St John's!

In our first Collective Worship of the new school year, we reflected on the theme of **Shining Together** and explored how our school expectations of **Ready, Respectful** and **Safe** help every child **flourish**. We also introduced our new Koinonia Candles, with each class bringing its candle to worship as a symbol of **belonging, fellowship** and our **shared school community**.

Inspired by Jesus' words, "You are the light of the world," pupils considered how their actions can help others feel **welcomed, valued** and **supported** throughout the year. The photograph shows our Koinonia Candles gathered together, reminding us that while each class is unique, **we shine brightest when we come together as one school family**.



More below



New Attendance Communication System

We have recently introduced A Star Attendance Solutions, a trusted attendance monitoring system that will help us strengthen our attendance processes and communicate more effectively with families. As a result, some attendance notifications and letters will now be sent electronically from **noreply@astarattendance.com**. Please add this email address to your safe sender list and check your junk/spam folder regularly to ensure you receive all attendance-related communications.

Nursery study

This year we will be participating in a research study about children's personal, social and emotional development. This is a national study and is being independently evaluated by the National Centre for Social Research (NatCen). Further information regarding this study can be found on the school app in the Nursery area.

Individual Healthcare Plans

If your child was given a Healthcare Plan to complete before the holidays, would you please return this as soon as possible to ensure we can meet any medical needs while they are at school.

Dogs on School Site

To ensure the safety and wellbeing of all pupils, staff, parents and visitors, dogs are not permitted anywhere on the school site at any time.

We ask that dogs are not brought through school gates, onto playgrounds, paths, fields or any other areas of the school premises during drop-off, collection times or school events, unless specifically authorised by the school.

In addition, we would like to remind parents and carers that banned dog breeds, as defined under the Dangerous Dogs Act 1991, must not be brought onto school premises under any circumstances. This applies even where the owner holds a valid Certificate of Exemption.

Thank you for helping us keep our school a safe and welcoming place for everyone.

More below



Safe and active travel to school

Bradford Council have shared a helpful leaflet regarding safe and active travel to school. You can read this leaflet on the school app and website [here](#).

Parent Governor

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Tasif Khan for his service to our school as Parent Governor. Tasif has decided not to continue with his role on our school's Local Governor Board to focus on his many other commitments. Tasif has been a member of our LGB for 4 years – thank you Tasif for your service to our school and its children and families.

Consequently, we now have a vacancy on our LGB for a Parent Governor; a leaflet is attached should you wish to find out more information about this role – more information will follow later on this term.

School Meals

Information on our school meals, menus and the meals app can be found on the leaflet added to our website and app here.

<https://www.stjohnscephimary.co.uk/Lunchtime-and-Meals/>

Thank you for your continued support.

Andrew Knight
Headteacher



Would you like to make a difference to young people's lives?

Do you want to make a positive contribution to your Community?

Do you care about education?

Are you willing to ask questions and challenge?

Do you have children of school age?

Would you like the chance to develop skills in the following areas?

- Teamwork
- Strategic leadership
- Financial planning
- Decision Making

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