

# SJR Newsletter – July 2023

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As the academic year comes to a close, we can celebrate so many accomplishments and highlights of the past term. It has been an eventful and successful journey for the entire St John Rigby community, filled with achievements, learning experiences, and cherished memories. It has been a privilege to witness the growth and dedication of our students, the unwavering support of our parents, and the relentless commitment of our staff members. Together, we have accomplished great things, and I couldn't be prouder of our collective efforts.

I extend my heartfelt blessings to each pupil, teacher, staff member, and parent/carer in our school community. May this summer be a time of rejuvenation and reflection, allowing each one of us to find joy in the little moments and peace in the company of loved ones. May we return with renewed enthusiasm, ready to embrace new learning opportunities and face the new academic year with hope and determination. We are grateful for the resilience and dedication shown by our school community, and we look forward to a bright future filled with continued growth and success.

I hope you all have a wonderful summer break and may it be a time of rest, celebration, and abundant blessings for everyone.

God Bless

Mrs McGettigan  
Headteacher



Faith Formation Lifelong Learners A Positive Contribution Masters of Learning Excellence For All

This academic year saw the introduction of our new achievement awards, with our pupils being celebrated for:

**Faith Formation:** Living our virtues of Faith, Hope, Love Trust and Forgiveness

**Lifelong Learning:** Showing good or improved progress or attainment in key knowledge & skills

**A Positive Contribution:** Making a difference and contributing to the school, community or wider world

**Mastery of Learning:** Showing a positive attitude to learning and modelling learning behaviours

**Excellence for All:** Overcoming barriers to learning and always being ready, respectful and safe

We are delighted to welcome the following staff into the St John Rigby Family:

Mr O Wylie – Site and Maintenance Technician

Miss R Bratt – Year 1 Teacher

Miss C McLoughlin – Year 2 Teacher

Mrs S Parks – Assistant Headteacher & Year 3 Teacher

Mrs M Cassange/Mrs S Patterson & Miss C Mac - Year 4 Teachers

Mr S Pratt – Year 5 Teacher

Mrs C Dawson – Year 6 Teacher

Mr J Simpson – Year 6 Teacher



**Our Patron Saint's Prayer:**  
**St John Rigby**

Dear Jesus,  
Thank you for the life and  
example of our school patron saint, John Rigby.

Thank you that he teaches us to love and serve you with all our heart. May he inspire us all each day to follow you more closely, in our work and play.  
**AMEN.**

**Our Lady Immaculate – Pray for us**  
**St John Rigby - Pray for us**



## KEY DATES FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2023/2024

**Fri 01<sup>st</sup> & Mon 04<sup>th</sup> September: INSET (School Closed)**

Tues 05<sup>th</sup> September: Children return to school

Tues 12<sup>th</sup> September: School Photographs

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> September: 'Meet the Teacher'

Sessions @ 3.30pm and 4.30pm

**Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> to Fri 27<sup>th</sup> October: Half Term**

Mon 30<sup>th</sup> October: Children return (No summer uniform)

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> November: Trust INSET Day (School Closed)**

Tues 19<sup>th</sup> December: End of term

**Wed 20<sup>th</sup> December to Tues 02<sup>nd</sup> January: Christmas Holidays**

**Wed 03<sup>rd</sup> January: INSET (School Closed)**

Thur 04<sup>th</sup> January: Children return to school

**Mon 19<sup>th</sup> February – Fri 23<sup>rd</sup> February: Half Term**

Mon 26<sup>th</sup> February: Children return to school

Thur 28<sup>th</sup> March: End of Term

**Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March to Fri 12<sup>th</sup> April: Easter Holidays**

**Mon 15<sup>th</sup> April: INSET Day (School Closed)**

Tues 16<sup>th</sup> April: Children return to school (Summer uniform)

**Mon 06<sup>th</sup> May: BANK HOLIDAY (School Closed)**

**Mon 27<sup>th</sup> May – Fri 31<sup>st</sup> May: Half Term (School Closed)**

Mon 03<sup>rd</sup> June: Children return to school

Fri 19<sup>th</sup> July: End of Term

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> July – 30<sup>th</sup> August: Summer Holidays**

**Mon 02<sup>nd</sup> & Tues 03<sup>rd</sup> September: INSET Days (Provisional)**

### ❖ JEWELLERY & HAIR/MAKE-UP

We are noticing more and more that children are coming to school with unacceptable jewellery, hair accessories and/or make-up e.g. nail varnish, lip gloss.

Please be reminded that jewellery is not part of the school uniform and should not be worn, unless it is:

- one **small, plain gold or silver stud** may be worn in each ear
- a **plain, simple analogue** watch (from Y3 upwards)
- a small item of religious significance which must be worn under clothing for health and safety reasons. These items should be removed for PE and the school WILL NOT take any responsibility for injury, damage or loss.

For health and safety reasons, all children with long hair (shoulder-length or more) must have this tied back. All accessories must be practical for school (e.g avoiding large bows or tassels) and should be yellow, white or black only. Extreme fashion styles and artificial colourings are not permitted.

## KEY REMINDERS

### ❖ TIMINGS OF THE SCHOOL DAY:

The school gate **opens at 08.40am**

And closes just before 08.55am

All children should be **in class by 08.55am**

Registration starts at 08.50am – 08.55am

Children who arrive after 08.55am will need to go via the office to ensure they are correctly registered. Parents/Carers of children (YR to Y4) must accompany their child(ren) into school.

**\*\*Please note: From September 2023, parents/carers of children who arrive after 08.55am will need to sign their child in electronically at the office, to ensure they are marked as present\*\*\***

The school day ends at **3.15pm**

The school gate will open from 3.15pm - 3.25pm

Parents/carers who arrive after this time will need to collect their child from the after school club.

### ❖ SCHOOL UNIFORM:

Please ensure children return to school wearing the correct uniform – full details can be found on our school website <https://www.stjohnrigby.org>

#### **Children must wear:**

GREY Trousers/Skirts/Shorts

BLACK School Shoes

GREY Sweatshirt/Cardigan (with logo)

GOLD Polo Shirts (with logo) Reception – Y4

WHITE Shirt & GOLD Tie (Year 5 & Year 6)

Summer uniform can also be worn up to October Half Term

#### **PE KIT must be:**

WHITE T-Shirt (with logo)\*

BLACK Shorts

BLACK Tracksuit Bottoms

Plain BLACK zipped-sweatshirt (preferably with logo)

Plain BLACK Trainers

Outdoor Waterproof Jacket with logo (optional)

Parents/carers are asked to remove children's earrings on P.E. days. Staff are NOT responsible for the removal or covering of earrings and the school WILL NOT take responsibility for any injury, damage or loss.

If you need help or support with obtaining uniform, please get in touch with Mrs Mcloughlin.

## St John Rigby Rock Steady Extravaganza!

We have been treated to so many wonderful performances this year and our bands have been absolutely amazing. A huge thank you goes out to Mrs Giles and Sam, from Rock Steady, for organizing the children, groups and concerts...it has been a privilege to see how the children have grown in confidence and self-esteem over the last few months, all because of the power of music. Information of how you child(ren) can take part should have come home in book bags in the last week of term. Please contact the office if you need more information.



**\*\*Technical issues with Class Dojo meant that the concerts, which were recorded, could not be shared. Once this has been rectified, we will upload them For your enjoyment.**



The concert finale was a surprise performance from staff who had been secretly practicing George Ezra's 'Shotgun', after school. The children were absolutely thrilled and were a great audience, joining in with singing the chorus. Some say that Sam had his fingers in his ears to block out the racket – we think he was asking us to sing louder!!

## Family Fun Friday

What a success the Friday Family Afternoon was - even the rain couldn't dampen the enjoyment and high spirits of our children who all said that the bouncy castle was 'the best thing...ever!'

A huge thank you to all parents/carers, pupils and staff who supported the event by donating prizes, running stalls and being part of such a special afternoon. As a result of all the hard work and generosity, the grand total raised was just over £900. This is an amazing amount of money!!

We will look forward to meeting with our School Council and newly formed 'Friends of St John Rigby' in September to discuss how they would like to spend the money.

A huge thanks goes out to the School Council Pupils for seeing through their idea for the event and a special thanks to Miss Ward and Mr Clark who helped them make it all happen.

A special thanks also goes out to a group of Year 5 pupils who asked to run a stall, raising money for CAFOD. This is a true reflection of how our pupils live the Catholic faith and their hard work raised a fabulous amount of £48, which will go along in helping those in need. Well done!

Pictures of the afternoon are on the next page 😊



A massive thank you goes out to the pupils in St John Rigby School Council

