



John Grant School

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to be the very best
that we can be*

Autumn Term 2024

**Newsletter 1
10/9/24**

This Term's News

I would like to take this opportunity to welcome everyone back to school as we begin a new academic year. We have had a positive start to the term with new class groups settling well . A particular welcome to our new pupils and their families . We look forward to getting to know you as we work together over this first half term.

We are looking ahead at our plans for school development over this year. One of the priorities has been thinking about how we celebrate achievement and use 'rewards' in school. I look forward to sharing with you soon an updated, consistent approach to this, for use in both Primary and Secondary departments . I am sure your young people will be able to communicate with you about this too—watch this space!

New summer projects

Over the summer holidays, our site team were very busy working on maintaining our amazing facilities as well as supporting some new developments including a new pedestrian crossing in the car park area, a 'bus shelter' area on the playground and some new swings outside our Field View building. Students have been enjoying using these already .



New Nest Swings



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Reminders



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Attendance:

Please remember to let school know directly as soon as possible on the day your child is absent - we cannot take messages from transport staff. Updated general attendance information will be provided later this week for your information .

Car Park:

The school park remains very busy and challenging to manage at drop off and pick up times . Please remember the speed limit is 5mph . Please use the crossing where possible to enable everyone to move around as safely as possible.

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Dates

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Monday 2nd September 2024	School Closed – Staff Training Day
Tuesday 3rd September 2024	School Closed – Staff Training Day
Wednesday 4 th September 2024	School Opens
Thursday 24 th October 2024	3.15 pm School Closes for half term
Half term holiday Friday 25 th October 2024 to Friday 1st November 2024	
Monday 4th November 2024	School opens
Friday 20 th December 2024	3.15 pm School closes for Christmas

Christmas Holidays Thursday 21st December 2024 to Friday 3rd January 2025

Dates this half term :

16th October - BAGS TO SCHOOL: Our Key Stage 4 Eco Warriors have once again arranged a rag bag collection on behalf of the school. Over the next few weeks, bags will be available, which can be filled with old clothes, shoes (in pairs please), and soft toys. This will raise money for school and be part of our Eco schools work towards recycling. Filled bags should be sent into school on the morning of Wednesday 16th October 2024.

18th October—HARVEST FESTIVAL: Once again we will be collecting for our in-school foodbank this year as part of our harvest festival celebrations. There will be a special assembly for the secondary department and some of the Primary classes on Friday 18th October—Reminders will be sent out nearer the time for donations.



Class News this term

Your child's class will be sharing their 'Curriculum Information for Home' with you shortly . Please speak to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or ideas about how to support learning at home.

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SAFEGUARDING SPOTLIGHT

Internet Safety—We continue to be made aware of young children and vulnerable teenagers accessing inappropriate content online—sometimes even through 'child—safe' apps . Please be aware there is lots of help and advice about this on the 'Think you know' website : <https://www.ceopeducation.co.uk/parents/>

Just a reminder—our in – school Designated Safeguarding Leads are Belinda Brookes (Head Teacher) , Jo Mixer— Specialist Parent Advisor and Heidi Alexander (Deputy Head) . Our Governor responsible for Safeguarding is Tim Lane .



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