



Year 3 Newsletter to Parents: Autumn 2025

Welcome back! We are really happy to have you back in school and we are looking forward to the year ahead. We have been working hard to plan lots of interesting lessons and activities for you. Here is an overview of what will be happening this term.

Year 3 Team

St. John's Class

Miss Bray (Class Teacher)

Mrs Shields (TA)

St. Jude's Class

Mrs Rose (Class Teacher Monday-Thursday)

Mrs Ward (Class Teacher Friday)

Miss Ashworth (TA)

The School Day

This term you will be able to bring in a school bag/rucksack that should have your reading book, reading record and a **named** water bottle in it. You may also bring your own small pencil case.

We also encourage the children to bring in a **healthy** snack for break time (fruit, squeeze yoghurt, malt loaf etc.).

(Please note – unlike KS1, KS2 children are not provided with a snack at school).

Remember to bring your lunch box (if you aren't having school dinners). School dinners are now free for all children in KS2.

Homework

Reading	Spelling	Grammar	Maths	Times Tables
Reading daily for 10-15 minutes using your library book.	<u>Spelling Shed</u> (EdShed) (complete at least 3 games per week to revise the weekly spelling list)	<u>CGP Grammar Book</u> 2 pages assigned by the class teacher each week.	<u>Maths Shed</u> (EdShed) Complete the allocated tasks (at least 1 per week)	<u>Times table Rock Stars</u> (at least 20 minutes per week)

Where to access the homework:

- **Maths homework** - We use Maths Shed, which is found on EdShed. You can access the homework using your Ed Shed logins - <https://www.edshed.com/>
- **Spelling homework** can be found on Ed Shed - <https://www.edshed.com/> (There is also a Spelling Shed app).
- **Times Table Rock Stars** - <https://trockstars.com/> (There is also an app).
- **Reading homework** - We expect our pupils to read for 15-20 minutes per day to support their learning at school. Through reading and hearing stories, children are exposed to a wide range of words. This helps them build their own vocabulary and improve their understanding when they read, which is vital as they continue to develop their narrative writing. Reading records need to be signed (with an adult's signature) and brought into school daily.

***All login details will be stuck in the back of your child's reading record.**

Subject Information

RE:

As we start KS2, the children have considered their hopes for this year. The children will be writing individual prayers about their wishes and they will be displayed in our 'Corridor of Prayers'

Each of our RE topics centre around a 'Big Question.' Our first topic is "Creation and Covenant." We will study the creation story in Genesis and how it explains the relationship between God, human beings and the world. We will look at how Creation is praised in Psalms and how we can show care for God's world.

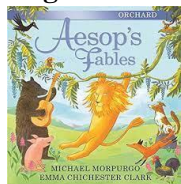
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Our Year 3 Prayers

O God,
You raised up St. John the Baptist to prepare a perfect person for Christ.
We call upon St. John's intercession.
To properly prepare us with a true sense of repentance,
To receive Your grace and salvation.
Make us faithful to Truth and justice,
As You did Your servant, John the Baptist, messenger of Your Son's birth and death.
Lord, may You increase Your life within us.
Amen.

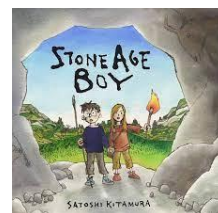
St. Jude,
May your path of hope be mine in the days ahead.
I promise in faith to share your hope with others,
to forgive as I am forgiven by my Father in heaven,
and to show caring and kindness at every opportunity.
Guide me, St. Jude, so that I begin each new day with gratitude,
truth, and hope in my heart.
Challenge me, St. Jude, to end each day reflecting on my actions and motivations so that I grow in faith, love, and hope.
Amen.

English:



Our English text for Autumn 1 is 'Aesop's Fables'.
We will be studying these animal stories that each have a message.

Our texts for Autumn 2 are 'The Tunnel' and 'Stone Age Boy'.
In "The Tunnel", a brother and sister, who always argued, discover a tunnel that changes everything.
In "Stone Age Boy", a child walking in the woods trips, falls and finds himself in a world where everything is different.



Science: We will be learning all about *Animals, Including Humans and Rocks*.

CLC: In Autumn 1, we will be doing a Local Geography study: 'Where do I live?' and in Autumn 2, our topic will be: 'How did the Stone Age and Bronze Age people live?'

PE Timetable	
St John's	Every Tuesday and Thursday
St Jude's	Every Tuesday and Thursday



Please ensure that your child comes into school on their PE days wearing the correct PE kit – house colour t-shirt, black shorts (when it's warmer) or black tracksuit (when it's colder). They should also be wearing trainers.

Please ensure that all uniform is clearly named.

Birthdays: We enjoy celebrating the children's special days with them. Some parents like to send a treat in for classmates. Please remember we cannot give out cake or party bags. A small bag of **nut free** sweets, such as Haribo is ideal. Such treats are given out at home time and children should show their parents before eating them.

Important dates

Thursday 25th September – New School Year Mass (Year 2-6)
Thursday 2nd October – Year 3 & Year 5 Harvest Mass 9:30am – parents welcome
Friday 3rd October – Parent Coffee Morning
Monday 6th October – Road safety Show
Thursday 16th October – International Day
Monday 20th October – Parents' Evening
Tuesday 21st October - St. Ursula's Feast Day Mass (Years 2-6)
& Parents' Evening
Thursday 23rd October – Parents' Evening
Friday 24th October – INSET Day, School closed

October Half-Term Holidays – w/c 27.10.25 – 2.11.25

Monday 3rd November – Return to school
Wednesday 5th November – Individual & Sibling Photos
Friday 7th November – Parent Coffee Morning
Monday 10th November – Anti-Bullying Week, Odd Socks Day
Tuesday 25th November – Advent Assembly (Year 3)

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Friday 28th November – Rock Steady Concert

Thursday 4th December – Parent Coffee Morning (Christmas Crafting) 8:45am

Friday 5th December – Pantomime in school

Thursday 11th December – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 12th December – KS2 Christmas Concert at 1:45pm at St Dominic's Church

Friday 19th December – End of Term Reports

& Early finish at 1:00pm

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help your child be the best that they can be!