

SJO Newsletter



Newsletter – 21st November 2025

Dear Parents/Carers

There is a lovely atmosphere in school this half term, I can hear Christmas songs and rehearsals for plays, I'm sure we are all looking forward to seeing the children perform in the next few weeks.

Nursery children shared their learning with me this week, they were able to talk confidently about patterns and their morning routines. It is wonderful to see how much confidence they have gained since September.

Year 1 visited the church this week, they were eager to tell me that they had learned about the importance of water, we need it to drink, clean ourselves and feed plants. They were knowledgeable about Baptism and how water is used during this Christian ceremony. They were also eager to tell me about Belonging and how we belong to the church community, we are very lucky at this school to have such good links with the church and we are thankful to Reverend Tim and Ruth for all they do for us at SJO.

During the half term, we had the main corridor and the Early years classrooms decorated. This is part of our planned decoration, which will hopefully see the whole school decorated before the end of the year.

As the cold weather worsens we have ramped up our heating and the children are nice and cosy in school. Please ensure that they have appropriate clothing as they will still be outdoors during these bright but cold days.

There's lots to look forward to over the next few weeks: visits to see Father Christmas, theatre trips, Christmas lunch and nativities, please keep checking dates so that you don't miss anything.

Wishing you all a relaxed weekend with your families.

Best wishes

Sally Inskip-Ward

***"It's the teacher
that makes the
difference, not the
classroom."***

– Michael Morpurgo

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W/c 24 November is **week 1** of the **NEW** lunch menu



Nursery places – January 2026

If your child was born between 1 Sept 2022 – 31 December 2022, they are eligible to attend our School Nursery in **January 2026**.

Please enquire at the office for further information



Educational visits

- Year 5 & 6 – Chester Zoo
- Nursery & Reception – Amerton Farm
- Y2 – Year 6 – New Vic Theatre
- Year 1 – the Museum of Childhood

Monday 1 December
Monday 8 December
Tuesday 6 January
Thursday 29 January

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Reception - Year 6

NHS flu vaccine

**Wednesday 10
December**



Staff emails

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