

SJO Newsletter



Newsletter – 12th June 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the final part of this academic year – how it has flown! Since our return, I have had the pleasure of engaging with even more families and having conversations about strengthening our partnership working. Getting to know everyone more personally is an important part of building a school community, where every voice matters, and your time is truly appreciated.

Aligning with this, in Collective Worship this week, our school has been reflecting on the parable of the paralysed man — the story where friends lowered a man through the roof so he could reach Jesus. Their determination and care remind us how powerful it is when a community supports one another wholeheartedly. We have seen great examples of this love for each other at SJO this fortnight!

Last night, we held our EYFS welcome meeting, which was a great success. Thank you to all the families who attended - your enthusiasm and warm engagement created a wonderful atmosphere for our newest children as they continue their learning journey at SJO. We had exhibitors from Smart Uniform, Newcastle Family Hub, All Saints Church and Edwards and Ward Caterers – a real community vibe! On Friday, I also spent a wonderful day with our EYFS children and got involved in their imaginative play and love for the outdoors – I even had my hair done with stickle bricks and dinosaurs and tasted strawberries that the children had proudly grown.

Year 1 have enjoyed a fantastic trip to see the animals at Reaseheath College as part of their science topic. They were wonderful ambassadors for our school; their excitement and curiosity led to some super questions and learning too. This, all alongside their statutory Phonics testing too – well done Y1!

We have been delighted to welcome Kate Dawkes, a botanical artist, who took some of our talented artists across all year groups to develop techniques, washes, perspective, shade and tone. The results are truly beautiful and the children took such care and love for their masterpieces – we look forward to sharing these with you.

as you can see, just like the friends in the story of the paralysed man, the children have been encouraging each other through their creativity, compassion and enthusiasm all across our school and despite the rain, the learning is shining bright!

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Brown



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Baby Signing
Toddler Talking

Come and Join us for a FREE Taster Session!

Thursday 18th June 2026
10am Newcastle Library

- Suitable for babies from birth to 2 years
- Full introduction to baby signing
- Singing, rhymes, playtime, and socialising
- Meet other parents & carers

Book Your Place Now: give your details to Library Staff or contact Nicola on nicola@tinyspeak.co.uk

Afternoon Tea Special
FREE book!

Join us for a cuppa and a free copy of Rachel Hore's 'The Girl in the Picture'

Newcastle Library 18th June 2.30pm

Quick Reads YOUR Staffordshire County Council GO ASH TOLE

ELECTRICITY AND POWER FAMILY STEAM DAY

Join the St John Fisher Catholic College Robotics Team, CyberBye, for a morning of **free, family friendly, hands on STEAM** activities.

Design and make a light up card, build a windmill, create your own jumping beans and take part in our design a robot competition.

There will also be a chance to see our robot in action and learn more about how Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths impact us all.

27th June 2026
10:30-12:30
Newcastle Under Lyme Library
Children must be accompanied by an adult

Supported by:

Family Hub Courses

Staffordshire Family Hubs offer a variety of courses designed to support families in learning about parenting and child development. Here are some of the courses available. To book a place email: Groupwork@staffordshire.gov.uk

Free HENRY Support from your Family Hub

Click to complete a Family Hub Referral Form

Preparation for Parenthood Programme
A supportive course covering pregnancy, birth and early parenting to help you feel more confident, informed and prepared for the journey ahead.
[click to learn more](#)

Healthy Families: Right from the Start Programme
For families with children aged 0-5 years, designed to help you feel more confident in your parenting journey, and build healthier lifestyles, routines and boundaries.
[click to learn more](#)

Healthy Families: Growing Up
For families with children aged 5-12 years, designed to help you strengthen family relationships, manage challenging behaviour and set family routines.
[click to learn more](#)

To learn more visit www.henry.org.uk

Free Healthy Families: Growing Up Programme

A free 6-week HENRY course for families with children aged 5-12 years, designed to help you strengthen family relationships and set family routines.

- Support your child's emotional wellbeing and help them manage big emotions
- Encourage physical activity and help your child develop a positive attitude to their school
- Create healthy routines
- Help to resolve shared household challenges
- Manage challenging behaviour with our healthy family toolbox

Free Healthy Families: Right From The Start Programme

A free 6-week HENRY course for families with children aged 0-5 years, designed to help you parent confidently and boost healthy thoughts.

- Understand the connection between emotional health and family life
- Learn about healthy routines and establish new ones
- Practice real-life skills to meet your baby's needs

Free Preparation for Parenthood Programme

A supportive free 6-week HENRY course designed to support expectant parents during pregnancy to help you feel more confident, informed and ready for the journey ahead.

- Learn more about pregnancy, birth and early parenting
- Understand your baby's development in the womb
- Discover ways to look after yourself during pregnancy
- Find more confidence about caring for your newborn
- Meet other local expectant parents and share experiences

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Health Visitor Hub
If you need to speak to a Health Visitor please call the Hub on 0808 178 0611

Healthy Start Vouchers
Are you pregnant or have children under four? You may qualify for the Healthy Start voucher scheme to help you buy food, milk and vitamins.

Healthy Start
Call your local Health Visitor

Virtual Group Programme
FAMILIES HEALTH & WELLBEING SERVICE 0-19

Topics covered:

- Baby brain development
- Getting ready to breastfeed
- Safer sleep
- Supporting speech & language development
- Moving onto solids
- Toilet training

To find out more or to book a place, scan the QR code or visit our bookings page via this link <https://mpft.live/code>

All sessions are FREE & delivered by your 0-19 Community Development Team

Staffordshire County Council

Family Hub Staffordshire

VOLUNTEER PROGRAMME

Session Lead
Session Support
Community Champion
Admin Volunteer

Do you have a few hours to spare each week? Would you like to come and volunteer in your local Family Hub? We have opportunities for volunteers to come and support our delivery across the Staffordshire county. If you would like to find out more please contact Debbie Burgess or scan the QR code above to apply now

Call 07704 798133 or Email debbie.burgess@staffordshire.gov.uk

Aiming High

SCAN ME

Aiming High is a programme of activities & short breaks for children & young people aged 0-18 years old with a special educational need/disability (SEND) who live in Staffordshire. An Education Health and Care Plan (EHCP) is not needed to take part in these activities.

CaFSPA
Children and Families Single Point of Access
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Children and Families Single Point of Access (CaFSPA) - Staffordshire

CaFSPA aims to simplify the way children, young people, their families or carers in Staffordshire seek care, support, and guidance, while also streamlining how health and care professionals, alongside others can make a referral. Information provided is triaged to understand the needs of the child, young person, and their families, and the team will make further contact if further information is required to identify a service best placed to offer appropriate support. [CaFSPA South Staffordshire Health Visiting and School Nurseries](#) and [Twin Hub](#) are the first services to be part of CaFSPA, with further teams set to be included.

Telephone: 0800 133 8811
Email: CaFSPA@nhs.uk

HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES AND FOOD

Early Bird Discount!
15% Off

ALL SIR JOHN OFFLEY PRIMARY SCHOOL UNIFORM

CREW 15% Off From £12.71

1 Week ONLY
Monday 15th June - Sunday 21st June

Offer available in Store {Must Show @ Till For Discount} & Online Use Code **SIRJO15** on www.smartuniform.co.uk
Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or on an exchange

We will also price match any legitimate offer

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W/C 12th June is **week 2** of the lunch menu



Please pre-order any school lunches on Parent Pay (at least 48 hours in advance)

Please note the following menu change: Wk 2 Tuesdays will be Macaroni Cheese not turkey pasta.

Also on Friday 19th June we have our special fathers Day Lunch: Mega Might Burger & Fries followed by Champion Chocolate Chip Cookie



September 2026

If your child has turned 3 before 31 August 2026, they are eligible to attend nursery in September 2026.

PUNCTUALITY: BEING ON TIME



- School starts at **8.45 a.m.** (Rec-Y6)
- Children need to arrive on the playground **before** the doors open
- Any child who comes through the office late will have this recorded on the register
- Punctuality is regularly monitored by school and the Education Welfare Officer
- A penalty notice can be issued by the Local Authority for persistent lateness

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