

SJO Newsletter



Newsletter – 17th July 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of another fantastic school year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our pupils, families and staff for their hard work, support and dedication throughout the year. It has been a year filled with learning, achievements, exciting opportunities and wonderful memories. We are incredibly proud of all our children and everything they have accomplished.

A special farewell goes to our wonderful Year 6 pupils as they head off for the next stage of their educational journey. You have been fantastic role models for our younger children and have contributed so much to school life. We are extremely proud of all that you have achieved during your time with us and know that you will continue to shine as you move on to secondary school. Remember to *love*, *forgive* and always *aspire* to be the best that you can be; you will always have a home at SJO.

Last weekend, the village came together to celebrate the Madeley Carnival. Thank you to everyone who waved to us along the route and helped out during the morning - what a fantastic day we had, with plenty of sunshine and a wonderful atmosphere!

Whilst we are looking forward to the Summer break, we are also well into the planning of the new school year and with your support we will continue to strive for the best outcomes for all children. Some reminders in case you have missed them:

- Our Free Breakfast Club provision starts, alongside our continued Red Robins wraparound – please see previous communication for details, but we hope many of you will take advantage of this to make mornings run more smoothly and give our children the best start to the school day.
- Timetable revisions mean that the whole school will have PE on a Thursday, so all children should come to school in their PE kit on Thursdays.
- Our Arbor app has now launched and thank you to our office team, who have been trouble shooting any issues in the initial stages. If you still require some help with Arbor, please pop into the office so you are fully up and running with the system.

We will be having some building and repair works completed during the school holidays, so you may still see a hive of activity during the early weeks of the break.

We wish everyone a wonderful summer holiday and look forward to welcoming pupils back on Wednesday 2nd September at 8:45am, looking refreshed, smart and ready for another exciting year of learning at SJO!

Best wishes for a happy, safe and enjoyable break,

Mrs Brown

Headteacher

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W/C 1st Sept 2026 is **Week 1** of the lunch menu



Please pre-order any school lunches on the new ARBOR account up to 8am on the same day.

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PUNCTUALITY: BEING ON TIME



- School starts at **8.45 a.m.** (Nursery-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

Inset Day Tuesday 1st September
Term Starts Wednesday 2nd September



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Safeguarding Children Partnership **Child Death Prevention Newsletter** **Staffordshire Safeguarding Children Partnership**

The newsletter is designed to raise awareness of the need of the Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent Safeguarding Children Partnership to keep your child safe during the summer.

Summer Safety

Tragically, there have been deaths of children from Staffordshire and Stoke on Trent as a result of.....

Drowning

Young people can be drawn to open water - weirs, quarries and canals are not safe places to 'hang out', swim or play. **Don't take risks around water.** Watch children when they are in or around water, without being distracted.



Unsafe sleeping environments

Follow safer sleep guidance for every sleep, both daytime naps and overnight. Maintain safe sleep routines when on holiday, staying with friends or family. Plan sleeping arrangements in advance. **Consider where your baby will be sleeping** and if you need to take a travel cot.

Road traffic collisions

Check and follow local driving laws when travelling abroad. **Children should be properly restrained in appropriate car seats** while traveling in a vehicle. Many airlines allow child car seats to be transported free of charge or when abroad there are usually car seat hire options. Take extra care when walking near roads, particularly in unfamiliar areas where traffic patterns and road rules may be different from those in the UK.




Sun safety

Babies and children are particularly vulnerable to sunburn. Avoid direct sun exposure between 11:00 and 15:00. Use SPF50+ sunscreen with 4-star UVA protection. Reapply sunscreen every 2 hours and after swimming. For additional protection add loose-fitting clothing, sun hats and sunglasses. Go to britishskinfoundation.org.uk and sunscreen-and-sun-safety on the NHS site for further information.



Food safety advice

Germs can grow quickly on food if it is not kept refrigerated. Use ice blocks to keep food cool when travelling. Store raw and cooked foods separately, and ensure meat is cooked thoroughly and is hot all the way through before eating. Tap water in the UK is safe to drink. Follow local guidance when drinking water abroad. Encourage young children to sit down while eating to help them chew and swallow food properly during picnics. Visit GOV.UK for further advice on food safety in a holiday.

Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Carbon monoxide cannot be seen, smelled, heard, or tasted. It is produced when fuels burn incompletely. Poor ventilation can allow dangerous levels to build up. Carbon monoxide poisoning can be fatal. Extra care is needed in caravans, motorhomes, and tents, especially when using campfires, camping stoves, or BBQs. A carbon monoxide alarm/monitor should be provided or taken when travelling. For further information go to www.safertotism.org.uk/campaign-carbon-monoxide.

Contact the Child Death Overview Panel for Staffordshire and Stoke-on-Trent sdsc@stokeon-trent.gov.uk for further information.

Please find below the following links for any FSM children who are eligible can attend HAF over the summer holidays. We have lots of fabulous activities going on across the whole of Staffordshire this summer it would be a real shame for families to mis out.

For all activities in Staffordshire please share this link: [Book Local Classes & Clubs](#)