

JOHN HELLINS PRIMARY SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER 2026



Visits to St Nicholas Church

We love getting out and about and we will be taking some of the children down to the Potterspurvy village church this term to support their wider learning. The children will be learning of the Christian festivals, such as Christmas and Harvest. They will also be learning about the church building itself and also the history behind it.

- Year 1 go on Wednesday October 7th
- Year 3 go on Wednesday October 14th
- Year 5 go on Wednesday October 21st
- And finally, EYFS go on Wednesday 25th November.

These visits are during the school day, leaving at 9am and returning before breaktime. Please can you ensure your child has sensible shoes and a waterproof coat if the weather requires it.

Celebration Assembly

Well done to our children who were on the hard workers bench this week!



Harvest

During the week commencing 28th September, we will be holding a harvest collection for the Towcester Food Bank and we would be really grateful for any donations. Children can bring these into school throughout the week and place them on the harvest table in the entrance hall.

The food bank has let us know they are particularly in need of the following items:

- Tinned meat
- Tinned veg/potatoes
- Tinned fruit
- Tinned rice pudding
- Packets of rice/pasta
- Tea bags/coffee
- Longlife milk
- Savoury biscuits/snacks
- Chocolate

School tours

We were delighted to welcome prospective parents to our first school tour this week. If your child, or someone you know, has a child who will be starting school in September 2027, please get in touch with the school office for further information about our upcoming school tour dates. We would be very happy to welcome you and show you around our school!



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Secondary School Places

The time has come for pupils who will be transferring to secondary school in September 2027 to apply for their school place.

Parents and carers can apply online, and applications should be submitted by 31st October at the very latest. Please see the attached letter for further information and details on how to apply.

Parent/Teacher Meetings

In October we offer a virtual meeting to discuss how your child has settled into school. The focus is on your child's wellbeing and it's a great opportunity to chat with your child's teacher and find out what has been going really well at school, from Friday 25th September at 7am, parents will be able to access the Parents Evening Booking System to book a parent meeting with their child's teacher. You can find a link to the booking system under quick links on our school website. Bookings will close on Friday 9th October at midnight.

Parking

Please remember to park carefully and considerately when dropping off and collecting children. In particular, please ensure that our neighbours' driveways are not blocked.

There is plenty of parking available at the Sports and Social Club, just a short walk from school.

Thank you for helping to keep the area safe and accessible for everyone.

Breakfast club

This week the children have been getting creative and planning tasty, balanced meals, having fun with a range of exercise activities, including yoga and track sessions.



Newton class Phonics meeting

A friendly reminder that our Year 1 Phonics Meeting will take place in person on Thursday 24th September at 9:15am.

There will be hot drinks and cakes available for you to enjoy.

The meeting will explain how phonics is taught in Year 1 and provide helpful information and ideas about how you can support your child's phonics learning at home.

If you are unable to attend, don't worry! The meeting will be recorded and uploaded to our website for you to watch at a convenient time. We look forward to seeing you there!



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Calendar of Events

21 st September	Franklin class stay full time
22 nd September	School photos
24 th September	Newton class Phonics meeting
28 th September	Harvest celebration week
6 th October	Franklin class Phonics meeting
7 th October	Newton class visit to the church
9 th October	Curie class bikeability
14 th October	Einstein class visit to the church
19 th October	Parents evening - online
21 st October	Hodgkin class visit to the church
21 st October	Parents evening - online
23 rd October - 1 st November October Half Term	
9 th November	Flu vaccinations
10 th November	Visit from the Archdeacon
13 th November	Come and learn - reading
25 th November	Franklin class visit to the church
17 th December	Last day of Autumn term
18 th December - 4 th January Half Term	

BREAKFAST CLUB

NEXT WEEK...

Poetry week

Exploring and sharing poems with poetry petals

Creating our own haikus

Bringing poems to life with performance poetry

**BOOK NOW
ON
PARENTPAY!**

