



Friday 9th October 2026

Headteacher's Welcome

Dear Parents/Carers,

As you are aware, our school photographs took place this morning. Parents and carers will receive a piece of paper which has a QR code on it, from your child today. If you would like to purchase a photograph, please follow the ordering instructions. There is, of course, no obligation to purchase. We hope you enjoy seeing the photographs of your children!

Harvest Worship

Our Worship Leaders will be leading a special Harvest Worship on Friday, celebrating the season of harvest and giving thanks for the food and resources we have.

As part of our Harvest celebrations, we would be grateful if, next week, families could bring in packets or tins of dried and non-perishable food to support local charities helping people experiencing homelessness. Items such as pasta, rice, cereal, tinned food and other long-life foods would be very welcome.

Thank you for your kindness and generosity in helping us to support those in our wider community.

Morning Communication

We would like to remind parents and carers that the priority for staff during the morning drop offs is to ensure that every child enters school safely, calmly and ready for the day ahead.

With this in mind, staff may not always be able to stop and discuss individual concerns or have detailed conversations at the school gates. The morning drop-off can also be a busy and public environment, which means it may not be the most appropriate or private setting for discussing matters relating to individual children.

If you would like to speak with a teacher or another member of staff about a concern, please contact the school office where our administrators will be happy to help. They can pass on a message, provide or seek appropriate guidance, or arrange an appointment for you to speak with a member of staff at a more suitable time.

Thank you for your understanding and for helping us to ensure that every child has a safe and positive start to the school day.

School grid

For any child wishing to have a school meal, please ensure sufficient funds are in your school grid account and please ensure you pre-order your child's desired meal. We have a number of Parents/Carers who are not making regular payments, which is running up debt. Packed lunches may need to be provided by Parents for their child if debts are not addressed.

Also, please log into your school grid account to add any allergens your child may have, this is very important, so our kitchen staff can prepare the appropriate food for your child.

Attendance

We are finding that some Parents/Carers are not reporting their child as being absent, please be reminded to our school attendance reporting policy, children who are absent must be reported to the office prior to the start of the school day. You may telephone each office from 8 am or drop us a line to inform us via email info@stj.fa1.uk

Failing to report absences will result in an unauthorised registration mark for your child, which will have a negative impact on their overall attendance. Thank you.



Stars of the Week

Well done to all our Stars of the week! This week they are:

Sapphire - Elodie
Ruby – Esmae S
Diamond – Dante
Topaz – Chidalu
Emerald – Nor Nor
Year 3R - Daniel
Year 3/4 - Xander
Year 4 - Lily M
Year 5 - Ibrahim
Year 6 – Archie G
Headteacher – Tilly
Values Champions – Theo and Darcey



Attendance

Well done to Mrs. Luscombe's Class with the highest attendance this week with an impressive 98.8%. Amazing!

Sapphire	92.31%
Ruby	95.11%
Diamond	98.8%
Topaz	94.76%
Emerald	90.48%
Year 3	92.5%
Year 3/4	87.33%
Year 4	97.06%
Year 5	93.93%
Year 6	94.5%

Each week we strive to be in school every day to make the most of all our learning opportunities. This week's whole school attendance figure is **95.2%**. We would like it to be 98%. Please note that holidays in term time **cannot** be authorised and fining procedures are in place by the DFE and LA for unauthorised absences, including holidays. Please remember that **being on time** is also extremely important too. Lateness can also trigger an unauthorised absence. Please see our school website for information regarding our Attendance Policy.

Further information on school attendance can be found here:

<https://www.oldham.gov.uk/SchoolAttendance>



If your child is going to be absent from school for any reason, you must contact the School Offices before the start of the school day. Failure to do so becomes a safeguarding concern.