

Summer Term Two 2026



Our Gospel Value

Patience



Patience

"But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience."

Romans 8:25

Patience
is a
VIRTUE

It's time for summer!

Welcome to our final SEND Newsletter of the academic year. As we come to the end of another busy and successful year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our children, families and staff for their ongoing support, partnership and commitment. We are especially proud to celebrate our recent Ofsted inspection, where inclusion was recognised as a real strength of the school. This reflects the dedication of our whole school community in ensuring that every child feels valued, supported and able to thrive.

Thank you for continuing to work alongside us to make this possible.

We also say goodbye and wish the very best of luck to those pupils and families who are moving on to new schools and exciting new adventures. We know they will continue to achieve great things and will always remain a valued part of our school community.

I hope you all enjoy a well-deserved summer break filled with fun, rest and special family memories. Thank you once again for your continued support, and I look forward to welcoming everyone back in

September for another fantastic year.

Best wishes, Mrs Mills



Thank You

TRANSITION

Supporting transition at SJV

Transition, whether it is to a new class or a new school, can be a difficult time and we endeavour to make sure that we ensure that this process is as smooth as possible for pupils and parents.

Transition to a new class...

We work closely to ensure every child has a smooth and positive transition to their new class. Teachers meet during the summer term to share information and discuss pupils' strengths and needs.

For pupils with SEND, Individual Education Plans (IEPs) are shared with new teachers to ensure continuity of support. Some children may also receive additional transition support, including classroom visits and personalised social stories. These can be taken home over the summer and often include photographs of their new classroom, teacher and key staff to help build familiarity and confidence for September.

All pupils have the opportunity to visit their new classroom and meet their new teacher before the end of the school year, helping them feel prepared and excited for the year ahead.

Year 6 to Year 7 Transition...

Year 6 pupils are supported through their transition from primary to their chosen secondary school.

During the summer term, the pupils meet their new 'Year 7 head of year' and are given the opportunity to ask questions or raise concerns about their next step to secondary school.

Within class, teachers complete work around transition with all Y6 pupils to offer strategies, advice and reassurance about the next step on their educational journey.

Each secondary school provides transition days where the children will visit their new school and we have a thorough handover with the Y7 team.



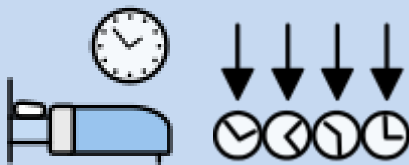
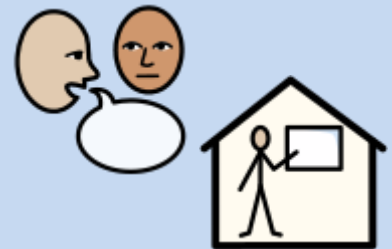
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Supporting transition back to school



After being off school for a 6-week summer holidays, there can be children who find returning to school daunting and challenging. Here are a few tips to help your child reduce their anxiety and start the new school year with positivity and enthusiasm.

Talk about school – use a social story to support your child to remember their new class and their new teacher. Talk about what will stay the same such as their friends.



Create a routine for bedtime – the week before school starts.

Get uniform out and check that it all fits well in the days leading up to the new term.



Encourage meeting up with their school friends to walk to school, meet on the playground.

Pack school bag ready the night before.



Get a good night's sleep.

Be positive and provide reassurance if needed.





Parent Drop In

As a school we have an open- door policy and welcome the opportunity to discuss your child's special educational needs and how, as a school, can support your child's learning. You will be able to drop in and discuss any specific information about your child. Alternatively, I am also available for longer appointments which can be made through the school office or email me directly: leanne.mills@sthelens.org.uk

We look forward to working in partnership with you to help your child thrive.

Fancy a brew?

Come to our Coffee Afternoon

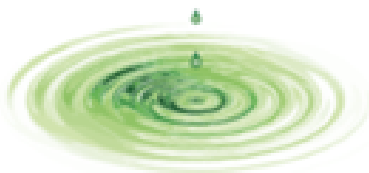
I would love to welcome both familiar and new faces to our coffee afternoon this term. These informal sessions provide an opportunity to meet other parents and carers, share experiences, ask questions and find out more about the support available for children with SEND.

Following feedback from parents, I am delighted to share that ADDvanced Solutions will be joining us for our SEND Coffee afternoon this term. ADDvanced Solutions provide a wealth of information, advice and practical strategies to support children and young people with additional needs, and I am sure their visit will be both informative and beneficial for families.

I can't wait to see you there!

Tuesday 30th June 2026

2pm – 3pm



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Supporting you to find the answers

