John Burns Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 4th September 2026

Dear Parents,

A very warm welcome back to John Burns Primary School. We hope you had a restful and enjoyable summer break. It has been wonderful to see the children return with such energy, enthusiasm, and ready for the year ahead.

As we begin the new school year, the staff would like to thank everyone for the kind and thoughtful gifts and messages we received at the end of last year. Your generosity and support mean so much to the staff at John Burns and are truly appreciated.



We welcome the following members of staff to John Burns this week:

Year 1	Miss Bennett
Year 4	Miss Witt

SCHOOL MOBILE APP

Please remember to update your school mobile app settings so that you are linked to your child's new year group. Important alerts will be sent via the school mobile app. Message content is brief because each alert only allows 100 characters.



If you do not have the school mobile app, please click here for more information about how to download this to an Apple or Android device.

MEET THE TEACHER OPEN AFTERNOONS



Thank you to all parents who joined us for our Meet the Teacher open afternoon yesterday. It was a pleasure to welcome so many of you into school and a great opportunity to share what your child can look forward to this year.

We hope you found the sessions informative and that they gave you a clearer picture of the routines, expectations, and exciting learning planned for your child's class.

For any parent that could not attend or for families will multiple siblings, a second Meet the Teacher date has been set for Thursday 10th September from 3:20-4:00pm – in your child's classroom.

100% ATTENDANCE

02/06/26 – 17/07/26

Meryem	Malaya	Henry	Jack
Reign	Amira	Sara	Gianna
Kairo	Alexander	Isabella	Ezekiel
Ka'leah	Kye'lah	Rosie	Freddie F
Amaya	Giulia	Sean	Nariyah
Momin	Maahir	Mustaqim	Elyne
Jahmari	Subhan	Wasal	Wahiib
Waliid	Mohamed	Buster	Buddy
Kaeden P-N	Logan	Asad	Maria
Nagaad	Imogen	Tommy R	Selma
Emma	Elyssia	Joshua	Kaliyah-Rose
Noah W		Asriel	

Ex-Year 6 pupils/Leavers

Abdelrahman	Ismail	Grace
Zakari-John	Hannah	Jeriah

WELL DONE to all 52 pupils who achieved 100% attendance during spring 2.
A 100% Attendance Raffle was held in today's assembly.

The 100% Attendance raffle winners were:

1st Place	2nd Place	3rd Place
		
Noah W	Rosie	Mohamed N



Congratulations to Joshua Titre who had 100% Attendance for the entire academic year (September 2025 to July 2026)!

GOOD TO BE GREEN – SUMMER 2 (2026)

Congratulations to all **70** children who have stayed on 'green' for the entire Summer 2 half term.

Certificate holders are able to wear their own clothes to school on Monday 7th September.

Well done to the following children:

Early Years					
Wasal	Jahmari	Ryan	Alfie	Meryem	Inaya
Amira	Kayson	Diana	Murad	Elyne	Nafe
Daneer	Buster	Malaya	Gianna	Agnes	Freddie
Prince-Naiyjharn	Princess-Niayrhee	Anir	Carter	Naailah	Maria
		Gwen	Logan		
Year 1					
Nala		Harper	Alex		Rosie
Maximo		Bonnie	Kaliyah		Nefeli
Year 2					
Ava	Mahid	Jaxon	Mohammed	Sydney	
Year 3					
Arham	Chelsey	Eiji	Elyssia	Emma	George
Giulia		Kye'lah		Liana	
Year 4					
Amaya	Buddy	Ceanna	Clio	Cori	Imogen
	Isabel	Joshua	Kaysia	Sara	
Year 5					
Bella		Selma		Zion	
Year 6					
Adriana	Arabella	Ariana	Erin	Hania	Fadilah
	Hannah	Luna	Emmanuela		

ACCEPTABLE USE AGREEMENTS

All pupils in Year 1 to Year 6 have been provided with paper copies of Acceptable Use Agreements. As part of our commitment to maintaining a secure and compliant environment, it is essential that we have all pupils acknowledge and adhere to our Acceptable Use Agreements (AUA).

If you have not already done so, please take time to review the AUA document. Once reviewed, complete, sign and return the agreement.

Failure to sign the agreement will result in your child having restricted access to our system and resources. The AUA helps us ensure a safe and secure learning environment for our pupils.

SCHOOL SHOES AND COATS

School shoes need to be **black leather shoes**, not canvas, boots or trainers. Ballet pumps are hopeless in puddles and on ice and are not great at supporting the foot and keeping your child safe in crowded areas. They are hazardous on the staircases, therefore are not appropriate footwear for school.

Coats should be of a predominantly dark colour, for example navy or black and without lettering or logos. **Hoodies, tracksuit tops, denim and leather jackets are not appropriate for school.** Any child arriving in jackets or coats of these types will be sent a letter home.

EARRINGS

Pupils should only be wearing 1 small stud earring in each ear – no hoops or dangly earrings. If your child is wearing dangly or hooped earrings, then they will be asked to remove them and provided with an envelope to put them in. **Please do not send your child into school wearing hooped or dangly earrings.** They are a health and safety hazard.

ABSENCE REPORTING PROCEDURE

Please see below a reminder about the importance of following our school's procedures when reporting your child's absence.

Absence must be reported as soon as you have made the decision for your child not to attend school due to illness or if you intend taking your child to the GP for an opinion on whether they are well enough to be in school. Please give a full description of your child's symptoms.

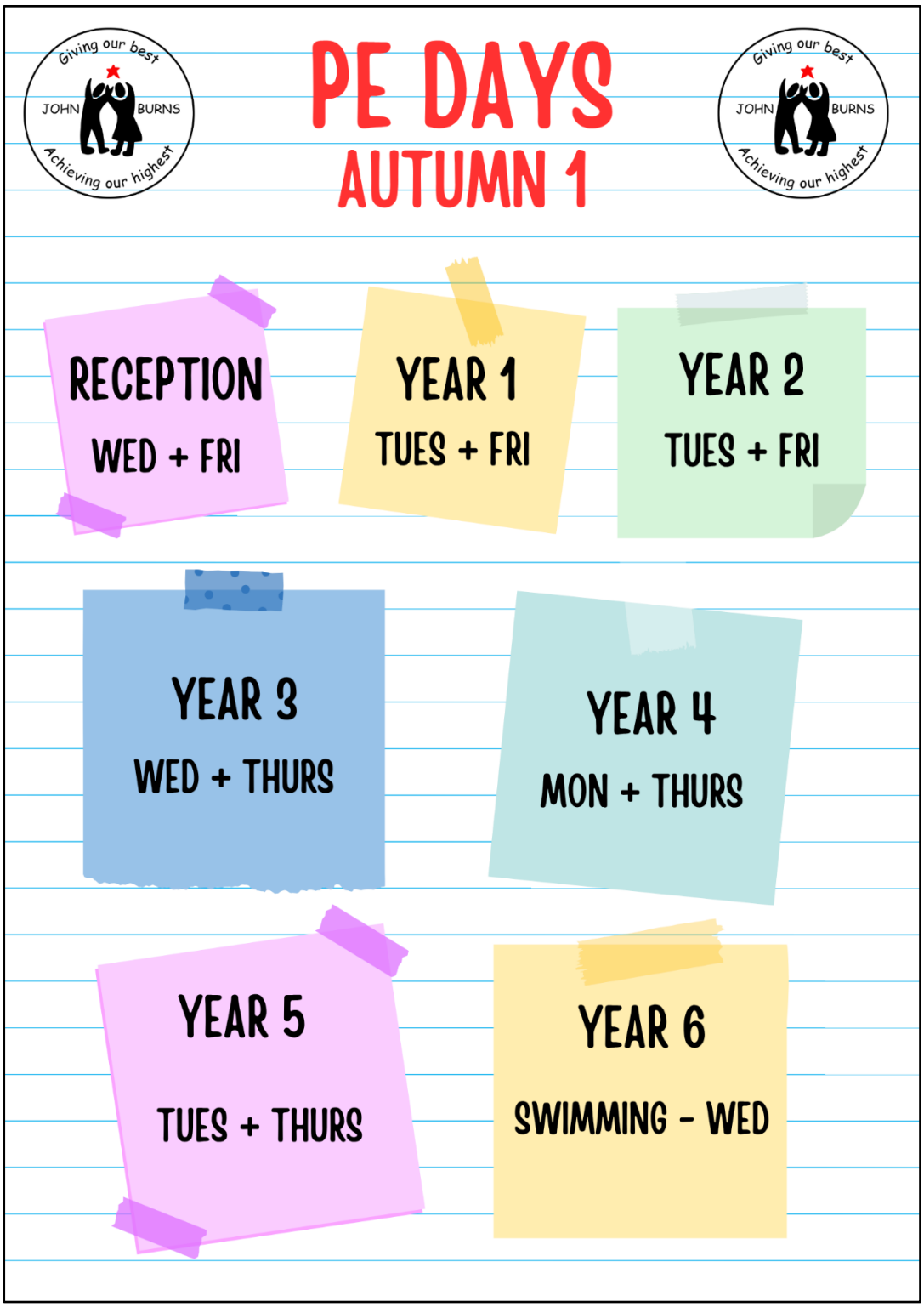
Parents can:

- email the school office at: office@johnburns.wandsworth.sch.uk or admin@johnburns.wandsworth.sch.uk
- Telephone the school on 0207 228 3857
- Speak to the Attendance Officer in the school office (option 0)
- Leave a voice message on the absence line (option 1)

If we have not heard from you by **9.30am** we will firstly call you, and if we cannot get a response from you, we will call the contact numbers that you have provided in order to gain an explanation for the absence. If we still have not been able to ascertain that your child is safe, we will then contact Children's Services/the police who will investigate further. **We have a duty to all children to ensure that they are safe and we take this responsibility very seriously.**

Parents need to report their child's absence from school for **each day of absence**.

When parents fail to report their child's absence by **9:30am**, staff are required to spend additional time contacting families and arranging home visits in order to establish the reason for absence. This not only places unnecessary strain on staff roles and time, but also impacts the smooth running of the school and, most importantly, the safeguarding of our pupils.



PE lessons will begin on Monday 7th September.

Your child should have the following PE kit - labelled and in a drawstring bag:

- Black shorts – no logo
- Black tracksuit bottoms or black leggings (for outdoor PE only) – no logo
- Plain white t-shirt – no logo
- Plain black plimsolls or trainers – either laced or with elastic or Velcro

Please ensure your child has their full PE kit in school by **Monday 7th September**. From Monday 7th September, any children who do not have their PE kit in school on their allocated PE days will receive a yellow card.

As always, we greatly value your continued support and partnership. Please keep an eye on our newsletters and school communications for key dates, updates, and opportunities to get involved.

Here's to a fantastic year ahead!

Mr Grogan

Headteacher

DATES & EVENTS

Events may be subject to change and alteration

Autumn 1 Week 2	
Monday 07/09/26	Good to be Green Dress Down Day (from Summer 2)
Monday 07/09/26	Reception – returning Pupils start
Monday 07/09/26	Full Time Nursery Pupils Start
Wednesday 09/09/26	Part Time Nursery Pupils start
Wednesday 09/09/26	Year 6 Swimming Session 1
Thursday 10/09/26	EY-Y6 Meet the teacher drop-ins (no appointment needed) (3:20-4:00pm)
Autumn 1 Week 3	
Monday 14/09/26	Year 5 Chris Riddell Author Event @Burntwood School (9:45-10:30am)
Wednesday 16/09/26	Year 6 Swimming Session 2
Wednesday 16/09/26	National Fitness Day (activities)
Friday 18/09/26	Jeans for Genes charity event – wear Jeans to school (50p donation required)