



### Coming up

Date	Time	Location	Event
Mon 09 Sep 2024	9.10 - 10.25	LRR	EYFS Play Session & Coffee
Mon 09 Sep 2024	14.00 - 15.15	LRR	EYFS Play Session & Coffee
Thu 12 Sep 2024	13.00 - 15.30	WR	Falcons Forest School (every Thurs afternoon until 24th Oct)
Fri 13 Sep 2024		Both sites	Whole School House Captain Elections (Y6 & Y2)
Wed 18 Sep 2024	19.30 - 21.30	WR	Whole School PTA Back to School Social

**INSET Days 2024-2025**   Fri 25 Oct   Mon 4 Nov   Mon 6 Jan   Fri 4 April



### For Action

Who?	When?	What?
Whole School		<b>Reception places for September 2025:</b> Applications are now open, we are holding tours throughout the Autumn, follow this <a href="#">link</a> for further information and to book onto one.
Y3-6		From 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2024 the <b>price of a school lunch</b> increased to £2.90. This affects all pupils in years 3-6 who are not in receipt of free school meals.
Y2 & Y6	by Thu 12 September	Deadline for <b>House Captain Applications</b> .
Falcons	Thurs 12 Sep to 24 Oct	Volunteers are required for <b>Forest School</b> on Thursday afternoons, please sign up if you are able to help: <a href="#">Falcons Class Forest School sign up</a>
Y5&6	ASAP	Complete the <b>Y5&amp;6 Permissions Form</b> available on Parentmail if you would like your child to bring a mobile phone/smart watch into school or to walk home alone.
Y6	by 31 Oct	<b>Apply for a secondary school place</b> for the school year 2025 - 2026, applications close at midnight on 31st October 2024. See flyer at the end of the bulletin.



### School News

Click on the news item below to see more on our website

#### Online Safety

Year Groups	 <a href="#">Y5&amp;6 Welcome Meeting Information</a> <a href="#">Y3&amp;4 Welcome Meeting Information</a>
Welcome back drinks	Welcome back to a new school year, I hope you had a great summer. As part of our work to enhance our school community, particularly for new families, I would love to invite all families to evening drinks, (wine, tea/coffee), on <b>Wednesday 18th September at 7.30pm</b> to meet and chat with other families and staff. See the invitation at the end of this bulletin. Look forward to seeing you there, Justin Hoye.
St John's Parent/Carer Guide	The Parent/Carer Guide is contains useful information for all families, it is available on the website under the <a href="#">SCHOOL</a> tab, or ask the office for a printed copy.
Raising money for Uganda	In the last week of term 6 Jessie S in Dragon Boats came up with the idea of selling bracelets, hair scrunchies and other accessories for charity. Her friends Iris, Emma, Izzy, Eliza, Megan and Maggie helped her. They raised an amazing £134.43! They chose our school linked charity called Fingerprints in Uganda which will mean thousands of cups of porridge to children in Uganda! Well done!
Music Clubs	Y1&2 ukuele spaces available for Monday lunchtime sessions . Please contact the teacher, Mr Matt Bee, for more information, pricing and booking: <a href="mailto:bristolguitarkids@gmail.com">bristolguitarkids@gmail.com</a>
Creativity Club	After School Creativity Club has spaces follow this link to book: <a href="https://www.chandosatelier.co.uk/bookings">https://www.chandosatelier.co.uk/bookings</a> . Further information on the flyer at the end of the bulletin.

**Clifton Down  
Growing Space  
Open Day**

Clifton Down Growing Space Open Day on Saturday 7th September, 10.00 - 15.00. See flyer below.

**Leave of Absence**

[Leave of Absence Request Form](#) Please note this needs to be completed 2 weeks before your leave. Absence due to visiting a new school should be reported on Parentmail not on this form.

**Parentmail**

Please report pupil absence due to illness or medical appointment on Parentmail, follow the [link](#) for more information and help downloading the App.

**Name Tags**

For every order of personalised labels for children's clothing and equipment, [My Nametags](#) will contribute 20% to the school. Every order placed when clicking on this link and using the School ID of 21484 will be counted in the fundraising total for our school. Follow this link or go to the school website, quick links page and click on the My Nametags link.

**Give as you Live  
online**

Support the PTA by using Give as you Live Online, it is a free way to raise money for charity when you shop online. Shop at over 6,000 leading stores via our website, Donation Reminder or App and you'll raise free funds for our school. Go to [www.giveasyoulive.com/](http://www.giveasyoulive.com/). Sign up on the top right of the website and enter St John's School PTA (Clifton) when selecting the charity of choice.




For more information click [here](#). Ask friends, family members, and even any businesses you are involved with to shop this way too. We recommend popping a Bookmark on your Bookmarks Bar, or setting Give as You Live as your default homepage so that you don't forget.

Mr. Hoyer invites you to



# Back To School Drinks

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 7:30pm  
WR Hall (entrance via the car park gate)



**St. John's**  
CofE Primary School  
Clifton & Redland

**A GUIDE  
FOR PARENTS  
AND CARERS**

St. John's C of E  
Primary School  
Clifton & Redland



## 5 REASONS TO JOIN PTA

- #1 BENEFIT YOUR CHILD**  
Research shows that children perform better when parents are involved both at home and at school.
- #2 GET CONNECTED**  
There's no better way to know what's happening in school.
- #3 STRONG COMMUNITY**  
PTA connects you to other parents and teachers through meetings and events helping build a sense of community.
- #4 BE A ROLE MODEL**  
By becoming a PTA member, you'll be demonstrating the importance you place on education.
- #5 WITNESS IMPROVEMENT**  
By getting involved in PTA you'll be a part of the solution-helping to make positive changes.

PTA@STJOHNSPRIMARY.ORG.UK

## FUNDRAISING MADE EASY:

### ACORN FUND

The Acorn Fund is an easy way to donate money to the St John's PTA and helps raise money to fund essential resources and equipment. On the school's website under PTA, Mr Hoyer provides more information about how the Acorn Fund works and why it is so needed.



### GIVE AS YOU LIVE

This is one of the best and easiest ways to help the PTA raise funds and do your shopping at the same time! If you haven't signed up yet (or you know friends or family who want to sign up) just go to [www.giveasyoulive.com](http://www.giveasyoulive.com) and select **St John's School PTA (Clifton)** as your cause. Please find easy to follow instructions on the website or app.

### JUST GIVING

If you have ever thought of doing a sponsored hike, triathlon, readathon or any other sponsored challenge, please consider fundraising for St John's!

[www.justgiving.com/stjohns-pta](http://www.justgiving.com/stjohns-pta)

## Give Us Support!

Our PTA uses Classlist as the main communications hub for events, socials and fundraisers, it is also a great way for parents/carers to connect with each other. Visit <https://classlist.page.link/8rEe8tmrK4gJJFBz9> or simply scan this QR code



You can also e-mail us at [pta@stjohnsprimary.org.uk](mailto:pta@stjohnsprimary.org.uk)  
We'd love to hear from you!



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# Parents Teachers Association

September 2023

## Who are the PTA?

You are a part of the PTA. Every parent/carer who has a child at St. John's is a part of the PTA.

The PTA Committee is just a group of parents and carers that volunteer to run the PTA.

All of us are here because we want to help the school deliver the best experience possible for our children in the years they're here.

## apply for a secondary school place for the school year 2025-2026

If your child was born between **1 September 2013** and **31 August 2014** you will need to apply for a school place by **31 October 2024**.



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**BRISTOL**  
LEARNING CITY

[www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)



## What do I need to do to apply for a school place?

- Check out the guidance on applying to schools – available at [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions), or by contacting School Admissions. The guidance contains details on how & when to apply, information on each school along with their admissions policy and oversubscription criteria. With the mix of different types of school from Church schools, Foundation schools, Academies, Free Schools and Community secondaries the admissions policy could be different for each school you put as a preference so it's important to ensure you check this carefully.
- Some schools require supplementary forms to be completed as well as the common application form. Make sure you check if this applies to the school(s) you are interested in.
- Visit the schools. All schools hold open days. School websites provide details of open evenings and other events.
- Look at the school's prospectus and its website which are useful sources of information.
- You can name up to three school preferences. We advise you to name more than one school.
- Make sure you apply on-time. The deadline is 31 October 2024.

### School Admissions (CH)

Bristol City Council  
PO Box 3399, Bristol, BS1 9NE  
[www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)  
e [school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk](mailto:school.admissions@bristol.gov.uk)  
t 0117 903 7694



## Why apply online?

- The system helps you by checking for errors.
- There is no risk that your application will be lost in the post.
- It is quick and easy to do.
- You will get an immediate email confirming that your application has been received.
- You will receive an email notification of the outcome of your application on the same day as the offer letters are posted.
- The system is available 24 hours a day until the final submission time of midnight on 31 October 2024.

Apply online [www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions](http://www.bristol.gov.uk/schooladmissions)

# CROWDFUNDING OPEN DAY!

Help us make our Growing Space Project come to life



Saturday,  
7th September  
10:00 - 15:00  
behind Sainsbury's on  
Alma Vale Road



Chandos Atelier's

# Creativity Clubs



Join our professional makers for Creativity Club - an hour of after-school creativity and invention. We explore and experiment with new art materials every week - follow the link below

"Incredible! I knew it would be fun but I hadn't anticipated them learning so many skills and being so inspired."



We encourage imagination and resourcefulness, teaching skills & techniques rather than how to make the same, 'perfect' thing.

"You have changed her relationship with art. She used to hate it, it made her feel bad about herself. Now it's her favourite subject."



[www.chandosatelier.co.uk/after-school-creativity-clubs](http://www.chandosatelier.co.uk/after-school-creativity-clubs)