

Summer Picnic & Sports day Friday 18 July 2025

Once again we are going to hold our annual Summer Picnic and St John's Funday at King George V field and woods behind the Furzefield Centre. We also make it a mini sports day for the children with fun races and activities. **ALL** children who attend St John's are



invited to join us on the day, **along with a parent/s or carer**. Siblings welcome too. Please use the form on the notice board in the upper room to let us know if your child is coming and who will accompany them.

The playgroup **will not meet** at the church on this day, unless the weather forces us to do so and we would then have our picnic and games in the large hall.

We will go for a walk through the woods, gather nature items on the way and talk to the children about nature and bugs in our environment! We will have some long races right across the field. There will be adult races too so we suggest sensible shoes for everyone.



There are likely to be stinging nettles and brambles on the way so enclosed shoes long sleeves and trousers/leggings are recommended for children and adults.

DETAILS AND LOGISTICS

When: **FRIDAY 18th JULY** 9.00am until 2.00pm (you're free to leave any time, staff will be present until 2.00pm)

Where: Small play area to the front of the Furzefield Centre

What to bring: a picnic bag including plenty to drink, lunch and snacks and a picnic blanket.



Please make sure you and your children are dressed appropriately with sensible running footwear, sun hats and sun cream (or wellies if we have some wet weather the previous day).

We appreciate many parents and carers work or don't drive and may find it difficult to either attend or work with the proposed timings. However if you still wish your child to attend you may be able to arrange something with another playgroup parent. Keyworkers can look after one or two children each but this will need to be pre-arranged and numbers will be limited.

We hope all of you can attend to make this a memorable day for the children. Please complete the form on the notice board, or let us know via a WhatsApp or text message. Feel free to speak to Mrs Mills or Mrs Stone for further clarification if needed.

If the weather is uncertain, we will message via the WhatsApp group. or contact us on 07969 924482 on the day to find out if the picnic is going ahead.

A new era for St John's Nursery Playgroups

I would like to take this opportunity to say goodbye to all the lovely families who I have had the privilege of getting to know in the last 30 years. I have got to know so many children - and even some of their children - during my time. I shall definitely miss the children and being witness to their development, their funny ways, their style of learning. Watching a child achieve a goal has never lost its fascination. To see these little 2 year olds develop till they leave us with enthusiasm for learning is the best reward. I wish you all the best in the future and no doubt I will see many of you around Potters Bar.

The lovely Nikki Haylock will be the new Manager from September. I am sure she will soon settle in and get to know both current and new families. She will be coming in for the last couple of weeks of this term so you will have an opportunity to say hi

End of term Friday 18 July (picnic/sports day)

Just a reminder that Playgroup last day of term is on Friday 18th July. Twenty-eight children will be leaving us to go to school nurseries or reception classes at the end of this term, it will be sad to see so many of our little friends leaving us



We look forward to seeing the children who are returning/starting in the Autumn term. Please remember to let us know if you wish for your child to attend additional sessions in September. Please remember to check if you are eligible for 30 hours of free childcare. This is the website to check.

<https://www.childcarechoices.gov.uk/> You must check BEFORE the end of August to ensure you get funding from September

Parent/Keyworker Consultations

We would appreciate if you would complete the **questionnaire** as we like to know what you think and to hear what we do well or could improve.

Dates

- ★ Sunday 6th July Church outdoor service & BBQ at Morven Guide Centre, The Causeway. See advert on WhatsApp group.
- ★ ~~Saturday 12 July Playgroup 60th Anniversary~~. POSTPONED TILL 21 SEPTEMBER
- ★ Friday 18 July Picnic, sports day, end of term event at Furzefield open space and woods
- ★ FRIDAY 18 JULY. LAST DAY OF SUMMER TERM
- ★ **Autumn Term 2025**
- ★ **3 September- Wednesday 17 December (14 weeks)**
- ★ Wednesday 3 Sept—inset day, Thursday 4 Sept—first day of term
- ★ Friday 5 Sept new children induction 12.30 **no afternoon session!**
- ★ **Monday 27 to Friday 31 Oct, Half Term, playgroup closed**
- ★ Photographer—date to be confirmed
- ★ Christmas party Date to be confirmed
- ★ Nativity provisional date Wednesday 17 December

Our first day back is **Thursday 4th September**. The new children will come for their first introductory visit on Friday 5th September. We hope you have a lovely summer holiday.

Please let your friends know that we still have some spaces for children in September