



# ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

### Energy Saving Week Launch



We were delighted to launch Energy Saving Week, with so many children taking part in activities designed to raise awareness of the impact our actions can have on the world around us.

This week, our school enjoyed taking part in Energy Saving Week. Pupils learned about the importance of saving energy and explored simple ways to reduce energy use at school and at home through assemblies, class discussions and practical activities. Children were also encouraged to take part in Eco Travel Day by walking, cycling, scooting or using public transport where possible, as well as looking closely at how we can reduce our food waste.



As part of Greens Week, 5F showed fantastic citizenship by taking part in a litter-picking activity. They worked together enthusiastically, demonstrating real commitment to being eco-friendly and caring for the environment.

A huge thank you for all the wonderful entries to our poster and junk modelling competitions - there were so many creative and thoughtful ideas. Winners will be announced on Monday. Energy Saving Week helped show that even small actions can make a big difference when we work together.

### Curricular Enrichment: Enhancing Learning

Learning truly came to life this week through a range of exciting enrichment experiences across the school. Year 2 enjoyed a memorable trip to London, exploring different modes of transport and taking in the sights from a London tour bus—an unforgettable way to bring classroom learning into the real world.

Back in school, Years 3 and 5 were thrilled to welcome the Perform Group, who delivered an energetic Tudor and Egyptian workshop. Pupils were fully immersed, showing fantastic enthusiasm, creativity, and historical curiosity throughout the sessions.

These enriching experiences spark curiosity, deepen understanding, and help make learning meaningful and memorable for our pupils.

### Uniform Trainers Reminder

We would like to remind families of our school uniform policy regarding footwear. Recently, we have noticed an increase in branded trainers, shoes with flashing lights and footwear with bright or colourful laces being worn to school.

To ensure consistency and support our uniform expectations, teachers will be reminding children and families about the policy. We kindly that you refer to the full uniform listing: [here](#)

Newsletter continued



# NEWSLETTER



SPRING1, WEEK 3



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## Club, clubs and more clubs!

You will have seen on ClassDojo our new Clubs Offer Grid, showcasing the exciting range of opportunities available to our pupils.

If you are interested in any of the clubs on offer, please sign up directly or enquire via the school office for more information. We are delighted to be able to offer such a wide variety of activities to enrich our pupils' school experience.

We are working hard to expand our before- and after-school provision, and are pleased to share that this now also includes some weekend lettings, as shown below.

## Footicub 18 months- 5 years

If you have a child aged 18 months to 5 years of age, don't miss out on the opportunity to sign up the Footicub club.

This will be starting up from Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> January, starting with a trial session. Check out the poster for further details including an opportunity to sign up for a trial session to see if this is something your child(ren) are interested in.



## Holiday Club Questionnaire

We are exploring the possibility of running a Holiday Club for children aged 3-11 years old, during school holidays.

In order to establish whether this is something that is required, please can we ask that you complete a short survey (the link is below).

Your feedback will help us decide whether there is enough interest, what activities to include and what costs would be suitable.

**Questionnaire's should be completed by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> January please.**

<https://forms.gle/AAwUCUMsSUADmmMq8>

## IMPORTANT DATES

### January

- 27<sup>th</sup> - Parent Tour
- 27<sup>th</sup> - EYFS&Y1 Animal Workshop with Safari Pete
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Y6 Buddhist visit
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Natural History Museum
- 29<sup>th</sup> - Y6 TFL Workshop
- Saturday 31<sup>st</sup> - Footicub Club @ St John's

### February

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - SingUp to Young Voices
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Year 4 Trip to Hindu Temple
- 5<sup>th</sup> - Guitar Fest (Guitar Instrumental Learners)
- 9<sup>th</sup> - Children's Mental Health Week
- 11-12<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Bikability training

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



6 Lennon 98.8%



1 Byron 98.6%



6 Williams 98.5%

**National expectation of attendance 95%**

Whole school attendance: **95.95%**



## Safeguarding Reminder – Use of the School Drive

I have noticed an increase in the number of parents and carers driving down the school drive during the morning (from 8:30-8:50am) and afternoon (3:15-3:30pm) to drop off and collect children.

**For safeguarding reasons, driving into the school site is not permitted at within these time.**



# Our strengths this week!

## Nursery

Nursery have been learning about the role of Doctors, thinking about ways in which Doctors help us and sharing some of their experiences. They particularly enjoyed dressing up as doctors and treating their patients.

## Donaldson

This week in Reception, we have been focusing on the text Rosie's Walk by Pat Hutchins. We used the story to explore positional language, and the children enjoyed creating their own maps of Rosie's walk. The children were also particularly creative in our outdoor provision this week. Pupils enjoyed building their own dinosaur track, creating a mud volcano in the mud kitchen, and even constructing a brick house "just like the little pigs built."

## 1 Byron

The children have really enjoyed exploring their new book 'Where the Wild Things Are.' Although they have not read much, they have shown so much interest in the characters, settings and have demonstrated excellent inference skills with the text. We are excited to meet the wild things as our book unfolds throughout the half term.

## 2 Pilkey

For Geography, Year 2 have been learning about London. As part of their unit they got to go on a trip to central London and for a City Bus Tour which travels all around London. On the tour they got to see many of London's famous buildings and areas. They even got to travel on all the famous bridges including Tower Bridge!

## 3 Wiltshire & Morris

Year 3 have continued to enjoy learning about the Ancient Egyptians, in particular what was discovered in Tutankhamun's tomb. This was greatly enriched by the drama workshop which brought some of the key learning to life. They have made a great start on their Egyptian collars too.

## 4 Banksy & Kusama

Year 4 - This week year 4 have been looking at circuits in Science. They have considered what makes a circuit complete and what the required components of a circuit are. We also have had fun coming up with a prank for our Spiderwick inspired narrative in English.

## 5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

This week, Year 5 took part in a Tudor workshop where the children were able to go back in time to the Tudor times, acting as kings and queens of the time. They thought about important people that existed during Tudor times including William Shakespeare.

## 6 Lennon & Williams

This week, year 6 had a lovely time visiting the Royal Courts of Justice where they took part in a workshop. For the workshop the children acted out a mock trial from the Victorian period which they thoroughly enjoyed. They also had the opportunity to see Parliament square and the Houses of Parliament. Overall it was a lovely day out in central London!



## Theme of the week

Thankfulness

## Bible Reference

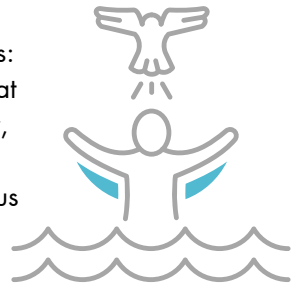
John 1: 29-42

## The Big Question

Why are you thankful for?

This week Harley from Re:Gen came to lead us in act of worship based on the these and bible reference of the week. Harley spoke about the meaning of the Bible verse, sharing how John the Baptist helps people recognise who Jesus is and why He is special. Harley explained how Jesus welcomes those who choose to follow Him with kindness and love.

This story reminds us to be thankful for many things: that God knows us and has a plan for our lives, that we have the opportunity to grow in our spirituality, and that through baptism we are welcomed into God's family. As Christians, we give thanks for Jesus and the love and forgiveness He brings.



It was also a lovely time to wish Harley many blessings as she begins her maternity leave to welcome her first child into the world.

## Let us pray

Dear God,

Thank You for sending Jesus to show us Your love and forgiveness.

Thank You for knowing us and having a plan for our lives. Help us to follow Jesus, just as the disciples did, and to grow closer to You each day. Thank You for baptism, which welcomes us into Your family. Please bless Harley and her family as they prepare to welcome their new baby, and keep them safe and loved.

Amen.

Wishing all of our families a restful weekend,  
Miss Donnelly.





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## Join Our After school Martial Arts Classes

Starting Friday 16<sup>th</sup>  
January

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- Self Defence
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# St John's Got Talent

## Auditions



1. Decide on your act - solo or group

2. Practice your act at home

3. Audition in the classroom between  
Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan and Friday 6<sup>th</sup>  
Feb(class teachers will select date)


4. Winners will be selected by Friday  
6<sup>th</sup> February 2026

5. St John's Got Talent Final will be  
held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February 2026



## FOOTICUBS STANMORE!

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## Meet your HSCP Team

We are in school every **Wednesday**. Please feel free to  
catch us to say hello and introduce yourself anytime!



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