

# ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

OUR VISION: '.....I CAN DO EVERYTHING THROUGH CHRIST WHO GIVES ME STRENGTH'

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## UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

This week, our school has been buzzing with musical energy—there must be something in the air... or perhaps it's just all the great beats dropping in every corner of the building! From rehearsals to performances, it has certainly been a week to remember.

### Celebrating Success in Early Years

We began the week with a visit from the School Improvement Partner (SIP). These visits play an important role in supporting the school as we review and refine our practices to ensure the very best outcomes for our pupils. There was a particular focus on Early Years, including Nursery and Reception, where the feedback was extremely positive. It was especially pleasing to see recognition of the rapid growth and development within our Nursery provision, something we are very proud of.



A true highlight was our participation in Prom Praise at the Royal Albert Hall, where 78 of our talented pupils from Years 4–6 performed as part of a spectacular event.



A special WHOOSH goes to our current Year 6 (previous 5F), whose winning song 'What were we made for' was performed alongside thousands of children in the venue—an unforgettable and proud moment for everyone involved.



On Thursday, we celebrated our young musicians at the String Festival. Our violinists and cellists performed beautifully, demonstrating not only their individual talents but also their ability to play as part of a much larger orchestra. It was wonderful to see so many pupils from across Harrow schools come together—there is clearly a wealth of musical talent to celebrate.

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

### Outstanding Music Lesson Fees

As the financial year is coming to an end, we ask that any outstanding music lesson fees are paid by 27th March. Unfortunately, if payments remain outstanding after this date, music lessons will need to be stopped for the Summer term.

### Last day of term

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1:30pm

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS



Nursery 99%



1 Byron 97%



4 Kusqma 95%

National expectation of attendance 95%

Whole school attendance: **92%**



# NEWSLETTER



SPRING TERM  
WEEK 10



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We ended the week in true rock star style with our Maths Day celebrations. The day was filled with Times Tables Rock Stars competitions across the school, and it was fantastic to see so much creativity in the rockstar costumes—what a brilliant effort from everyone involved!

The day finished with an incredible Rock Steady concert, showing once again that we know how to combine learning with a good time.



**NEW!**

## New Lunchtime Club

Next term, Sam, who leads our Friday Kickboxing club, will also be offering a lunchtime club for pupils

**There will be a small charge of £1 per week.**

### Mondays

Year 4 and 5 (12:00-12:30)  
Reception and nursery (12:30-1:00)

### Fridays

Year 3 and 6 (12-12:30)  
Year 1 and 2 (12:30-1:00)



**If you would like your child to attend this 7-week club, please sign up via School Money.**

**Let the count down begin....  
11<sup>th</sup> April - 12<sup>th</sup> April**

## Mr Easton Takes on the Brighton Marathon!

Mr. Easton, Year 5 teacher and PE lead, has been training hard for the Brighton Marathon, which takes place on 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> April.

He is raising awareness of and funders for Prostate Cancer Research. Please help to support the cause, any little helps!

<https://2026brightonmarathonweekend.enthuse.com/pf/maximillian-easton>



Finally, it is with a heavy heart that we say farewell to Miss Robinson at the end of this term.

Miss Robinson will be progressing in her career, taking on a new role in a Secondary PRU, where she will support vulnerable young people and lead a team.

Miss Robinson has made a lasting impact on many of our pupils over the years and will be greatly missed.

We wish her every success and happiness in this exciting next chapter.



## Our strengths this week!

### Nursery

This week in Nursery we have been looking at Mini Beasts. We went on a bug walk and found lots of worms. We also sequenced our favourite song, Incy Wincy Spider.

### Donaldson

This week in Reception, the children explored the story Harry and His Bucket Full of Dinosaurs, learning about different dinosaurs and their features. In Maths, they began exploring measurement by comparing and measuring the height and length of dinosaurs in a fun and engaging way.

### 1 Byron

Year 1 have really enjoyed their unit in history this half term, Queen Elizabeth II. As well as completing and sharing projects at home, they have loved exploring what it means to be a queen and part of the royal family. This week we put together a timeline of key events in the Queen's reign.

### 2 Pilkey

Year 2 have been learning about food in Design and Technology, exploring how it grows and reaches us from farm to table, before making their own bread. For Neurodiversity Celebration Week 2026, they celebrated differences, listened to Michaela Mycroft's story, and created posters inspired by Article 23.

### 3 Wiltshire & Morris

Year 3 have continued to explore rivers this week, focusing on how rivers are managed. They also recapped how to write a scientific method when they made their own butter!

### 4 Banksy & Kusama

This week Year 4 looked at converting mixed numbers into improper fractions and vice versa. They were able to use and apply their multiplication facts. They also created beautiful posters for Neurodiversity Celebration Week, highlighting Article 23.

### 5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

This week, Year 5 enjoyed their Geography lesson looking at the impacts of climate change and predicting what the world will look like in 15 years. They also very much enjoyed their Prom Praise performance on Tuesday!

### 6 Lennon & Williams

On Tuesday, Year 6 had a great time at Prom Praise whereby all attendees sang the song made by 5F last year. Additionally, in English the children completed their persuasive advert unit for their super suits by making wonderful leaflets and in science we conducted a science experiment throughout the week to see what conditions make bread mouldy.

## Theme of the week

The Annunciation

## Bible Reference

Luke 1: 26-38

## The Big Question



### What is the Annunciation and why is it important?

This week, we were delighted to welcome Rev Matthew Stone, who led our collective worship focusing on the question: What is the Annunciation and why is it important?

He began by engaging everyone with some impressive – and slightly embarrassing – “announcements,” including a humorous AI image suggesting that Mrs Archer had been doing handstands in the playground! This certainly captured everyone's attention before he brought us back together to explore the meaning of the word Annunciation, which means “announcement.”

Rev Matthew then linked this to the Bible passage Luke 1:26–38, explaining how the angel Gabriel appeared to Mary with the important announcement that she would give birth to Jesus, the Son of God. This special moment reminds Christians of the importance of Mary's trust in God and why the Annunciation continues to be an important event in the Christian faith.

## Let us pray

Dear God,

Thank you for the story of Mary and the special announcement she received. Help us to listen carefully, just like Mary did, and to trust you even when things feel new or surprising. Help our families to be kind, brave, and full of faith each day.

Amen.

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## ARP – JUL 2026

### St. John's CofE School

in conjunction with The Elms Sport in Schools

### AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS

**OPEN TO:** Rec-Yr2 & Yrs 3-6

**TIMES:** 3.30pm - 4.30pm

**WHERE:** School Playground/Hall/indoor area  
(Please note, in cases of inclement weather, the session will take place indoors and will be theory based)

**DRESS:** School PE Kit/weather appropriate sportswear

**EQUIPMENT:** All equipment is supplied by The Elms

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**ESS PRIZES**  
Children in football, tennis and the remaining sports together are chosen for termly awards based on attitude, teamwork, improvement, work ethic and performance.

**FRIDAY**

APR	17	24		
MAY	1	8	15	22
JUN	5	12	19	26
JUL	3	10		

(Yrs Rec 2: max 16 children per group)  
(Yrs 3-6: max 20 children per group)

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