

UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

New School Leaflets

We are thrilled to share that our new school leaflets have arrived! These can be found in our foyer, and local Clergy members have kindly offered to display these in their churches to help market our school.

In this addition, we have our wonderful Christmas addition, designed by Beau in Year 6, her careful thought and care has really helped to express the True meaning of Christmas and the significance of the birth of Jesus.



Christmas Baubles

Thank you to all the families who kindly donated Christmas baubles in red, gold, silver and white. We look forward to having the tree in the main foyer decorated in readiness for the new week as we begin the season of Advent, an important season in our Christian calendar.

Year 6 Visit Purcell Media

This week, our Year 6's went to visit Purcell School of Music. They got to see a performance based around the story of St George but with a musical twist. The story was centred around a young boy and a reluctant dragon who refused to fight and wanted to be different. The Purcell school showcased this performative production through the use of a fantastic choir and brilliant string quartet.



Year 4 Eucharist

On Thursday, Year 4 lead us in worship in their Eucharistic service where they explored Paul's letter to the Colossians discussing the topic of 'the Kingdom of God and Hope'. The children brilliantly portrayed the various values that the Kingdom of God is made up and values which Christians should demonstrate in their lives such as hope, forgiveness, love, gratitude and peace. Values which can help make a positive difference in the world.



ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



Governors School Improvement Fund Exciting Painting Updates

This week, the painters have been busy finishing the corridor spaces outside the classrooms and the stair cases. The school is certainly looking bright and fresh!

Once again, this is all thanks to the donations received from the Governors Improvement Fund. Please take time to contribute to this fund via Parent Pay. All donations are greatly appreciated and go to the upkeep of the school and education of your child/children.

Reminder for 3M families

From Monday, the 3M classroom will be getting painted. 3M will move into the spare Y2 class for a week- see the letter sent out earlier in the week.



Christmas Tree Festival featuring the St John's Orchestra

Join us if you can at All Saint's Church, Stanmore on the 4th December at 7pm, for the Christmas tree festival. Vote for your favourite. In the past St. John's have taken 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places.
Can we do it again?

There will be stall to purchase goods from, even Mrs Whitfield will be selling some of her wonderful woollen creations, enjoy some food and even mulled wine!

Enjoy the evening of music played by our very own Orchestra, members including pupils and staff, both past and present!

Reminders!

St. John's to Turn on the Stanmore Christmas Tree Lights!

Don't forget to join us on Tuesday 2nd December at 5pm in Stanmore as our wonderful Choir sing Christmas Carols and switch on the Christmas tree lights in Stanmore.

We warmly invite everyone to come along



Have blessed weekend, Miss Donnelly

IMPORTANT DATES

December

- 1st Harrow Family Hub - Behaviour workshop
- 2nd Parent Tour
- 2nd- Turning on Stanmore Christmas Lights (5pm)
- 4th Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church 7pm
- 5th Rock Steady Concert 2:30pm
- 8th English morning - all parents are welcome
- 8th SingUp St Luke Church Carol Service
- 10th KS1 (Y1&2) Nativity 2:15pm Lower School Hall
- 11th Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas Dinner Lunch
- 11th- Year 4 Statutory Multiplication Test workshop 2pm
- 12th Christmas Fair and Mufti Day 3:30-6pm
- 15th Reception Nativity 2:15pm

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



5 Beethoven 99%



4 Kusama 96%



1 Byron 95%

Whole school
attendance:



94.7%

Our strengths this week!

Nursery

This week in Nursery, we explored the traditional tale 'The Three Little Pigs', we used as a focus for some of our activities; one including using our fine motor skills to design and build own houses, carefully selecting materials and thinking about how to make our structures strong. We also started to name and identify 2D shapes: circles, squares, triangles and rectangles!

Donaldson

This week in phonics, we have been independently using our sounds to segment and blend words, allowing us to write our own short, simple sentences with growing confidence. In P.E, we enjoyed moving like characters from the story 'The Gingerbread Man', using their large motor skills to run, jump and travel in different ways while joining in with the repetition from the story.

1 Byron

As part of our History unit, we have been exploring toys from different eras. This week we had so much fun exploring toys from the past, and loved playing with toys like 'Jack in the Box', 'Pick up Sticks' and 'Metal Jacks.' We are really looking forward to our visit to the V&A toy museum on Monday 15th December!

2 Pilkey

This week in Maths, we have been learning to identify and describe 2D shapes as well as find lines of symmetry. We have also been working hard in our Nativity rehearsals in readiness for our performance on the 10th December.

3 Wiltshire & Morris

In Year 3 we have been learning about multiplying and dividing by 4 using a range of strategies. In Science, we explored what joints are and the different types of joints that we have in our body that help our skeletons to be able to move.

4 Banksy & Kusama

This week, Year 4 did their Eucharist on the values in the Kingdom of God. They did a fantastic job with their presentation which they had worked very hard towards. Well done Year 4!

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

This week in our DT lesson, we started to practice our sewing skills, which has proven tricky but we persevered and have practiced two types of stitch - the running stitch and the back stitch. If you have needle and tread at home, it would be good to continue practising this skills over the weekend.

6 Lennon & Williams

In Year 6, we had a lovely opportunity on Thursday to visit the Purcell Music school. This was a fantastic experience, as we learned about the range of instruments they have to offer to learn and even had the change to watch performances. We have also been working hard at work on our assessments.



Theme of the week

Colossians 1:11-20

The Big Question

What do you think the values of the kingdom of God are?

Rev. Chris led our Wednesday worship by reminding us that everyone faces different tests in life. Just as teachers can guide us through challenges, whether in computing, music, or running, Jesus supports us in an even greater way. He takes our place when life is difficult, carrying our sins and giving us hope, freedom, and forgiveness. Rev. Chris also taught that Jesus is the true expert on how we should live. By following His example and guidance, we can live well and look forward to entering the Kingdom of Heaven with confidence and hope.

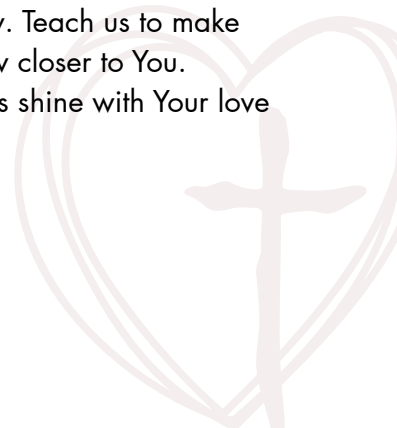
Something to pray

Dear God,
Thank you for giving us strength when things feel hard.
Please help us to be patient, kind, and full of joy.

Jesus, we thank You for showing us what God is like and for holding everything in the world together. Thank You for bringing us peace and for always loving us.

Help us to follow Your example every day. Teach us to make good choices, to help others, and to grow closer to You.
Be with us in all we do, and help our lives shine with Your love

In Jesus' name, Amen.





PARENT WORKSHOPS

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

THUR 13

Y6 SATS WORKSHOP PART 1

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar and Reading
Upper School Hall at 9-10 am and repeated again at 5-6 pm

MATHS: FLUENCY & CALCULATION

Understand what fluency is, and how to use the St. John's maths calculation policy to help your child flourish with number.
Upper School Hall at 2:15-3:15 pm

THUR 20

THUR 27

Y6 SATS WORKSHOP PART 2

Maths Papers: Arithmetic, Reasoning 1 & 2 and KS2 Writing
Upper School Hall at 9-10 am and repeated again at 5-6 pm

"THERE IS NO SCHOOL
EQUAL TO A DECENT HOME
AND NO TEACHER EQUAL
TO A VIRTUOUS PARENT," -
MAHATMA GANDHI



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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

HARROW FAMILY HUB - BEHAVIOUR

This session will explore: Positive parenting strategies, Managing feelings, Sibling relationships, Routines and Setting boundaries
Upper School Hall at 9-10 am

MON 1

MON 8

ENGLISH MORNING

Join us in class during our English lesson, understand how it is taught, and support your child in their learning
Your child's classroom from 9-10 am

Y4 MULTIPLICATION TEST

Understand the statutory assessment, and how to support your child in learning and recalling their timetables.
Upper School Hall at 9-10 am and repeated again at 2-3 pm

THUR 11

WED 17

PHONICS IN EYFS AND KS1

Understand what phonics is, why it is important and how you can support your child in their learning
Upper School Hall at 9-10 am and repeated again at 2-3 pm

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HIMSELF IS A PARENT WHO
BELIEVED FIRST" -
MATTHEW JACOBSON



We make a difference

Christmas Lunch

MAINS

Roast Turkey
Vegetable and Cranberry
Slice

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Sausage Carrots, Peas and
Gravy

DESSERTS

Vanilla Christmas
Shortbread

*Menus may be subject to change