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UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

This week has been another rich and purposeful one across the school, filled with exciting enrichment opportunities and learning beyond the classroom. We were delighted to welcome a range of visitors and take part in inspiring experiences across year groups.

TLF visited Year 6 to lead a workshop about staying safe and responsible when using buses and trains, including how to use Zip Oyster cards.



EYFS and KS1 had an exciting visit from Safari Pete, who brought a range of animals such as a tarantula, snake, owls, and frogs. The children were fascinated, listened carefully, and some were even brave enough to touch the animals. They learned many interesting facts, and families visiting the school that day also enjoyed taking part.



Year 4 spent an exciting day at the Natural History Museum learning about volcanoes and earthquakes. It was lovely to hear so many children saying, "I'm going to bring my parents here in half term!"

London has so many fantastic free opportunities for families, do take a look at the resources available here:
<https://www.visitlondon.com/things-to-do/family/free-things-to-do-with-kids>



All this fantastic learning certainly doesn't stop there. So much is happening in our classrooms to enhance and deepen knowledge and skills:

- Year 1 have been designing and making vehicles in DT
- Year 3 have been developing their textiles skills by creating Egyptian collars
- Nursery have been learning about musical instruments and making their own using junk modelling



We were also delighted to welcome Edwin Afeku, one of our Governors, into school this week. Edwin serves on the Finance & Premises Committee and is the link governor for writing. He met with Miss Khan, our English Lead, to learn more about our curriculum offer and the work we do to support pupils' literacy development, including phonics, reading, writing, and spoken language



On Friday mornings, the Executive Head, Mrs Blake, myself and the other three Heads of School across the Ecclesia partnership meet for strategic planning. This week, it was a pleasure to bring along Reception books to share the excellent progress being made by our children. It was a real pleasure to be able to showcase the work of our children, especially their growing confidence in applying their phonics knowledge and basic sentence structures within their written work!



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NEWSLETTER



SPRING 1, WEEK 4

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



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Upcoming Events



Spanish Day - Friday 6th February

We are inviting children to come to school dressed in colours from the Spanish flag. The children will have a day packed with Spanish curricular activities: Spanish lesson, crafts, learning a Spanish dance and various songs. They will also have the opportunity to enjoy a special Spanish lunch menu.

¡Hola!



Children's Mental Health Week



Children's Mental Health Week will soon be upon us! This year it runs from Monday 9th February to Friday 13th February.

The theme is: this is my place.

We will be thinking about how we can help everyone feel like they belong.

Wear it bright' mufti day on Friday 13th Feb (children need to make a £1 donation)

Little Vets



Next week we have a visit from the 'LittleVets' Please note, Hello Vet will also be running in-clinic "behind the scenes" days for children on April 18th/19th locally.

Head to [littlevetsbushey.eventbrite.com](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/littlevetsbushey) to register - it's free!

IMPORTANT DATES

January

- Saturday 31st - Footicub Club @ St John's

February

- 3rd - SingUp to Young Voices
- 4th - Year 4 Trip to Hindu Temple
- 5th - Guitar Fest (Guitar Instrumental Learners)
- 6th - Spanish Day
- Saturday 7th - Footicubs (18m- 5Years)
- 9th Children's Mental Health Week
- 11-12th - Y4 Bikeability training

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



3 Wiltshire 99%



2 Pilkey 95.7%



6 Lennon 95.2%

National expectation of attendance 95%
Whole school attendance: **94.2%**



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

This week in Nursery, the children have been exploring patterns in maths. They took their learning outdoors and created their own patterns. We also had a very exciting visit from Safari Pete, which the children thoroughly enjoyed!

Donaldson

This week in Reception, we have been exploring maps. We looked closely at our local area and created our own maps of the locality. We talked about our route to school and the different buildings we see along the way. We also explored the differences between old and new buildings in and around our area, looking in particular at how Stanmore Broadway has changed over the years.

1 Byron

Year 1 has had a fantastic week! We began our week by exploring wild animals with Safari Pete! We got to stroke and hold a range of wild animals and even watched a snake eat its lunch! We have ended our week by making a berry fruit salad for the 'Wild things.' We enjoyed all the delicious berries and worked as a team to create the best fruit salads. Thank you to all the parents for supporting this fun activity!

2 Pilkey

This week Year 2 has been practising how to be TV interviewers. We took part in some role play - one person taking the role of the interviewer and interviewing all the characters from The Egg Box Dragon story. The children asked interesting questions and got even more interesting answers! (Pictures and videos on Class Dojo and Google Classroom)

3 Wiltshire & Morris

Year 3, we have been learning how to divide using flexible partitioning and also why sometimes there are remainders. The children were very keen to win the TTRS tournament which was great to see as this programme is proven to help children with learning their multiplication facts.

4 Banksy & Kusama

This week year 4 went on a trip to the Natural History Museum. They enjoyed looking at the Earthquakes and Volcanoes display as per our Geography unit. Children especially enjoyed experiencing the Earthquake simulator!

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

This week, Year 5 have been working hard on their Science and learning about the effects of old age, understanding how to stay healthy and deciding what is true or false. Please do ask the children for a mindful moment they included in their posters.

This week year 6 had two extra curricular experiences which has enhanced their learning. On Tuesday, we had the privilege of having a Buddhist monk visit us, giving a talk, showing different religious artefacts and teaching us how they meditate! On Thursday, TfL came to discuss how the children can access public transport and use of oyster cards.



Theme of the week Trusting in God

Bible Reference

Matthew 18:27-30

The Big Question

Why is it important to trust in God?

We welcomed James to school this week to lead our Wednesday clergy. James told us that following God is like going on a journey. On a journey, we might come to big hills, cliffs, or rivers that feel a bit scary. But we don't stop—we keep going because we trust that God is with us and will help us reach the end.

In the Bible, Jesus tells a story in Matthew 18:27–30 about a man who was forgiven a huge debt. He was given kindness and mercy, just like God is kind to us.

But when it was his turn to be kind and forgive someone else, he didn't do it. Jesus teaches us that on our journey with God, one of the important steps is learning to forgive others. Forgiving can feel hard—like crossing a river—but when we trust God and choose kindness, He helps us move forward.

Let us pray

Heavenly Father,

When my heart feels uncertain and my path unclear, help me to place my full trust in You. Quiet my worries and open my eyes to Your loving guidance, leading me according to Your perfect will.

Remind me that You are always working for my good, even when I do not understand. May Your peace guard my heart and Your presence give me strength, knowing that I am never alone in Your care.

Amen.

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



GLOBAL ADVENTURES

FRIDAY 6TH FEBRUARY
SPAIN

MAINS

Spanish Chicken Paella
Spanish Veggie Paella



SIDES

Patatas Bravas
Roasted Mediterranean Veg
Peas

DESSERT

Crema Catalana with Fruit
(Baked Orange & Vanilla Rice Pudding)



*Menus may be subject to change

St John's School

MATHS ROCK STAR DAY



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 30th Jan and Friday 6th Feb(class teachers will select date)
4. Winners will be selected by Friday 6th February 2026
5. St John's Got Talent Final will be held on Friday 13th February 2026

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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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