



ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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NEWSLETTER

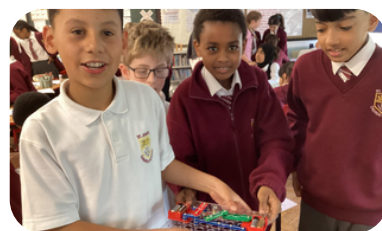
UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

As we begin to enjoy some brighter weather and sunshine, we would like to remind all families that we have now moved to our summer term uniform. Please take a moment to check the [uniform requirements](#) to ensure children are dressed appropriately for school. With the warmer temperatures, we encourage all children to bring a sun hat and a water bottle each day to help them stay safe and hydrated. Please note that staff are unable to apply sunscreen in school, so we kindly ask that this is applied at home before your child arrives each morning.

Well done to 6 Lennon this week. The school was selected to take part in NFER trial tests, which help to assess and inform future KS2 SATs for upcoming cohorts. The children represented the school brilliantly; the examiner was extremely impressed with both their behaviour and their approach to learning. They completed three papers: one arithmetic paper and two reasoning papers. We are very proud of their efforts.



Y4 had a wonderful trip to visit the Verulamium Museum! We were able to see real Roman artefacts



Year 6 have been busy using electrical components to make a circuit.



A fantastic achievement of 5 hours and 40 minutes!

Finally, a huge congratulations to Mr Easton on completing the Brighton Marathon in an incredible finishing time of 5 hours and 40 minutes Mr Easton has been raising money for Prostate Cancer research. If you have not yet had the chance to donate but would still like to support this important cause, it is not too late to do so: Thank you, as always, for your continued support.



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God bless you all, Miss Donnelly**

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

NOTICES

PTA AGM meeting

A reminder that the PTA AGM will take place on Monday 27th at 2:00pm. We warmly welcome all parents and carers who are available to attend. Further details can be found on the whole school Dojo.

Bank Holiday Monday

Reminder that school is closed.

Polling Day - 7th May 2026

The school will be used as a polling station on 7th May 2026, therefore school will be closed to children. Project learning will be set for children to access at home.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WEEK 2

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| | 3Morris & 4Kusama | 100% |
| | 3 Wiltshire | 98% |
| | 3 Williams | 96% |

National expectation of attendance 95%

Whole school attendance: **94%**



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**SUMMER TERM
WEEK 2**



Our strengths this week!

Nursery



This week we managed to spend a lot of time using the outdoor provision and enjoying the sunshine. We had a lovely day on Thursday, celebration of St George's Day, the patron saint of England, engaging in lots of activities including making our own flags using different craft material.

Donaldson



This half term, we are exploring the theme "Are All Countries the Same?". This week we focused on the UK, inspired by the story *The Tiger Who Came to Tea* by Judith Kerr. The children took part in a range of fun and engaging activities, including making and pouring their own (cold) tea, learning English country dances, and enjoying a traditional English tea party, where a special visit from the tiger made the experience even more memorable!

1 Byron



This week Year 1 have most enjoyed their science unit and have planted their very own lettuce plants. We learnt about where food comes from and how farmers plant crops that become food. We are hoping that we can harvest and make some delicious sandwiches using our lettuce before the end of the year!

2 Pilkey



This week Year 2 have been acting as researchers and have gathered lots of information about Brown Bears and Brown Rabbits. They then used the information to create fun fact files to be able to present their information to others.

3 Wiltshire & Morris



This week Year 3 have been focusing on writing a letter to a character in the book we are reading. They have done really well to include fronted adverbials and conjunctions in their writing.

4 Banksy & Kusama



Year 4 had a fantastic time visiting the Verulamium Museum in St Albans on Thursday. They enjoyed looking around, taking part in the artefacts workshop and seeing the Hypocaust. They were able to show off lots of their Roman facts that they had learnt!

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald



This week, Year 5 started their new unit in Spanish on 'Out of this world', please do have a look at the knowledge organiser. In English, we have been drafting our biographies about Elizabeth Laird.

6 Lennon & Williams



Year 6 have worked hard this week on their mock assessments in preparation for SATS showing resilience and strength throughout the week! In Science, we have been looking at electricity we created different circuits using a bulb, motor and buzzer.

Theme of the week

Road to Emmaus

Bible Reference

Luke 24:13-35

The Big Question



Have you ever been scared when you saw something you didn't understand?

Matthew linked the theme of fear by showing pictures of things people are scared of. He then asked invited myself and Mr Easton to the front to take on a little quiz, recalling the correct terms for different fears—put politely, it was a draw, but truthfully, I think we both need to brush up on our subject knowledge!

Matthew finished by talking about the Road to Emmaus (Luke 24:13–35), where two of Jesus' friends were walking away from Jerusalem feeling sad, confused, and afraid. When Jesus joined them, they didn't recognise him because their fear and worry made it hard to understand what was happening. It was only later, when Jesus broke bread with them, they finally realised who he was. Their fear turned into hope and joy. This reminds us that fear can stop us from understanding things, but with time, things can become clearer.

Have you ever felt scared when you didn't understand something?

Let us pray

Dear God,
Thank you for loving me and always being with me.
Help me to trust you, even when I cannot see what is ahead.
Give me faith to believe in you and follow your ways.
When I feel unsure or afraid, remind me that you are always by my side.
Help me to be brave, kind, and full of hope each day.
Amen.