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UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

Harvest Festival at St John's Church

Our first church service of the year was our Harvest Festival Service at St John's Church - a joyful celebration of community and gratitude. Year 5 and 6 pupils proudly supported our younger children on the walk to the church. Thank you again to those parents who also supported and were able to join us in worship.



Harvest Riddle

I GROW IN ROWS BENEATH THE SUN, WITH GOLDEN KERNELS BY THE TON, I END WITH "N" AND TASTE JUST RIGHT, WHEN COOKED UP WARM, ON SUMMER NIGHT. WHAT AM I?



2 HPs to the first person to reveal the answer to me on Monday!

It was wonderful to see the children playing an active role in the service, leading parts of the acts of worship ranging from sharing Bible readings, to thoughtful prayers and reflective poems. All children filled the church with beautiful songs of praise, be it in year groups, from the St John's choir and whole school - all sharing messages of gratitude and thanks to God for the Harvest.

One of my favourites was the [Harvest Samba](#), click the link to listen along!

The children's reflections reminded us of the importance of generosity and supporting those less fortunate than ourselves. Rev. Mathew also spoke about the vital work of the Harrow Food Bank and the growing need for support.

Thank you for your generous donations — we'll continue collecting food items for another week. Your kindness and support are greatly appreciated.

**Have a restful weekend, God bless,
Miss Donnelly**



EYFS have been focusing on the book 'Elmer' the patchwork elephant by David McKee.

On Wednesday, they had an Elmer day, they came to school dressed in many different colours and had an Elmer party.



NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM
WEEK 5



Our Amazon Wishlist is updated on a weekly basis.

IMPORTANT DATES

October:

- 16th - Y6 Eucharist (9:00am)
- 17th - Y3 trip to Headstone Manor
- 21st - Parents' Evening
- 21st - Y6 trip to Bentley Priory Museum
- 22nd - Parents' Evening
- 23rd - Year 5 Eucharist (9:00am)
- 27th - Last day of the Autumn 1 term

November:

- 3rd - Children return for Autumn 2 term

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



5 Fitzgerald 98.3%



6 Lennon 98.3%



5 Beethoven 98.1%

Whole school attendance: 96.77%

Our new strengths this week!

Nursery



This week, Nursery explored Elmer by David McKee, learning colour names and finding colours in their environment. On Wednesday, they joined Reception to celebrate Elmer the patchwork elephant.

Donaldson



Reception continued reading about Elmer's adventures, and discussions were focused on celebrating diversity and differences. The topic concluded with a colourful Elmer Day on Wednesday, and the children were in for a surprise when Elmer himself appeared during their forest school adventure.

1 Byron



Year 1 have been really enjoying their English text 'Beegu.' The children were able to retell the story almost fluently using all the key vocabulary from the text. This week we used images from the book to create a story mountain and discussed our favourite characters and moments from the book.

2 Pilkey



This week, we have been exploring the poem 'You Are' by Valerie Bloom, in recognition of Black History Month. We learnt to recognise rhyme and understand how poems can give detailed pictures through the power of words. Click this title to enjoy the poem: ['I Heard'](#)

3 Wiltshire & Morris



This week we have been creating our own comic strips based on the book Ug, the Stone Age Genius. In maths, we have learnt how to exchange when crossing 10s and 100s.

4 Banksy & Kusama



This week, Year 4 explored free verse poetry, using rainforest sounds and their five senses to begin drafting their own imaginative stanzas. We also explored the fascinating world of invertebrates in Science and understood what makes these creatures so unique!

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald



In Science, we continued to develop our understanding of the force of friction. Using ramps with different surface materials, we investigated which surface created the most friction by observing how toy cars moved down the ramps. In Maths, the children also practised using inverse operations with the bar model and part-whole model to support their problem-solving.

6 Lennon & Williams



This week in Art, we have been developing our painting skills using watercolours to paint our live sketches of St John's Church. We also deepened our understanding of art terminology by exploring tint, tone, and shade. As we worked, we were inspired by the artist John Piper, who reminded us that art can help us see the world in new and meaningful ways.



Theme of the week

Harvest

2 Corinthians 9:10

The Big Question

Why is it important to give thanks to God at Harvest time?

This week we welcomed a new member of clergy to lead worship at our school - Pastor Ruth Trbojevic from Hope Community Church in Hillingdon. Ruth talked to us about Harvest through the Bible reference 2 Corinthians 9:10

During the act of worship, she shared how important it is to thank God at Harvest time and to be grateful for all that He provides for us: for sending the right amount of sun and rain to nurture our crops and provide us with the food we need. Ruth reminded us that Harvest time is also a time for giving to those less fortunate than ourselves.



Something to pray

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for this special Harvest time—a season to pause and remember all the good things You give us.

We are grateful for the food that fills our tables, for the farmers who work so hard, and for the beauty of the changing seasons.

Thank You for the fruits, vegetables, grains, and all the gifts of the earth that help us grow strong and healthy.

Help us to share what we have with others, especially those in need. May we always have thankful hearts and never take Your blessings for granted.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

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Discounted Tuition for St John's CofE School students

Learning Labs Tuition have partnered with St John's CofE School to provide additional support in Maths & English to our students. This will include Maths and English support, 11+ Grammar School preparation, SATs preparation, and help with school homework!

They will be running St John's CofE Primary specific courses that have been made to help our students progress and improve at school.

We have arranged subsidies and discounts of up to 50% discounts for our families and we encourage you to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

There are limited spaces available.

Please get in touch at the number below to book a free consultation, or fill in the online form below to register your interest.

Ms. Saini
St John's School - Project Lead: **07377849762**

Link to register your interest:
<https://forms.gle/7aYqkz7DYtuPhSi6>

ST JOHN'S COFE



HARVEST Donations by

FRIDAY 10TH OCTOBER

We will be collecting donations for the Trussell Trust (Harrow Foodbank). This organisation is set up to collect donations for foodbanks in the local area. Doctors, health visitors, social workers and police identify people in crisis and issue them with a foodbank voucher.

If you would like further information then please visit: <http://harrow.foodbank.org.uk>

WISH LIST

Food items	Toiletries	Household items
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Cereal• Soup, Noodles• Pasta• Rice• Tinned meat• Tea/coffee• Biscuits• UHT milk• Fruit juice• Tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce• Lentils, beans and pulses• Tinned vegetables and fruit	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Deodorant• Toilet paper• Shower gel• Shaving gel• Shampoo• Soap• Toothbrushes• Tooth paste• Hand wipes• Sanitary towels	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Laundry liquid detergent• Laundry powder• Washing up liquid
		Baby supplies
		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nappies• Baby wipes• Baby food

Thank you for your generous donations

PROVERBS 11:25:
WHOEVER BRINGS A BLESSING WILL BE ENRICHED, AND ONE WHO WATERS WILL HIMSELF BE WATERED.