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## UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

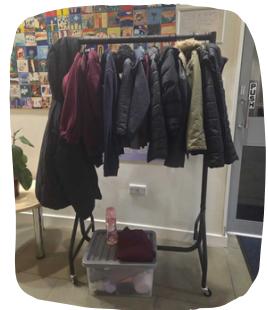
### Welcome back

A very warm welcome back to everyone! I hope you all enjoyed a restful and refreshing break. It was wonderful to see so many eager, smiling faces rushing through the gates this week, full of energy and ready to dive back into school life.

A big thank you to all the parents and carers who attended Parents' Evening last half term. As we begin this new half term, we're looking forward to continuing the fantastic progress made so far and helping every child make accelerated progress in their learning.

### Winter's Here – Time for Cozy Uniforms!

This half term, we will start to see a change in the weather. It is important that children are now wearing the winter school uniform. Click [here](#) to access the list.



### Missing Something? Lost Property Awaits!

Before half-term, we had a collection of unnamed lost property. These items include: crested school jumpers, PE kits, and jackets. There is a rack currently in the main school foyer, please come and claim any lost items this week

### Community Kindness in Action

A huge thank you to all the families for their generous donations from our Amazon Wish List! Your support helps enhance the education of our children and eases the strain on school budgets. We truly appreciate your kindness and continued support.



Thank you to Clockworks Removals and Storage for their donation of office furniture for spaces across the partnership schools.

### Remembrance Day

This Sunday, the nation will gather at The Cenotaph in London to honour the men and women who have given their lives in military service. We pause to honour and remember all those who have served and sacrificed in the armed forces. It is a time to reflect on their courage and commitment, and to wear a poppy as a symbol of remembrance and respect.

Please offer your support to the Royal British Legion  
<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>



Have a blessed weekend, Miss Donnelly

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### November:

- 11th - Parent tour
- 13th - Y6 SATS morning (Part 1) (9am and 5pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Maths Fluency workshop (9am)
- 25th - Y4 Eucharist (9am)
- 25th - Turning on Stanmore Christmas Lights (5pm)
- 27th Y6 SATS morning (Part 2) (9am and 5pm)

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	6 Williams	100%
	5 Beethoven	98%
	Reception	97%

Whole school attendance:



95.5%

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Our Amazon Wish List is updated on a weekly basis.

# Our strengths this week!

## Nursery

This week, Nursery have been focusing on the classic story Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children had lots of fun making porridge for the bears and exploring the numbers 1, 2 and 3 in Maths.

## Donaldson

Reception have been learning about the Hindu festival of light, Diwali. The children enjoyed sharing the story and drawing parallels with Christmas, the Christian festival of light. In Maths, they have been exploring the number 5 – finding 5 objects around the classroom, counting, writing, and building towers up to 5.

## 1 Byron

In English, they began exploring their new comic book Traction Man. During DT, they researched how books can include moving parts such as lifting flaps, sliders and tilt mechanisms – discovering just how creative books can be!

## 2 Pilkey

Year 2 have been investigating different materials in Science and exploring houses and their structures in DT. They are using their knowledge to choose the best materials for both the interior and exterior parts of a house.

## 3 Wiltshire & Morris

In English, the children have enjoyed retelling the story Quill Soup using story maps and actions, and in Geography, they identified Romania and its neighbouring countries using an atlas.

## 4 Banksy & Kusama

Year 4 have begun looking at multiplication in Maths, finding patterns between the 3 and 6 times tables. In PSHE, they discussed how to move mindfully and ways to help their bodies feel calm.

## 5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back and begin new learning topics. In Geography, they explored maps to locate different places, and in English, they started reading The Explorer, using it to inspire vivid rainforest setting descriptions.

## 6 Lennon & Williams

This week, Year 6 have been exploring light in Science. They investigated how light travels and discovered the differences between opaque, translucent, and transparent materials.



## Theme of the week

All Saints  
Faith

## The Big Question

**How might the life of a saint inspire you?**

This week, we were delighted to welcome Rev. Lyndon to lead our school worship. He shared an inspiring message based on Luke 6:20–31, encouraging us to reflect on the values of kindness, compassion, and love for others.

During the act of worship, children were invited to think about the significance of several saints, including St. John, the saint our school is named after. Together, we explored the special qualities these saints demonstrated and discussed ways we can show those same qualities in our own lives through kindness, courage, and care for others. It was a thoughtful and uplifting time for our school community!



## Something to pray

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for all the saints— for the people who loved You and showed Your love to everyone around them.

Thank You for their kindness, their bravery, and their faith. They helped others, shared what they had, and trusted You no matter what. Please help me to be like them, Lord. Help me to be kind, brave, and loving, too. When I see someone who needs a friend, help me to be that friend. Thank You for Jesus, and for all the people who followed Him before us. May we follow You with happy hearts until we are all together in heaven one day.

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  
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

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### 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

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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

THUR  
11

### 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

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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"BEHIND EVERY YOUNG CHILD WHO BELIEVES IN HIMSELF IS A PARENT WHO BELIEVED FIRST". MATTHEW JACOBSON.

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# CAKE Sale



Friday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2025  
Upper School Playground  
After school 3:10 - 3:45pm

