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## UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

This week, winter came tumbling in with a burst of freshness—whirling winds, sparkly frost, and even a sprinkle of surprise snow to keep us on our toes!

### Time to layer up

As the colder weather begins to set in, we want to ensure all children can continue to enjoy outdoor play and learning comfortably and safely. Please make sure your child comes to school with appropriate winter clothing, including a warm coat, hat, and gloves. Being well prepared for the weather means that they can still spend valuable time outside each day.



### Winter PE Uniform

With temperatures dropping, we are now moving to our winter PE uniform. Children have an indoor and outdoor PE session each week, and it is important that they are wearing the appropriate jogging bottoms instead of shorts and a warm navy sweatshirt to help keep them comfortable during activities.

### Band Festival at Harrow Arts Centre

This week, a group of our pupils who play brass and woodwind instruments had the wonderful opportunity to visit Harrow Arts Centre, accompanied by Mrs Lacey, to take part in the annual Band Festival. It was a fantastic experience for them to perform alongside 160 other young musicians from across Harrow, showcasing their hard work, talent, and enthusiasm. They all worked incredibly hard throughout the day and returned in the evening for a fabulous concert. We were incredibly proud of how the pupils represented the school so beautifully. Many of our families attended the 7pm performance to cheer them on. Another highlight of the event was the staff band, which included our talented Mrs Ogunniyi playing her baritone saxophone! Well done to all the children for a fantastic day.



# NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 2 TERM  
WEEK 3



Our Amazon Wishlist is updated on a weekly basis.

Newsletter continued 

# ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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



## Amazon Wishlist

We received another lovely surprise this week with the arrival of gifted items from our Amazon Wishlist.

Thank you to those who have so generously contributed. There are some wonderful games and resources that I am sure the children will enjoy, especially as we come into the winter season and may be spending more time exploring indoor play.



New games to enjoy: Uno, Boggle, Doogle



**Tuesday, 2nd December  
5:00 pm  
outside Care Chemist  
Stanmore**



**Donations welcome**

Our tree is in need of some TLC, if you have any red, gold, silver or white baubles you can donate, we would be very grateful

**Have a restful weekend, Miss Donnelly**

## IMPORTANT DATES

### November:

- 27th - Y4 Eucharist (9am)
- 27th Y6 SATS morning (Part 2) (5pm)

### December

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Harrow Family Hub - Behaviour workshop
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Parent Tour
- 2nd - Turning on Stanmore Christmas Lights (5pm)
- 4<sup>th</sup> - Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church 7pm
- 8<sup>th</sup> - English morning

## Governors School Improvement Fund



We'd like to extend our sincere thanks to all parents and visitors for their patience while the painters and decorators have been working in the Upper School, including the foyer area. These improvements, paid for from the Governor School Improvement Fund, mark the start of an exciting phase in refreshing our learning environment. We are very much looking forward to unveiling the new look in the near future, along with updated signage both in the foyer and throughout the school.



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

We are delighted to share that St. John's has been invited to switch on the Christmas tree lights in Stanmore on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 5:00 pm. Our choir has been asked to perform a selection of Christmas carols to celebrate the occasion.

We warmly invite everyone to come along and join us as we light up the tree and officially kick off the festive season!



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

**1<sup>st</sup>** 5 Beethoven 99%

**2<sup>nd</sup>** 5 Fitzgerald 98.8%

**3<sup>rd</sup>** 6 Lennon 98.7%

**Whole school attendance:**



96.14%

# Our strengths this week!

## Nursery

In Nursery this week the children have been focusing on the traditional tale The Gingerbread Man, they designed and decorated their own Gingerbread Men. In Maths they continued their work on counting and recognising number 1-3.

## Donaldson

This week, we focused on stories with repetitive language, it was lovely to hear how this helps the children sequence events and even join in when retelling the story of the text. In Maths we focused on counting, writing and recognising numbers 1-7.

## 1 Byron

This week, we moved on to learning numbers to 20. We explored different representations of numbers and enjoyed the practical lessons throughout the week. We used resources like numicon, dienes and unifix cubes to help us. We ended the week with representing and writing numbers 11-20 by using the dienes to show tens and ones.

## 2 Pilkey

This week, we have been learning how to divide, using the counting cubes to investigate how big amounts could be shared equally into groups of 2's, 5's and 10's. In PSHE we were understanding the term conflict, children worked in groups to role play different scenarios to show how our actions and words affect others.

## 3 Wiltshire & Morris

In DT we practised our cutting, grating and peeling skills in preparation for our soup making in a few weeks time. We have continued to explore Romania, this time focusing on the human geography of the country.

## 4 Banksy & Kusama

This week year 4 have been discussing the rise and fall of Baghdad during the early Islamic Civilisation. The children role played as reporters during that time to find out what caused the rise and fall. They have also worked hard during assessment week!

## 5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

Year 5 have been working hard with their termly assessments across reading, spag and maths. They have now settled into swimming lessons and are improving week on week, with some children even being introduced to the butterfly stroke.

## 6 Lennon & Williams

This week Year 6 have been working hard creating amazing narratives based on the Hobbit. They have been utilising all the skills we have looked at especially focusing on adding suspense and tension into their work. Also, in Science, the children created their own investigations about shadows which they enjoyed.



## Theme of the week

Luke 20:27-38

## The Big Question

### What would you like to be remembered for?

This week, Rev. Emma came to lead our Wednesday worship from Luke 20:27-28. We discussed aspirations and motivation, Emma discussed famous individuals from history and their impact on history. Whilst sharing her own journey from being an archeologist to becoming a minister she shared the influence of those close to her e.g. teachers and family members. The children also considered what the future may look like for them thinking about their own aspirations and future career goals.



### Something to pray

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for loving us forever.

Help us remember that You are always with us, and that nothing can separate us from Your love.

Thank You for teaching us through Jesus that life with You never ends,

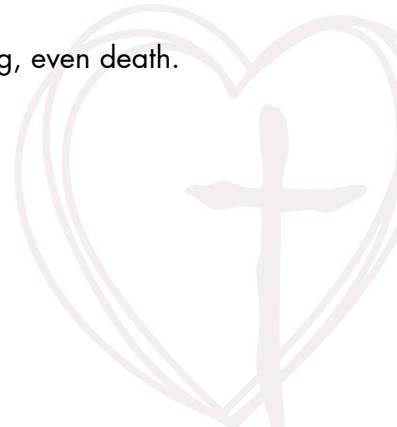
and that You are stronger than anything, even death.

Help us to trust You and love others, just like Jesus showed us.

Thank You for giving us hope and joy that lasts forever.

Amen.

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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# PARENT WORKSHOPS

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## DECEMBER SCHEDULE

MON  
1

### 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  
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 9-10am

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

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



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## 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

Parents Evening  
Upper School Hall

Chartwells