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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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NEWSLETTER

UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

It has been another exciting and enriching week at St John's, filled with creativity, celebration and opportunities for our children, from lots of outdoor practical learning (the weather certainly made an extra treat!) to sporting and music events and music events. before ending the week with World Book Day!



Well done to: Lydia, Emma, Leah, Henry, Asher, Alexandru Anthony Sim (Yr6) and Aidan and Betsy (Yr5)

St John's Give Their All at Pinner Rugby Festival
On 3rd March 2026, 10 of our children went to the Pinner Rugby Club to compete in the borough rugby competition. The team played four matches, narrowly losing to Weald Rise, Elmgrove and Norbury before finishing strongly with a 5-1 win against Whitchurch, with tries from Henry (2), Simi, Aidan and Betsy. Although we didn't reach the semi-finals, the children showed great effort throughout and were awarded the Fair Play Award for being the fairest team of the day.

Parents' Evening – Week Beginning 9th March
Parents' Evening will take place on Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th March. Please make sure you have booked an appointment with your child's class teacher via the links shared on your class Dojo page. The parent school partnership is essential in helping your child flourish and ensuring education excellence.



In maths nursery have been learning about directions and prepositional language! Look at us on our obstacle course going over, under, through and around!

Year 6 Parents - Secondary School offers
Secondary school offers came out this week, please make sure you check your emails and follow the relevant steps to accept or appeal your offer. For appeals please refer to the Harrow Website:
<https://www.harrow.gov.uk/schools-learning/appeal-school-place>



Reception are learning about Van Gogh and exploring his bright colours and bold brushstrokes

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Safeguarding - Birthday Treats

As a nut-free school, the safety of all pupils is our priority. For the remainder of this academic year, any birthday treats brought into school must be handed out by a parent at the end of the school day and **must not** be consumed on the school site.

This measure is in place to safeguard all pupils with potential allergies, particularly those who are at risk of anaphylaxis. We appreciate your understanding and support in helping us keep all children safe.



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	3 Wiltshire	98.3%
	1 Byron	98.1%
	5 Beethoven	98%

National expectation of attendance 95%
Whole school attendance: 96%



SPRING TERM
WEEK 8



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World Book Day

On Thursday, we enjoyed a fantastic World Book Day, with pupils and staff embracing the joy of reading. There was a real buzz of literary excitement around the school. A special thank you goes to Miss Khan for organising such a brilliant day and helping to bring the magic of books to life for our children. Each phase focused on a specific book and wore a themed costume linked to it.

The day ended with a wonderful Great British Book Off. The judges were very impressed by the presentations given by each phase about their book and how it inspired their 'Bake Off' design. They found it incredibly difficult to choose a winner as the standard was so high, but a huge well done to Year 3 and 4!

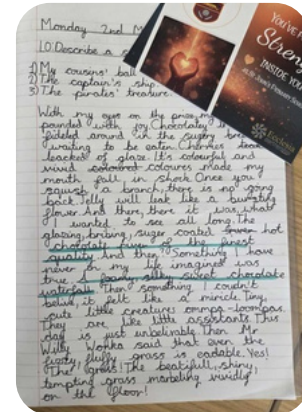
Future Authors in the Making

The literary fun has continued throughout the week with some fantastic opportunities for pupils across the school. This week I had a visit from a number of children from Year 4, and I was absolutely blown away by the quality of their writing — particularly their descriptions of the Charlie and the Chocolate Factory setting.

I was especially impressed with the literary features they used, including personification, alliteration, similes and onomatopoeia. I even spotted some hyphenated adjectives (usually a Year 6 skill!). I had to pinch myself and double-check that these children were in fact only in Year 4. Well done — keep it up!



Presentation by Y3-4, inspired by their book: Anisha the accidental detective



Great British Book Off Cakes inspired by their focus book

Welcome to the World, Baby Luca!

A huge congratulations to Miss Watt and her family on the arrival of their healthy baby boy, Luca. Luca was born on Tuesday 3rd March, weighing 9lb. His big sisters, Ava and Olivia, were very happy to welcome their new baby brother.

Running for a Cause: Mr Easton Takes on the Brighton Marathon!

Our wonderful Mr. Easton, Year 5 teacher and PE lead, is taking on the Brighton Marathon in 2026 to raise awareness and funds for Prostate Cancer Research.

Mr. Easton has set himself an ambitious target of £1,000, and with such an important cause, one that touches the lives of so many, we're confident he'll achieve it in no time! Let's show our support by spreading the word and helping him reach (or even exceed!) his goal. Go, Mr. Easton! 🏃♂️
<https://2026brightonmarathonweekend.enthuse.com/pf/maximillian-easton>





Faith Strength Compassion Wisdom Hope

Our strengths this week!

Nursery



Nursery have been to the jungle and explored the sounds different animals make. In Maths we have had been looking at positional language and navigated our own obstacle course.

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1 Byron



We had an amazing week centered around our world book day book. There was so much fun had by us all - even the adult!

2 Pilkey



During comprehension Year 2 have been enjoying learning about The Twits and they have been using their different comprehension skills to answer many different questions about the characters in the story.

3 Wiltshire & Morris



Year 3 created their own egg parachutes at the beginning of the week, with one successful design protecting the egg from smashing. They have also been focused on writing their own stories based on Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx.

4 Banksy & Kusama



Children enjoyed coming up with their own ideas for a room in the Chocolate Factory, as part of our English work. They also had a lot of fun on World Book Day, creating hidden centre cupcakes and a poster, taking inspiration from our book (Anisha the Accidental Detective).

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald



We had a super busy this week, with lots of children doing their bikeability training, which has been helped by the sun. We enjoyed World Book Day and getting dressed up in our smart in their occasion wear!

6 Lennon & Williams



We had a lovely afternoon on Monday enjoying the weather by doing an activity learning about the Stations of the Cross in RE outside and starting our orienteering unit in PE.

Theme of the week

Second Sunday of Lent

Bible Reference

John 3: 1-17

The Big Question

Why did some people question who Jesus was?

Reverend Emma led our act of worship, where she explored the different names and roles people used to describe Jesus in the Bible. She explained that Jesus was an extraordinary man who made seemingly impossible miracles possible.

Emma spoke about the Gospel of John 3:1-17, where Nicodemus visits Jesus with questions because he is trying to understand who Jesus really is and what it means to be "born again."

During his time on Earth, many people found it confusing that he could do so much while also appearing as an ordinary man like everyone else. Reverend Emma then shared examples from her own life, explaining that she has taken on many different roles, including being an archaeologist, a dance teacher and even doing some blacksmith work. She also showed disguised images of teachers, and the children were very engaged as they realised that teachers have many different skills and knowledge about the world around them.

Just like Nicodemus, we are reminded that asking questions and seeking understanding can help us grow in faith and wisdom.

Let us pray

Dear God,

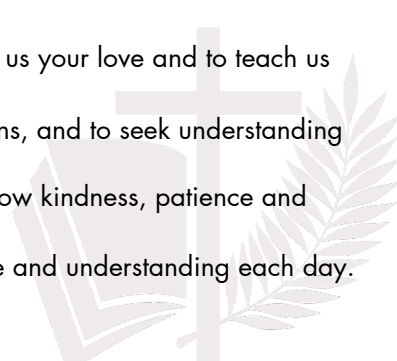
Thank you for sending Jesus to show us your love and to teach us how to live.

Help us to be curious, to ask questions, and to seek understanding when things feel confusing.

Bless our families and guide us to show kindness, patience and love to those around us.

May we grow together in faith, hope and understanding each day.

Amen.



Online Course

Stronger Relationships

For parents and other adult carers living together or apart. **Group starting Wednesday 4 March at 10:00am**



- Do you want to get some new ideas to help you be an even better parent?
- Would you like to reduce the arguments and disagreements in your family and cope better with stress?
- Would you like to enhance your relationship with your current partner, or improve communication with your ex or the other people helping to raise your children?
- How about learning at a time that suits you?



6 online sessions



6 group discussions



Certificate on completion

What to expect...

- Information on strategies to identify and reduce arguments.
- Hear from other parents and carers.
- Downloadable worksheets and hand-outs.
- Videos, quizzes and interactive activities.
- Do sessions at a time that works for you.
- Weekly support from our course experts.

Topics covered...

- Healthy adult relationships.
- Identifying and managing disagreements.
- Understanding how conflict affects your children.
- Enhancing parent-child relationships.
- Managing stress, anger and emotions.
- Strategies to resolve conflict and create a parenting agreement

Group discussion...

1. Speak to a course expert and get answers to some of the questions you might have
2. Talk about how the strategies are going at home.
3. Address other difficulties relating to your relationships.
4. Hear from others about what works for them.

Find out more or register for the course by scanning the QR code or emailing us at: sfscparent@racefound.org.uk



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HAF IN HARROW

FREE EASTER Holiday ACTIVITIES

Start Date options:
4th March 2026
9th March - Specifically Y6 Parents
10th March 2026
16th March 2026
1st April - Specifically Y5 Parents

FREE PLACES FOR FAMILIES IN RECEIPT OF MAIN CREDIT TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS



RECEPTION - YEAR 11

SPORTS | ARTS & CRAFTS | DRAMA | COOKING | FOREST SCHOOL
MUSIC | SEND

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St John's School

MATHS ROCK STAR DAY

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

Come to school dressed as a rock star!
Air guitars, wigs and makeup!



ARP - JUL 2026 St. John's CofE School

in conjunction with The Elms Sport in Schools

FRIDAY		
APR	17	24
MAY	1	8 15 22
JUN	5	12 19 26
JUL	3	10

(Ys Rec 2: max 16 children per group)
(Ys 3-6: max 20 children per group)

AFTER SCHOOL TENNIS

- OPEN TO:** Rec-Yr2 & Yrs 3-6
- TIMES:** 3.30pm - 4.30pm
- WHERE:** School Playground/Hall/indoor area
(Please note, in cases of inclement weather, the session will take place indoors and will be theory based)
- DRESS:** School PE Kit/weather appropriate sportswear
- EQUIPMENT:** All equipment is supplied by The Elms
- OUR STAFF:** All The Elms coaching staff are DBS checked and fully qualified

COST
£84.00 per 12 week course
(equates to £7.00 per session inc VAT)
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Children in football, tennis and the remaining sports together are chosen for termly awards based on attitude, teamwork, improvement, work ethic and performance.

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TERMS & CONDITIONS
Bookings are taken on a 'first come, first served' basis & full payment must be received at the time of booking.
A maximum of 10 children per session will be accepted. There is no charge for club membership, no public cancellations.

