

ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

It has been a lovely end to the half term, with many opportunities for our children to grow, reflect and celebrate together.

This week, our Head Boy and Head Girls, alongside our RE Ambassadors from Years 4–6, took part in the annual service organised by the London Diocesan Board for Schools with our partner schools. The children listened thoughtfully as Ben Lindsay OBE spoke on the theme of Forgiveness and Reconciliation, encouraging them to reflect on kindness, understanding and making things right. We made the most of the day by visiting the Bank Of England before the service!

It was great to see families signing their children up for the Bikeability training, this week, the children learned how to ride their bikes safely and confidently and practised important skills such as checking their bikes, signalling clearly, understanding road safety rules, and being aware of traffic. It has been great to see their confidence and independence grow.

Year 5 enjoyed a visit to Bentley Wood High School to watch The Addams Family. It was a great opportunity to see drama and confidence in action. Year 5 and 6 also took part in their Prom Praise workshop. We are very excited to be visiting the Royal Albert Hall on 17th March to take part in this special event.

Throughout the week, we celebrated children's mental health by took part in activities to help them understand self-care and ways to look after their wellbeing. Thank you to Mrs Nussbaum for organising the week. The week finished not only with us wearing bright colours to raise awareness of this, but with a fantastic St John's Got Talent show. It was wonderful to see so many children performing jokes, dances, art, and music. Well done to and our winners Emma and Jessica in Y6, we are very proud of you. We look forward to next year's show!

I hope you all have a happy and restful half term.
School starts back on Tuesday 24th February. **Miss Donnelly**



Flying our flag at St Paul's Cathedral!



Year 3 science - dissecting flowers, exploring all the parts and labelling what they found

NEWSLETTER



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SPRING 1, WEEK 6

IMPORTANT NOTICES & DATES

February

- 23rd - INSET day
- 24th - Children return to school

March

- 5th - World Book Day

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	Nursery	98%
	* 2 Pilkey	97%
	* 3 Wiltshire	96%

National expectation of attendance **95%**

Whole school attendance: **95.4%**



Our strengths this week!

Nursery

This week, Nursery have been looking at the role of dentists. They have had fun brushing giant teeth, thinking about the order of brushing their teeth and writing bravery certificates for each other! In maths, we are measuring items and thinking about the words long, longer and longest.

Donaldson

This week, Reception have been focusing on exploring people who help us. We discussed the different jobs people do and how these roles help others in our community. Mrs Boulter also led a workshop for parents on how to support their child at home with literacy and maths. Thank you to everyone who was able to attend.

1 Byron

This week, children have really enjoyed completing their art projects: Habitats and Animals through paper art and sculpting. They are confident in the techniques needed to make an effective paper installation and had fun using plasticine to make appropriate animals for the habitats created from shoeboxes. Thank you to parents for sending in all the shoeboxes.

2 Pilkey

For Mental Health Week, Year 2 discussed what it means to belong to different groups such as family, school, activities and clubs. They wore colourful clothes for 'Wear It Bright' on Friday for Mufii Day to show the communities they are part of.

3 Wiltshire & Morris

In maths, we have been enjoying learning about length and measuring in mm, cm and m. We even had fun measuring the worms in the playground! We have also completed our unit on Judaism and have found out lots about this religion.

4 Banksy & Kusama

This week, Year 4 had fun making their torches as part of their DT projects. They used plastic bottles, cups and coloured card to create and decorate the torches. They also had an amazing time watching The Addams Family matinee at Bentley Wood High earlier this week.

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

In Year 5 this week, we concluded our learning on the Tudors by learning about Henry VIII's children who reigned after him and how they were similar to and different from their father. In Computing, we created our own quizzes on Scratch using the skills we have developed over the half term and then asked each other to test them out.

6 Lennon & Williams

In history this week, we concluded our learning on crime and punishment by designing a museum exhibit that showcased crime and punishment through the ages. The children had a great time making artefacts and giving each other guided tours of their exhibits! Additionally, in Science, Year 6 carried out an experiment based on Darwin's finches, deciding which beak was best for different types of food.



Theme of the week

Care

Bible Reference

Genesis 1:1-3

The Big Question

Why is it important to look after God's World

Thankyou to Rev. Lyndon who came to speak to us this week about the importance of looking after God's world. Please take some time to share enjoy this animation as a family, reminding ourselves of the responsibility we hold to care for God's world.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=teu7BCZTgDs>

Questions for family discussion:

- What did the video show us about God's creation?
- What does it mean to be responsible for caring for the world?
- How can our family make choices that help protect creation and the people who depend on it?
- Are there any simple changes we could try this week to be more sustainable?



Let us pray

Heavenly Father,

In the beginning, as we read in Book of Genesis, You created the heavens and the earth. You spoke light into the darkness and brought order out of chaos. Your world was formed by Your love and power.

Lord, help us to remember that this earth is Your creation. The sky, the seas, the land, the plants, the animals, and all people were made by You and belong to You.

Forgive us when we forget to care for Your world. Forgive us when we waste, damage, or take for granted the gifts You have given.

As You brought light into the darkness, bring light into our hearts.

Teach us to be responsible, to protect nature, to reduce waste, and to look after every living thing.

Help us to make choices that honour You as Creator. May we reflect Your goodness by caring for the world You called good.

In Jesus' name,
Amen.