

NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN TERM
WEEK 3



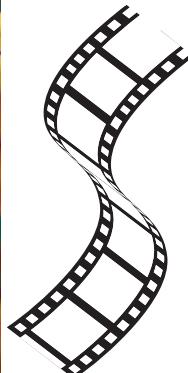
ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

Lights, Camera, St. John's!



A heartfelt thank you to all the children and families for your support during the filming process earlier this week for our upcoming new website. Your participation has helped us capture the vibrant and joyful spirit of St. John's, and showcase all the wonderful things that happen in our school community.

It was also a pleasure to welcome the photographers on site this week for our annual school photographs. The children looked incredibly smart and wore their St. John's uniforms with pride. Please remember to place your orders directly with the photography company.

St. John's Shining Stars: Inspired by Greatness, Recognised for Excellence!

Visit from Leah Chowdry

Harrow Heroes Award



Congratulations to Khian for being nominated for a Harrow Hero Award and becoming a finalist for his category! He has shown what a kind and compassionate individual he is.



We were delighted to welcome Leah Chowdry to our school, where she shared her inspiring story with our young people. She spoke openly about her experiences as a young British-Asian girl with dyslexia and how she refused to let her challenges define her.

Music Scholarship



We're proud to share that Eddie has been awarded a music scholarship by the London Music Fund! He spent the day at St John's Smith Square in central London, creating music alongside other young musicians and professionals from ABRSM.

Her story was full of memorable phrases and powerful reminders, especially her motto, "Yes I can," which encouraged our children to believe in themselves. Leah's visit perfectly supported everything we do at St John's, reinforcing our vision and reminding our young people that they can make a difference.

Have a restful weekend filled with God's blessings, Miss Donnelly

IMPORTANT DATES

September:

- 29th - Parent Tours (9:30am)

October:

- 7th - Parent Tour (9:30am)
- 9th - Harvest Church Service (9:00am)
- 16th - Y6 Eucharist (9:00am)
- 21st - Parents' Evening
- 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

This week's attendance champions:



5 Beethoven 99%



EYFS
Donaldson 97%



6 Williams 97%

Whole school attendance: 94%

Our new strengths this week!

Nursery

This week in nursery, we explored the text 'Harry's Bucket Full of Dinosaurs' by Ian Whybrow, and discussed items that were special to us. In maths we explore quantities more and less.

Donaldson

Reception continued their work on the text 'The Rainbow Fish' by Marcus Pfister. This week, we created our own Rainbow fishes. In maths we were learning how to sort and match colours and objects.

1 Byron

This week has been an amazing week of learning, especially the impressive learning that took place in maths, where we used resources such as Numicon to deepen our knowledge of numbers to 10.

2 Pilkey

This week Year 2 were learning about Mary Seacole and how she supported soldiers in the Crimean War. We learnt about why she was an important figure and how she influenced changes to our healthcare. In Art, we created city landscapes using pastels.

3 Wiltshire & Morris

This week we enjoyed our first lessons of Spanish, learning how to greet people and ask how they are. In Science, we learnt about magnetic objects and explored different types of magnets.

4 Banksy & Kusama

This week, Year 4 have begun to develop their dilemma stories, thinking about choices and their consequences. In science, we explored the definition of a living organism in and had some interesting discussions surrounding whether a zombie would be considered a living organism! What are your thoughts?

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

This week we have been exploring how air resistance works in Science by making our own parachutes using a variety of materials. In Computing, we made our vector drawings and learnt how to draw, rotate and assemble shapes to make pictures of various animals.

6 Lennon & Williams

This week, as part of our RE unit, we visited St John's church for a talk on baptism delivered kindly by Matthew. The children had the opportunity to view the font and ask insightful questions. We also completed observational sketches of the old church for our Art unit.



Theme of the week

Forgiveness

Luke 15:3-7

The Big Question

Forgiveness - What is it?

This week, we were reading Luke 15:3-7.

In this passage, Jesus shared a parable which showed how much God values each and every one of us. Like a shepherd who leaves ninety-nine sheep to search for the one that is lost, God does not forget or abandon us when we stray. Instead, He seeks us out with love and rejoices when we are found.

It's a reminder that no one is beyond God's care or compassion. When we wander, He calls us back; when others are lost, He invites us to share His joy in their return. This is how we live a life of faith, wholly trusting in God's mercy.

We are delighted to welcome Father Ninus into our school community this week as the new vicar for All Saints, Harrow Weald. He led us in a wonderful act of worship, guiding us to think about this week's theme of Forgiveness. His message reminded us of the parable of the Good Shepherd, showing us that God never gives up on us. Even when we wander or turn away, He continues to love us and joyfully welcomes us back.

Something to pray

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for always loving us. Sometimes we make mistakes, hurt others, or forget to do what's right. Please forgive us and help us to say sorry when we've done wrong. Teach us to forgive others, even when it feels hard, and fill our hearts with kindness and love. Thank You for your everlasting grace and for welcoming us back with open arms.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.