



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

Small Changes, Big Successes

I have been really impressed by how well the children and staff have settled into our new lunchtime routines following the adjustment to the lunch hour, embedding some new systems and as well as the introduction of shared outside provision for Years 1-6.

On Monday, Mrs Nussbaum and I led an interactive assembly where we spoke about the new lunchtime routines. We modelled the expectation of how we move around the hall during lunch and demonstrated how children should collect and tidy away lunch trays. We even had an interactive role play demonstration with Miss Calderbank, Mrs Pawson, and several children, helping to clearly demonstrate these expectations in a fun and engaging way.

These changes are helping to build their independence and confidence, encouraging them to take responsibility in caring for one another, and our environment.



Jack in Reception, who did a fantastic job independently collecting utensils and placing them into the correct collection container



Our Year 6 pupils who have volunteered to help adults escort our Nursery and Reception children safely back to their playgrounds.



Helen in Year 3 demonstrated a brilliant example of how to carefully tidy away our lunch utensils, and manage food waste



Sustainability and Energy Saving Week



These new lunchtime routines provided a natural lead into our discussions around sustainability, building on this theme, Mrs Allen and Mr Dominic introduced Energy Saving Week, which will take place on Monday 19th. She has launched not one, but two exciting competitions for pupils to take part in at home, please take a look on your child's class Dojo. Entries for both competitions should be brought into school by Wednesday 21st January.

A Busy and Enriching Week of Learning

This week has been a very busy one, with several school trips taking place to enhance curriculum learning across the school.



Year 6

Year 6 visited the Royal Courts of Justice as part of their learning on Victorian crime and punishment, where they had the opportunity to re-enact a court scene and gain a deeper understanding of the different roles within the justice system.



Year 4

Year 4 travelled to Harrow Arts Centre to take part in a Music Connections workshop, engaging enthusiastically with a range of musical activities.



Year 3

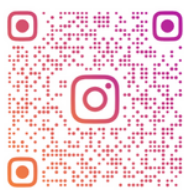
Year 3 walked to the Mosaic Synagogue in Stanmore. They were greeted by the Rabbi, and had a wonderful time learning about a variety of religious items. They demonstrated great curiosity and respect while learning about the Jewish faith.

As always, St John's pupils represented the school beautifully through their excellent behaviour and positive attitudes.

Newsletter continued



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SJW club

A fantastic update from SJW Club, with over 40 children attending in week one! The club aims to teach children martial arts through kickboxing, helping to develop confidence, self-defence skills, fitness, and respect. The children listened attentively to Sam, the instructor, and showed great enthusiasm throughout the session. We're really looking forward to what next week brings.

Keep an eye out for our upcoming weekend clubs too — we have Footicub starting at the end of the month for children aged 18–5 months!



Attendance = Achievement



We are pleased to share that Ms Allen, our Assistant Headteacher will now be taking on the role of Partnership Attendance Lead across our schools. This is an important development in strengthening our shared approach to attendance across the Ecclesia Partnership.

With increased national focus on attendance, and new expectations from both Government and Local Authorities, schools are now required to monitor, report and support attendance with greater consistency and take swifter action where improvement is needed, including fines. Ms Allen's role will help ensure that our partnership meets these expectations and continues to provide strong support for pupils and families.



OTIS (On Time In School)

Each week, OTIS visits the class who has the highest the attendance and punctuality award. Keep a look out at the attendance matters section to find the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners.

IMPORTANT DATES

January

- 19th - Energy Saving Week
- 20th - Parent Tour
- 21st - Y2 Trip to London
- 22nd - Y3 & Y5 History Workshops by Perform
- 27th - Parent Tour
- 27th - EYFS&Y1 Animal Workshop with Safari Pete
- 27th - Y6 Buddhist visit
- 29th - Y4 Natural History Museum
- 29th - Y6 TFL Workshop
- Saturday 31st - Footicub Club @ St John's

ATTENDANCE MATTERS



3 Morris 98%



3 Wiltshire 97%



6 Lennon 97%

Whole school attendance: 93% 😞



Safeguarding Reminder – Use of the School Drive

I have noticed an increase in the number of parents and carers driving down the school drive during the morning (from 8:30-8:50am) and afternoon (3:15-3:30pm) to drop off and collect children.

For safeguarding reasons, driving into the school site is not permitted at within these time.

Our strengths this week!

Nursery

This week, we continued learning about People Who Help Us, focusing on the role of police officers. The children had so much fun, especially at the fingerprinting station, which had a cross-curricular focus linked to recognising and counting numbers to five.

Donaldson

We had a great week of learning linked to the story The Three Little Pigs. Miss Donnelly came to visit, and we were able to retell the story together. We even huffed and puffed and managed to blow Miss Donnelly down! Our week ended with a fitness circuit with Coach Sam. Please remember to sign up for next week's place on ParentPay.

1 Byron

We have been working exceptionally hard in Year 1, especially in English. This week, Miss Donnelly was really impressed with our sentence-level work, particularly our use of noun phrases and similes to write descriptive sentences linked to the book Where the Wild Things Are.

2 Pilkey

In Geography, we continued to develop our understanding of where London is and why it is the capital city. We looked at some of its human and physical features and are really excited to deepen this knowledge next week, when we go into London to experience it for ourselves.

3 Wiltshire & Morris

This week we continued to learn about what it means to be Jewish. In class we explored the Shema, which is one of the most important prayers. On Thursday we were welcomed to Mosaic Synagogue in Stanmore. The volunteers helped the children understand more about the Torah and Shabbat and we even got to try the grape juice and bread.

4 Banksy & Kusama

This week Year 4 enjoyed going to the Harrow Art Centre (HAC) to take part in the first session of their OAE project. The children were able to show their recorder playing skills and sing along with the OAE. The children also enjoyed getting drenched by the rain on the way back from the HAC!

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

We enjoyed our DT lesson this week, deepening our understanding of what the term Fairtrade means and starting to understand the role of packaging as a marketing tool for biscuits, as well as its importance in targeting specific consumers. We are very excited about this unit, at the end we get to make our own biscuits using Fairtrade ingredients.

6 Lennon & Williams

This week, year 6 had a lovely time visiting the Royal Courts of Justice where they took part in a workshop. For the workshop the children acted out a mock trial from the Victorian period which they thoroughly enjoyed. They also had the opportunity to see Parliament square and the Houses of Parliament. Overall it was a lovely day out in central London!



Theme of the week

Baptism of Jesus

Bible Reference

Matthew 3:13-17

The Big Question

Why do Christians get baptised?

This week, Matthew led our Act of Worship, focusing on the sacrament of Baptism and its importance in Christianity. We learned about how Jesus was baptised in the River Jordan and set the example that Christians follow.



Matthew shared the symbolism of aspects of the Baptism such as the use of the Holy oil on the forehead, the washing of the old life by water and the lighting of an individual candle to represent Jesus as the light of the world.

Let us pray

Dear God,

Thank You for sending Jesus to show us how to follow You.
Just like You were pleased with Him at His baptism,
help us to live in a way that makes You smile.
Fill our hearts with Your Holy Spirit,
so we can share Your love with everyone we meet.
We are Your children, and we are so glad You love us.

In Jesus' name,

Amen.

Wishing all of our families a restful weekend,
Miss Donnelly.



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