



ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

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NEWSLETTER

UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

☀️ Stronger Together: Celebrating Our PFA

We began the week by welcoming families to the PFA AGM, with a great turnout and an opportunity to learn more about the PFA's work.

New members were voted into post—congratulations to all, and please see the final page of the newsletter for more details.

A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Elias and Mrs Carty for their many years of dedication. Their hard work in organising events, raising funds, and supporting the school has made a lasting difference and is deeply appreciated.



Reception were busy making pizzas this week, linked to their topic on Italy

👣 In the Classroom: Learning Walk Highlights

This week, our Executive Head, Mrs Blake, alongside all Heads of School, continued their learning walks across our partnership schools, including Holy Trinity and BWI. Following last week's visit to St John's, this provided a valuable opportunity to celebrate strengths in teaching and learning across our schools and to share best practice.



In maths, Nursery have been learning about repeating patterns.

🎭 Out and About: Trips & Performances

Our Year 3 pupils had a fantastic time on their visit to the History Museum this week, bringing their learning to life beyond the classroom. On Thursday, our talented percussionists performed at Harrow Arts Centre in a truly wonderful event. As always, St John's pupils shone brightly and made us incredibly proud.



In PSCE, Y4 were designing posters to raise awareness about deforestation, littering, pollution and climate change.

☀️ Long Weekend Alert!

Just a reminder that it is Bank Holiday Monday on 4th May 2026, so please remember to unset the school alarm and enjoy the forecasted sunshine with your family. On Thursday 7th, the school will be closed due to polling day; your child will have work set to complete at home.



Have a wonderful weekend,
Miss Donnelly

NOTICES

5th May - Bank Holiday

7th May - School closes - Polling Day

8th May - Y5 visit from Sikh community

8th May - Marks David Attenborough's 100th Birthday!

Why not take time to celebrate David Attenborough's birthday. There re so many activities that can be done. Here is a link to just a few:

<https://getthekidsoutside.com/david-attenborough/>



ATTENDANCE MATTERS

WEEK 3



6 Williams 99.5%



4 Kusama 99.2%



5 Beethoven 98.2%

National expectation of attendance 95%

Whole school attendance: 95%



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SUMMER TERM
WEEK 3



Our strengths this week!

Nursery

We have been loving all our opportunities for role play, we've been to the shopping centre this week car wash, fashion designers, shoe shops, nail technicians - developing our social skills and our vocabulary

Donaldson

This week, we've been learning all about Italy through the story The Runaway Pizza, exploring some of Italy's famous landmarks and talking about delicious Italian foods. We had great fun making our own tasty pizza and even explored Italian dancing, moving to the rhythm of the music!

1 Byron

We have really enjoyed diving deeper in our book for English, 'Skater Cielo', learning all about skateboarding from the main character but also having the opportunity to learn about a real, Olympic medalist skateboarder, Sky Brown. Children's enthusiasm and interest in this topic has led to amazing pieces of writing!

2 Pilkey

We were so excited about our visit to the Harrow Mosque and having the opportunity to explore similarities and differences between Christianity and Islam and build upon our knowledge in our RE lessons, and getting to ask our own questions. We learnt more about prayer, Mecca and the signification of the Dome structure within the Mosque.

3 Wiltshire & Morris

We have been looking forward to our visit to the British Museum for quite a few weeks! We were so excited to see artefacts from Ancient Greece and Ancient Egypt. Although seeing the mummies in real life surprised some of the children. Well done to the children for travelling so well on public transport and visiting a busy London museum.

4 Banksy & Kusama

This week Year 4 have been looking at teeth and their different functions in Science. They also looked at Roman architecture for Art and sketched some designs that inspired them.

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

Year 5 have been working hard working out real-life timetable problems and interpreting data in maths. They also enjoyed working on their Microbit programming in Computing!

6 Lennon & Williams

Year 6 had a lovely week. In RE we researched Christian Aid and missionary work and in Science we investigated voltage, creating circuits to see if more voltage will make the bulb brighter. Additionally in PE we have been having fun playing tag rugby!

Theme of the week

Good Shepherd

Bible Reference

John 10:1-10

The Big Question



What do you think Jesus meant when he said He was the Good Shepherd?

This week in collective worship, we explored the parable of the Lost Sheep. On Wednesday, during clergy worship, Mrs Boulter brought the parable to life through role play. The children really enjoyed using the props to illustrate the story.

We discovered how Jesus is our shepherd and that, no matter where we are or what we've done, he is always there for us, protecting us just as the shepherd cared for his sheep. We also reflected on how we can look out for one another and support each other in times of need.



Let us pray

Dear God,

Thank you that you are our shepherd and that you care for each one of us. Thank you that when we feel lost, worried, or alone, you are always there to find us and guide us. Help us to look after one another, to be kind, and to notice when someone needs a friend. Give us the courage to help others and the trust to know you are always with us.

Amen.

Parents & Friends Association



Welcome & Introductions

We are delighted to introduce the St John's Church of England School Parents & Friends Association (PFA) and our newly appointed committee.

We would also like to thank those who have previously contributed their time and effort to the PFA.

The PFA plays an important role in supporting the school by raising funds and organising activities that enhance the children's experience, providing opportunities, resources, and events that go beyond the school's core budget. All funds raised belong to the PFA and are managed by the committee, with decisions made collectively to ensure transparency, fairness, and the best outcomes for the children.

The committee works together to organise events, manage funds responsibly, and ensure all decisions are clearly discussed, agreed, and recorded.

We are always keen to welcome new ideas and encourage more parents to get involved. Whether you can offer a little time to help at events or would like to join the committee, all support is greatly appreciated.

We really look forward to working together with all parents and carers at St John's Church of England School to continue building a strong, supportive community and creating great experiences for all our children and families.

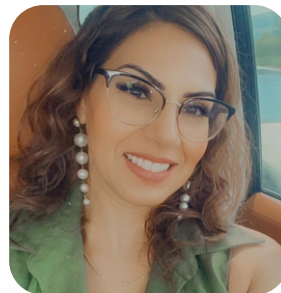
The PFA Team 2026

Meet the PFA team



Kay Vekaria
Chair

Oversees the PFA, leads meetings, and ensures everything runs smoothly.



Ashifa Tejani
Vice Chair

Supports the Chair and helps with organisation and decision-making.



Samantha Wallace
Treasurer

Manages the PFA finances and reports on income and spending.



Lauren Armstrong
Secretary

Keeps records of meetings and manages communication.

If you would like to get involved or find out more, please contact us at:

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