

# 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

Welcome back, I hope you all managed to rest up over the break and are ready for another exciting half term ahead, where there is much more to planned and to be celebrated.

### A Sunny Start to the Half Term

The arrival of a little bit of sunshine, slightly brighter mornings and evenings has made for a lovely start to the half term.

### New Signage Around School

You may have noticed our new signage around the school, created by Creative Designs. There is new signage at the main gate, in the foyer and displayed in various areas across the school site. A HUGE thank you to the PFA for their fundraising efforts and you all for your donations, which have funded these improvements and continue to support us as we develop and market our school within the community.



### INSET Day - First Aid Training

On Monday, staff took part in First Aid training as part of our INSET day, alongside our partnership schools. It was a fantastic refresher and ensured we are fully up to date with the latest guidance and changes to procedures.

### Full Speed Ahead with Learning

Children have returned to school and settled back into their routines very well. This half term is slightly shorter, with just five teaching weeks, so we will certainly be putting our foot on the accelerator to continue driving progress and securing strong outcomes for all pupils.



Y4 busy exploring fractions of amounts.

### Parents' Evening – Week Beginning 9th March

Parents' Evening will take place during the week beginning 9th March. This will be an important opportunity for teachers to share updates on your child's progress. As always, please continue to support your child with their homework and work closely with the class teacher to complete any additional tasks at home that help to plug gaps and strengthen understanding

## IMPORTANT NOTICES

Free parent courses led by Harrow Early Support practitioners (See the leaflets attached to the newsletter)

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## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

1 <sup>st</sup>	5 Beethoven	98%
2 <sup>nd</sup>	5 Fitzgerald	97%
3 <sup>rd</sup>	4 Banksy	96%

National expectation of attendance **95%**

Whole school attendance: **95%**



## IMPORTANT DATES

March

- 1<sup>st</sup> - Y1 trip to Stanmore Chapel
- 2<sup>nd</sup> - Y5 Bikeability week
- 5<sup>th</sup> - World Book Day
- 10<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> Parent's Evening



# NEWSLETTER



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SPRING TERM  
WEEK 7



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## Growing Our Nursery Provision

We are currently expanding our nursery provision due to increasing demand it is wonderful to see how rapidly this area of our school is growing. As part of this development, Nursery will be moving into a larger classroom space, giving our youngest learners more room to explore, create and thrive. We are also enhancing and developing the outdoor provision to ensure it is a high-quality, engaging environment that supports early language, physical development and imaginative play.



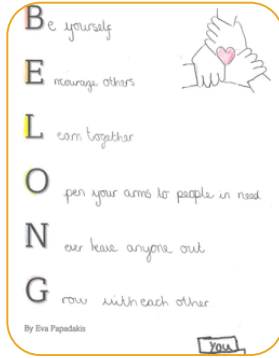
# Be Creative

## CMHW B.E.L.O.N.G acrostic poem competition

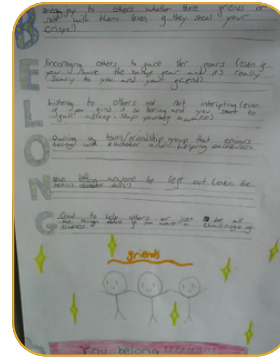
Last half term we celebrated Children's Mental Health Week. We explored the concept of 'having a place' and how everyone should feel like they belong. Children were invited to take part in a poetry competition and were challenged to create an acrostic poem using the letters in the word BELONG. We had many wonderful entries from across Ecclesia Partnership schools. Here are the winning entries from BWI, St John's CofE and Holy Trinity CofE.



Nikola in Year 5  
from St John's



Eva in Year 4  
from Holy Trinity



Isabella in Year 5  
from BWI

## Wraparound Care Logo Winner



Last half term we took over the running of the wraparound care, we set a competition for the children to design logo and a name for this care. I received so many fantastic entries and after careful consideration of both the design and the rationale behind it, the Senior Leadership Team selected Zahra in 6W as our winner. We were particularly impressed with her use of IT, especially Canva, to create a polished and professional design.

We are incredibly proud of their effort and the positive attitude they bring to every experience.



At St John's you will find...

Faith Strength Compassion Wisdom Hope

## Our strengths this week!

### Nursery

This week Nursery have been down on the farm! We discussed the different homes that animals live in and set up our very own farm shop, selling fruit and vegetables. The children also enjoyed the warmer weather and had lots of fun riding the bikes outside.

#### Donaldson

We launched our topic "Where Does Everything Begin?" by exploring how things grow and where they come from. We investigated different plants and discussed how seeds, fruits and herbs develop, and enjoyed a hands-on experiment where we made our own perfume using plants, herbs and fruits.

#### 1 Byron

This week, Miss Donnelly came to visit our Maths lesson, she was very impressed with our knowledge of measurements, specially 'capacity' and 'volume'.

#### 2 Pilkey

This week Year 2 have been reading Patti's Pumpkin. They used their inference skills to explore what the characters might be thinking and feeling throughout the story. The children also noticed similarities between the story and Noah's Ark from the Bible.

#### 3 Wiltshire & Morris

We have been enjoying reading our English book: Mary and the Riddle of the Sphinx. In DR this week we focused on making predictions.

#### 4 Banksy & Kusama

In Maths, we were learning about unit and non-unit fractions and explored what makes a whole. The children also continued contributing to their orchestra project with the Orchestra for the Age of Enlightenment, developing their musical skills and teamwork.

#### 5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

This week in Year 5 we have started our new topics. In Art, we started our unit on still life drawing, focusing on developing our sketching techniques.

#### 6 Lennon & Williams

This week Year 6 began their DT cooking unit on savoury dishes; carrying out market research and tasting a range of savoury foods before creating a design criteria and, working in groups, adapted their own savoury dish ideas.

### Theme of the week

First Sunday of Lent

### Bible Reference

Matthew 4: 1-11

### The Big Question

How do you overcome temptation?

James came to lead our first clergy act of worship this half term. He spoke to the children about temptation and the different ways we may be tempted in life.

James shared the Bible story of Jesus being tempted in the wilderness, reminding us how Jesus went into the desert for 40 days and 40 nights, where the devil tried to tempt Him. Each time, Jesus resisted temptation and responded with God's word.

James reminded us that Jesus gives us the strength and help we need to resist temptation in our own lives, and that He also forgives us when we make mistakes.

### Let us pray

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for the example of Jesus in the wilderness.

When He was tempted, He chose to trust You.

When He was weak and hungry, He stood firm in Your word.

Help us when we face temptation in our own lives.

When we are tempted to make the wrong choice, to say unkind words, or to follow the crowd instead of following You, give us strength and courage to do what is right.

Help us to seek You first, to listen to Your voice, to trust Your promises, and to remember that Your way is always best.

Thank You that when we make mistakes, You forgive us, love us and guide us back again. May we grow closer to You 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?
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## 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](mailto:sfscparent@racefound.org.uk)



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## Start Date options:

- 4<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- 9<sup>th</sup> March - Specially Y6 Parents
- 10<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- 16<sup>th</sup> March 2026
- 1<sup>st</sup> April - Specifically Y5 Parents

St John's School

# MATHS ROCK STAR DAY

FRIDAY 20TH MARCH

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

# THE GREAT BRITISH BOOK-OFF

Join the fun—celebrate World Book Day - Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> march with a book-themed bake-off!

Books featured: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, Anisha, The Accidental Detective, A series of Unfortunate Events, The Very Hungry Caterpillar, The Wind in the Willows.