



# 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

### Year 6 Eucharist

Our Year 6 pupils led a lovely Eucharist service this week, sharing an important message about being thankful and having an attitude of gratitude. It was wonderful to see so many parents, families, and friends joining us for this act of worship and staying afterwards for some refreshments.



A big thank you to Rev. Matthew Stone for leading the service and to Mr. Mackie for his support. It was also great to have our Year 3 pupils attend and observe, helping them understand the importance of the Eucharist as they prepare for their own service in the upcoming weeks.

### Lower School Harvest Sharing Meal

On Thursday, Lower School led their Harvest sharing meal. EYFS and Key Stage One pupils baked their own bread. They came together to share this meal during this special Thanksgiving worship. Pupils shared Bible readings, prayers and harvest hymns as they thanked God for the harvest.



### Sporting successes

Our amazing Year 6 hockey team participated in the Harrow Hockey tournament. They showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. In the group stage, they had 3 wins and scored 11 goals, advancing to the first round of qualifiers. After some nail-biting matches, they finished 2nd overall, proudly taking silver medals.

Huge congratulations to Leah, Lydia, Emma, Haris, Alexandru, and Felix — what a fantastic start to the sporting year!

Have a blessed weekend, Miss Donnelly

### IMPORTANT DATES

#### October:

- 21<sup>st</sup> - Parents' Evening
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Y6 trip to Bentley Priory Museum
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - Parents' Evening
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - Year 5 Eucharist (9:00am)
- 27<sup>th</sup> - Last day of the Autumn 1 term

#### November:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> - Children return for Autumn 2 term
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Eucharist (9am)
- 20<sup>th</sup> - Y3 Eucharist (9am)

### ATTENDANCE MATTERS

	3 Morris	99%
	3 Wiltshire	97%
	5 Beethoven	96%

Whole school attendance:



95.93%



Our Amazon Wishlist is updated on a weekly basis.

# Our strengths this week!

## Nursery

This week, Nursery focused on The Little Red Hen and repetitive language. The children baked their own bread, learning where wheat comes from and how it is turned into flour. They also joined Reception on an Autumn walk around the school grounds.

## Donaldson

Reception explored the number 3 in Maths. On their Autumn walk, they used their senses to spot signs of the season and collected three differently coloured leaves, which they sorted and classified in the classroom.

## 1 Byron

Year 1 have been learning about instructions and instructional writing. They explored examples and wrote their own instructions for a new game they created, having lots of fun in the process!

## 2 Pilkey

Year 2 focused on hygiene in Science, experimenting to see what was the best thing for removing "germ glitter" from their hands: a tissue, water or soap and water. They discovered that soap and water was the best cleaning solution.

## 3 Wiltshire & Morris

Year 3 explored Valerie Bloom's poetry for Black History Month and created individual booklets filled with inspirations from her work.

## 4 Banksy & Kusama

In Maths, Year 4 practiced adding and subtracting with exchanges. In Geography, they used atlases to locate the World's rainforests and learned about some of the people who live there.

## 5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

This week, in Year 5 we have been busy getting ready for our Eucharist next week, which we can't wait to invite you share in this act of worship with us. In our English lessons, we have continued to look at poems, specifically Ode poems, around the theme of Black History Month, which we will perform to the class!

## 6 Lennon & Williams

Year 6 completed assessment week, showing great progress. They also took part in a beautiful Eucharist service focused on thankfulness, celebrating with parents and Year 3, highlighting the importance of gratitude and community.



## Theme of the week

God

Mark 10:17-31

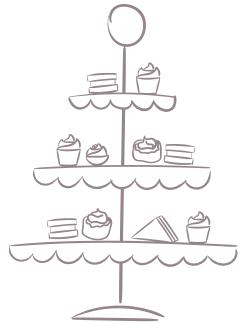
## The Big Question

**Have you ever given something you loved up for a good reason?**

This week, we were delighted to welcome Chris Tapp to lead worship at our school. Chris shared an inspiring message from Mark 10:17-31 about giving something up for a good reason, even when it's something we love.

During worship, Chris showed the children some of the things he truly enjoys—including treats like cakes, biscuits, and sweets. He explained that while most people would gladly accept these treats, his friend would say no to focus on healthier choices. This helped us reflect on how challenging it can be to give up things we love, but sometimes it's necessary for the greater good. Personally, I know I would find it difficult to give up my daily Costa!

Mark 10:17-31 reminds us that salvation is not earned through wealth or good works, but is a gift from God, made possible through faith.



## Something to pray

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for all the blessings in our lives.

Sometimes, You ask us to let go of things we find important, so we can follow You more closely. Help us to be brave when we are called to give something up for a greater good. Remind us that true treasure is not in what we own, but in living a life that pleases You. When it feels hard or uncertain, give us the strength, courage, and resilience we need. May we always trust in Your love and remember that with You, all things are possible.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

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**Upper School Hall**

**Introducing Harrow Mental Health Support Team**

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Central and  
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NHS Foundation Trust

**Who we are**

We are part of the Harrow Mental Health Support Team, designed to:

- Deliver early intervention for families with a child struggling with anxiety or challenging behaviour
- Work in partnership with school staff to foster a 'whole school approach' to mental health and wellbeing

**What we do**

We can support the families in your school through:

- 1:1 guided self-help sessions for parents of children struggling with anxiety or challenging behaviour
- 1:1 support for children/young people who have difficulties with managing daily activities due to their mental health.
- Brain Buddies, an emotion regulation group programme for children in Years 4-6
- Psychoeducational workshops for students, parents, and staff, on a variety of mental health and wellbeing topics

**How to refer**

If you have identified a family who you think could benefit from our support, please get in touch using the contact details below. For parents, please liaise with the school to refer to us.

If you have any ideas or needs for workshops, Brain Buddies, or other activities please also let us know.

**Santina - Mental Health Practitioner**



We'd love to hear from you! If you have any questions or would just like to say hello, please get in touch.

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**Adna - Senior Occupational Therapist**



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## Discounted Tuition for St John's CofE School students

Learning Labs Tuition have partnered with St John's CofE School to provide additional support in Maths & English to our students. This will include Maths and English support, 11+ Grammar School preparation, SATs preparation, and help with school homework!

They will be running St John's CofE Primary specific courses that have been made to help our students progress and improve at school.

We have arranged subsidies and discounts of up to 50% discounts for our families and we encourage you to register as soon as possible to avoid disappointment.

There are limited spaces available.

Please get in touch at the number below to book a free consultation, or fill in the online form below to register your interest.

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