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NEWSLETTER

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WEEK 2



STJOHNS_PRIMARYSCHOOL



Our Amazon Wishlist is updated on a weekly basis.

UPDATE FROM MISS DONNELLY

This week has certainly been one filled with moments of reflection and to sum it up in a few words: Remembering, Respecting, and Reaching Out

The Power of Good: Pupils Leading with Heart

This week began with two wonderful acts of worship led by our Head and Deputy Head Boys and Girls in Year 6.

They opened the week with an inspiring Anti-Bullying Assembly, reminding us of the important message behind the acronym STOP – Several Times On Purpose. It was fantastic to see so many children proudly wearing their odd socks to raise awareness and celebrate this year's Anti-Bullying Week. This set a good foundation for the discussion held in stand-alone PSHCE lessons, reflecting on kindness, respect, and standing up for others.



Lest We Forget: Honouring Remembrance Day

On Tuesday, Miss Zaman, our History lead, delivered a Remembrance Collective worship for the whole school. She spoke thoughtfully about why this date in history holds such significance and the powerful symbolism of the poppy. The service featured reflective prayers written by our RE ambassadors and pupils sang two beautiful songs.



At 11am, the entire school joined in a moment of silence, marked by the ringing of the church bells and the sounding of the Last Post. We listened to a touching poem written by Tabitha in Year 4, and watched with pride as Eoghan and James laid two wreaths in remembrance. The service concluded with a reflective prayer, helping us remember and honour those who gave their lives for peace.



We would also like to recognise the help of Henry and Sophia from Year 6, who represented the School at St. John's Church during the Remembrance Sunday service, placing the wreaths next to the memorial monument on the Church grounds.



Please offer your support to the Royal British Legion
<https://www.britishlegion.org.uk/>

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ST JOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

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

Passion, Pride, and Penalties

On 11th November, 10 of our girls represented the school at The Hive in the Girls Barnet Cup, joining 30 schools from across Harrow. Our team topped their group and progressed to the knockout stages, demonstrating fantastic skill, determination, and teamwork. In the quarter-finals, they came close to victory, with a strong performance leading to a penalty shootout, which we narrowly lost. Despite this, the girls showed great sportsmanship and are ready to take on their next challenges with confidence. A huge thank you to our parents for their support, your presence and encouragement made a real difference and is always greatly appreciated.



Running for a Cause: Mr Easton Takes on the Brighton Marathon!

Our wonderful Mr. Easton, Year 5 teacher and PE lead, is taking on the Brighton Marathon in 2026 to raise awareness and funds for Prostate Cancer Research.

Mr. Easton has set himself an ambitious target of £1,000, and with such an important cause—one that touches the lives of so many—we're confident he'll achieve it in no time! Let's show our support by spreading the word and helping him reach (or even exceed!) his goal. Go, Mr. Easton! 🏃♂️

<https://2026brightonmarathonweekend.enthuse.com/pf/maximillian-easton>



Parent Workshops Relunched: Supporting Our Pupils Together

This half-term, we are thrilled to relaunch our parent workshops! On Thursday, we held the first session specifically for Year 6 parents, focusing on the Statutory Assessments.

Year 4 Share Heartfelt Friendship Poems

I had some visitors this week from Year 4, sharing their wonderful poems. The children had put a lot of careful thought into their friendship themed pattern poems, following the structure of a metaphor, advise and consequence, this linked beautifully to the theme of anti-bullying.



IMPORTANT DATES

November:

- 20th - Maths Fluency workshop (9am)
- 25th - Turning on Stanmore Christmas Lights (5pm)
- 27th - Y4 Eucharist (9am)
- 27th Y6 SATS morning (Part 2) (5pm)

December

- 1st - Harrow Family Hub - Behaviour workshop
- 2nd - Parent Tour
- 4th - Christmas Tree Festival at All Saints Church 7pm
- 8th - English morning



6 Lennon 100%



3 Wiltshire 99%



5 Beethoven 98%

Whole school attendance:



95.6%

Our strengths this week!

Nursery

This week, Nursery continued to focus on the story of Goldilocks and the Three Bears. The children used key vocabulary to sequence the story, discussing what happened next, after, and finally. In Maths, they continued their focus on the numbers 1, 2, and 3. The children counted Goldilocks' bears and searched for groups of three objects in their environment.

Donaldson

Reception has been focusing on Remembrance, making their own poppies and discussing what these represent and why Remembrance is important to our country. In Maths, the focus has been on the number six. We have been counting, writing, and ordering numbers to six, as well as finding groups of six objects around the classroom.

1 Byron

This week, the children enjoyed researching, designing and making mechanisms in DT. They made their first moving picture using a slider mechanism linked to our English book, Traction Man. We were very impressed with the level of skill displayed!

2 Pilkey

This week, we have been learning how to divide, using the counting cubes to investigate how big amounts could be shared equally into groups of 2's, 5's and 10's. In PSHE we were understanding the term conflict, children worked in groups to role play different scenarios to show how our actions and words affect others.

3 Wiltshire & Morris

This week, Year 3 have looked at food packaging to understand the nutrients that can be found in different products and created a graph to show the amount of sugars that are found in different cereals. Thank you for those who brought in various boxes to help us demonstrate this lesson.

4 Banksy & Kusama

This week, Year 4 wrote wonderful pattern poems in English, using metaphors to make comparisons and presenting their work beautifully in their Big Write books. In Art, we began our Arabic Calligraphy unit and practiced writing the word "peace" in Arabic.

5 Beethoven & Fitzgerald

Year 5 have begun their new Spanish topic this week, all about 'Time in the City'. We explored the city of Madrid, with the children learning about key landmarks and the Spanish names for parks, cafés, and museums. Please do encourage them to share their new knowledge with you!

6 Lennon & Williams

This week, Year 6 have been developing their map skills in Geography by identifying mountain ranges across the globe using an atlas. Many children extended their learning further by finding the tallest mountains in each range. We've had a great start to the unit, with lots of enthusiasm and engagement!



Theme of the week

Remembrance and Strength
1 Corinthians 16:13

The Big Question

How do you show strength in your everyday life?

This week, Rev. Matthew came to lead our Wednesday worship. He shared an inspiring message based on 1 Corinthians 16:13, 'be alert, stand firm in the faith, be brave, be strong'. Rev Matthew helped us to understand through various representations: animals and their attributes, a mini Olympics and made links on how strength can not just be physical but also spiritual. He also made references to Anti-Bullying Week where children were exploring the theme of using their 'power for good'.



Something to pray

Heavenly Father,

Thank You for always being with us.

Today we remember people who were brave and kind, who showed love and stood strong in their faith.

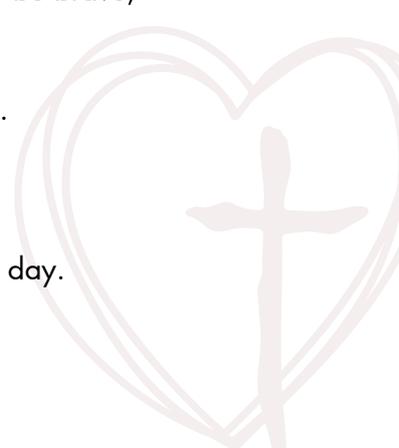
Help us to be like them, to stay strong, to be brave, and to keep believing in You.

When we feel scared or weak, remind us that You make us strong inside.

Thank You for the love and courage we see in those who came before us.

Help us never to forget them, and to live with faith and kindness every day.

In Jesus' name, Amen.





PARENT WORKSHOPS

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NOVEMBER SCHEDULE

THUR 13

Y6 SATS WORKSHOP PART 1

Spelling, Punctuation & Grammar and Reading
Upper School Hall at 9-10 am and repeated again at 5-6 pm

MATHS: FLUENCY & CALCULATION

Understand what fluency is, and how to use the St. John's maths calculation policy to help your child flourish with number.
Upper School Hall at 2:15-3:15 pm

THUR 20

THUR 27

Y6 SATS WORKSHOP PART 2

Maths Papers: Arithmetic, Reasoning 1 & 2 and KS2 Writing
Upper School Hall at 9-10 am and repeated again at 5-6 pm

"THERE IS NO SCHOOL EQUAL TO A DECENT HOME AND NO TEACHER EQUAL TO A VIRTUOUS PARENT," - MAHATMA GANDHI

More information will be shared on our:



At St. John's, we make a difference!

LEARNING LABS
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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!

Learning Labs 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.

Ms. Saini
St John's School - Project Lead: 07377849762

Link to register your interest:
<https://forms.gle/7aYYqkz7DYtuPhSi6>



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DECEMBER SCHEDULE

HARROW FAMILY HUB - BEHAVIOUR

This session will explore: Positive parenting strategies, Managing feelings, Sibling relationships, Routines and Setting boundaries
Upper School Hall at 9-10 am

MON 1

MON 8

ENGLISH MORNING

Join us in class during our English lesson, understand how it is taught, and support your child in their learning
Your child's classroom from 9-10am

Y4 MULTIPLICATION TEST

Understand the statutory assessment, and how to support your child in learning and recalling their timetables.
Upper School Hall at 9-10 am and repeated again at 2-3 pm

THUR 11

WED 17

PHONICS IN EYFS AND KS1

Understand what phonics is, why it is important and how you can support your child in their learning
Upper School Hall at 9-10 am and repeated again at 2-3 pm

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"BEHIND EVERY YOUNG CHILD WHO BELIEVES IN HIMSELF IS A PARENT WHO BELIEVED FIRST" - MATTHEW JACOBSON

We make a difference

Christmas Lunch

MAINS

Roast Turkey
Vegetable and Cranberry
Slice

SIDES

Roast Potatoes, Stuffing,
Sausage Carrots, Peas and
Gravy

DESSERTS

Vanilla Christmas
Shortbread

*Menus may be subject to change

Parents Evening
Upper School Hall

Chartwells