

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



'Learn to do good. Be fair to other people.' Isaiah 1:17

Hope everyone had a very well-deserved Easter break and have returned for the final term feeling refreshed and ready to focus on finishing the academic year with many achievements and much to celebrate.

This half-term we are focusing on justice for everyone both in our school, at home, in our local community, nationally and globally. Throughout our collective worship this half-term we will explore what justice means to us in these different contexts. We started with our long-term dedication to ensuring justice for the many children and families that the Bridge of Hope charity supports. As a school we are very excited to embark on our next long-term project of financially supporting 10 children who are orphans and without our help could not afford to attend school. The first fundraising session will take place on the 23rd May as by this time next year we need to have raised £700 for this project. This is a photograph of the ten delightful children that we will be supporting throughout their education in Uganda.



Please make sure that you read the information that was sent out separately to you regarding Reducing Smartphone Use in Childhood. St. John's School is part of a group of Enfield schools, with the support of Enfield Council that are supporting this very important initiative.

Whilst we don't allow smart phones at St. John's School, we know from talking to pupils that many of them have smart phones. We are asking that you delay allowing your child to have a smartphone at all until they are aged 14 or older, and to delay access to social media until they are 16.

Although there are many benefits, there is increasing evidence that smartphone use has negative effects on the wellbeing and mental health of young people and poses a number of significant safeguarding risks. Smartphone use has been linked to impaired attention and focus, sleep deprivation, mental health issues, online bullying, exposure to harmful online content and people, increased risk of mugging, and increased loneliness and social isolation. We want young people to prioritise in-person interactions and to benefit from the stronger social skills, empathy and sense of community real-world interactions offer. If you feel your child needs a device for safety reasons, consider instead a phone without internet connectivity (a 'brick' phone), an Airtag or a fully locked down phone with no internet or communication apps installed.

We know that many of you are keen to delay giving your child a smartphone at the age of 11, 12 or 13, so we hope that the position we are adopting at St. John's School will support you in your decision to ask children to wait until they are older to get a smartphone. We hope that you will support us in our aim to make sure that your children are happy and safe.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Best Wishes Susan Notley

Date List for Summer Term 2025



MAY		
6/5	Stay and Play for Reception pupils in September	1.30pm
12/5	SATs Week for Year 6 pupils Monday to Thursday	8.45am
19/5	Pathways Collective Worship—parents welcome to attend	9.00am
21/5	Pentecost Service at St. John's Church—Sapphire Class to lead	2.00pm
23/5	Fundraising event for Bridge of Hope Project	9.00am
26/5—30/5	HALF TERM	
JUNE		
2/6	Deposits for the School Journey to Manor Adventure deadline Yr 5 & Y 6	
12/6	Emerald Class to attend a service at Westminster Abbey	9.00am— 3.00pm
19/6	District Sports for KS2	12.30pm
20/6	Class & Sports' team photographs	
24/6	Stay and play for Nursery pupils in September	1.30pm
30/6	INSET DAY—School closed	
JULY		
1/7	Stay and play for Reception pupils in September	1.30pm
4/7	Independence Day Celebration Lunch	
7/7	Pathways Collective Worship Hope—parents welcome to attend	9.00am
8/7	Science Project for Year 5 at Chace Community School	9.00am— 3.00pm
9/7	Summer Concert for Ruby and Sapphire Class at St. John's Church	2.00pm
10/7	Summer Concert for KS2 at St. John's Church	2.00pm
14/7	After School Clubs finished for Summer Term	
14/7	Rocksteady Concert for parents of pupils who attend Rocksteady	2.00pm
16/7	Religious Education Day for the whole school	
16/7	Eucharist Service for KS2 at St. John's Church	11.00am
16/7	Graduation Service for Ruby Class at St. John's Church	9.00am
16/7	Summer Concert for KS2 at St. John's Church	2.00pm
17/7	Rounders match for staff and Year 6 pupils	3.00pm
18/7	Pasta Making Workshop for all pupils	
21/7	Sports' Day for all pupils	1.00pm
22/7	Leavers' Service at St. John's Church for Year 6—whole school and parents	9.00am
22/7	School Closes for Summer Holidays	1.00pm



After School Clubs & Breakfast Club Agenda

Monday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 3.00-4.00pm Netball Club (KS2)
 3.00-4.00pm Arts & Crafts (Recep, Sapphire Class)

Tuesday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 3.00-4.00pm Football Club (KS2)
 3.00-4.00pm Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)

Wednesday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 During school Keyboard
 During school Recorder
 3.00-4.00pm Football (Recep, Sapphire Class)
 3.00-4.00pm Choir Club (KS2 & Year 2)
 3.00-4.00pm Pathways (KS2 & Year 2)

Thursday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 3.00-4.00pm Rounders Club (KS2)
 3.00-4.00pm Activities Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)
 3.00-4.00pm Jiu-Jitsu (KS2 & Year 2)

Friday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 8.00am Rugby Club (KS2)

SUMMER 2025	
Starts	Tuesday 22 April
Half-term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May
Ends (1.00pm)	Tuesday 22 July
INSET DAY	Monday 30 June
Bank Hols	Monday 5 May

Please remember that any of these dates may alter because of changing circumstances.
 On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.

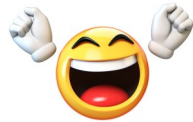
NOTICES

Attendance for the week

DIAMOND CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Tuesday 6 May in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	93.8%
Sapphire	95.5%
Diamond	97.8%
Emerald	96.0%
Overall	95.8%



Reducing Smartphone Use in Childhood

Please read the email sent to you today 'Reducing Smartphone Use in Childhood' letter from a group of Enfield schools, with the support of Enfield Council.

This letter explains that, from September 2025, Primary School aged children will not be allowed to bring a smartphone to school, and that the new cohort of students joining Year 7 at Secondary School will not be allowed to bring a smartphone to school for the duration of their studies from Years 7-11.

We also ask that you delay allowing your child to have a smartphone at all until they are aged 14 or older, and to delay access to social media until they are 16.

Spare School Uniform Shop

Nearly new school uniform shop run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents.

Any items required please send a text message to 07985 467 033, stating the item you require and size.

You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name 'Donation to St. John's'

INFORMATION

Absent Procedures

Please may we remind parents/carers of the following if your child is absent.

- Please telephone or email the school office on the morning your child is absent.
- On the return of your child's absence a letter with an explanation needs to be brought into school or you can email the school with the reasons.
- If your child is absent for more than 3 days then we do require medical evidence, otherwise this will be an unauthorised absence.

Breakfast Club

- Starts at 8.00am (please do not bring children any earlier, they will not be allowed in)
- Please ring the Breakfast Club bell
- If you require breakfast for your child, please ensure you are at school by 8.10am
- Breakfast Club account should always be in credit (either weekly, monthly or termly) £4.00 per day
- Any changes to the days your child is attending, please leave a message on the Breakfast Club line.
- If you would like to join Breakfast Club, please collect a form from the school office

School Uniform

This can be purchased from Smiths Schoolwear, 223 Baker Street, EN1 3LA.

Nursery Admissions Sept 2025

- Complete our supplementary forms, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary forms to the school office as soon as possible.
- Full time places available

Ruby Class – A term of Growth

What a radiant start to the summer term! Ruby Class have been absolutely thriving in the sunshine, and we are so grateful to the Heaviside's for continuing to share their beautiful field with us. The children have loved exploring and discovering flowers, plants, minibeasts, and all kinds of wildlife. Inspired by *The Tree* by Neal Layton, we've been reflecting on how we can be good stewards of creation—learning how to share our world with all of God's creatures.

This week, we simply could not choose just one child for our class award—because every single member of Ruby Class has demonstrated kindness, goodness, and justice in their friendships and play. To celebrate their wonderful achievements, we enjoyed a special treat: a water fight in the sunshine! There were squeals of joy, big smiles, and plenty of splashes—it was the perfect way to celebrate the love and laughter they bring each day.

In maths, Reception have been confidently writing number sentences using the minus sign and working hard to sequence numbers all the way up to 50. Nursery have been enjoying games that help them order numbers to ten, showing brilliant teamwork and problem-solving.

Both Reception and Nursery have been crafting some amazing sentences to talk about our story *The Tree*. Yesterday, they worked beautifully together in our sentence scramble team-building activity in the playground—it was a joy to see so much collaboration and creativity in action.

Inspired by the story, our home corner has been transformed into a vibrant Builder's Yard, alive with measuring, fixing, mending, and creative construction. The children have fully embraced their roles as builders, planners, and site managers—working collaboratively, drawing up plans, and even creating a sign-up list to take turns using the ladder safely and fairly!

Next week, we'll receive a very special letter from a little girl who went to our school over a hundred years ago. We'll begin exploring what life was like for children in the past as part of our Past and Present topic. If you have any photos of family members from their childhood, or old toys, books or clothes we could carefully borrow, we would be so grateful. Wishing you all a sunny and restful bank holiday weekend—we'll see you on Tuesday!

Miss Kelleher, Ms Dall'Aglio & Mrs Dall'Aglio mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

SAPPHIRE CLASS

A promising start to the term, bringing our learning into focus as we prepare for the weeks ahead and the transition into a new year group.

English – We've begun exploring another enchanting tale, *The Magical Bed* by John Burningham. Through this story, we'll be applying and strengthening our writing skills by crafting inspiring pieces across a range of genres, including predictions, character and setting descriptions, narratives and more.

Maths – We began the term by consolidating our understanding of 2D and 3D shapes, focusing on their properties and exploring key mathematical terms such as vertices, edges, faces and curved or straight sides. Please continue practising on TT Rockstars, as it remains a vital tool for strengthening your child's maths skills.

Science – This half term, we will explore seasonal changes by observing the transformations across the four seasons. We will focus on describing the weather patterns associated with each season and how the length of the day changes throughout the year.

Religious Education – We are learning about why Jesus shared stories in the Bible, exploring the morals behind these parables and their significance in shaping Christian life and faith. The parable of the Sower, the Parable of the Good Samaritan, the Parable of the Lost Sheep.

PSHE - I can recognise the different members of my family and understand the unique relationships I have with each of them. I also know why it's important to share, cooperate and communicate with one another. Additionally, I am learning how to handle challenging situations or disagreements in a positive way by listening, understanding different perspectives and finding solutions together.

Geography – This half term, we're going on a global adventure! We're learning all about the seven continents and five oceans, discovering where they are on the map, what makes each one special and the fascinating animals that call these places home. From penguins in Antarctica to elephants in Africa, we're exploring the amazing diversity of life around the world while building our geography skills along the way!

May we be guide through this half term with curiosity, kindness and the strength to learn and grow in all that we do.

Ms Chebbi, Mrs. Hargate & Mrs. Hocyk asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS

Diamond Class have been on fire the past couple of weeks! We have jumped straight into the swing of things and have been having some fantastic discussions.

In Maths we started the term of looking at Roman Numerals which the children found fascinating and this week, we have revisited our understanding of money. Money is so important to learn about and we identified that it uses the skills of addition and subtraction to work out totals and change. We wanted to practise what shopping was like so on Wednesday we had a shop in Diamond Class where children were able to practise budgeting and giving change.

In English we have been learning the literacy device of personification which means describing an object as if it was a person. The children came up with some fantastic examples on how to describe the garden scene from our story!

In History, we have begun investigating the Ancient Maya civilisation. This week we found out the importance of cacao in their lifestyles and the impact that has had on the rest of the world! Did you know that due to their beliefs around cacao we now have chocolate today? We spoke about the journey to making chocolate and how the Ancient Maya used to have cacao.

Our topic in Science this half-term is Electricity. We have found out what it is and this week we have been learning about how we get electricity in our homes. We tried to make a potato light using zinc nails and copper coins but were unsuccessful (as Science sometimes is). We were able to set up an experiment using equipment and talk about what should have happened. The children were also coming up with suggestions as to what we could do better next time.

We had our final unofficial practise for our times tables this week. It was good to see lots of Year 4's has been practicing and have made progress. Please ensure you focus on these as the official check is not that far away (6th June 2025)!

MyMaths and TTR have been set as usual.

Have a lovely bank holiday weekend in the sunshine,

Miss Anderson & Miss Ozgen lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS

The children have been working really well on pieces of work linked to our book in English-The Story of Anne Frank. We have been focusing on writing informal letters and also character descriptions based around this brave and talented young girl. In our guided reading groups one group is focused on 'The Kernowland' series with the other based on the story 'Cogheart'. It is essential that all children do the required reading each evening as the discussions the following day are based around what has happened in the book, this is sometimes not happening and it starts to become tricky to catch-up.

In science we have been learning about our solar system and the various planets and other celestial bodies within our system. The children have produced some great paintings using a range of colours and already have a sound understanding of the key facts within this topic. In PSHE yesterday, we had an in-depth discussion about self-esteem and who has or who inspires them. You will be pleased to hear that many of the children spoke about their parents and how kind and caring they were and how the children would like to grow up like them.

With only one week to go until SATS it is really important that after the bank holiday weekend the children are back into the 'school routine' so that on the following week we have a hall full of children ready to do their best.

We hope you have a relaxing weekend and enjoy the sunshine.

Mr Law & Mr Pople joe.law@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk

St. John's C.E. Primary School

Academic Year 2025-2026

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- = School days
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Autumn Term: Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025
Half Term 27 October – 31 October
 Inset days Thursday 23 October, Friday 24 October Monday 3 November & Friday 28 November 2025

Spring Term: Monday 5 January 2026 – Friday 27 March 2026
Half Term 16 February - 20 February

Summer Term: Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026
Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May
 Inset day Monday 20 July 2026

St. John's C.E. Primary School Spare School Uniform Shop

St. John's Primary School are proud to launch our school uniform shop with the aim of: preserving resources, eliminating waste and reducing our carbon emissions – all contributing to a more sustainable school and world.

We can't make this work without you! You can help by making your school uniform purchases from our nearly new school uniform shop. You can also help by donating any St. John's School uniform.

- For purchases, simply send a text message to 07985 467 033.
- Just state the item you require and size.

You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name, Donation to St. John's. Simple.

All items are priced at only £2

Many items are brand new with tags, or nearly new; ready to be worn. Please enquire, it's quick, easy and can save you money.

Items in stock in various sizes:

PE Jacket / PE white polo / Blue School Jumper
Blue School Cardigan / Grey School Pinafore / Grey School Skirt
Grey School Trousers / St. John's Tie / St. John's Book Bag

The uniform shop is run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Proceeds from uniform sales will support St. John's School and pupils. We thank you for your continued support.



At
St John's Church
Strayfield Road
9:00am
Every 2nd Sunday of the Month

Come
And See



At
St Luke's Church
10:00am
Every First Sunday of the
Month

Come
And See



Enfield Town Schools' Partnership is in Tesco stores!

Collect a **blue token** from any register & cast your **vote** at one of the stores listed below

Enfield schools are in with the chance to **win up to £1,500** for much needed stationery supplies

Vote during the first week of April through to end June

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EN3 5UT

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Enfield DC
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Stationery for Schools

St John's Primary School Enfield are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise free donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment. By adding the extension to your devices or downloading our apps, it will help to donate to our fund.

You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-johns-primary-school-enfield/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you so much in advance

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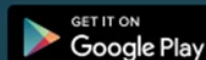
You shop, retailers donate towards our fundraising target. It won't cost you any extra.

How to sign up and help us hit our target

- ✓ Visit the link below or scan the QR code www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
- ✓ Search for us
- ✓ Your favourite retailers donate whenever you spend with them



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3,945 reviews on  Trustpilot



St John's book sale!

Please support St John's school by visiting the courtyard bookstall containing a wide selection of children's books for sale on **TUE 6TH - WED 7TH MAY.**

Cash on the day or via parentpay welcomed. Funds raised will support St John's school - pupils and staff. Thanks for your support and commitment to sustainability!

