

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



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

As we reflect on the very simple but very significant quote from the book of Isaiah, we cast our minds to this week being **Mental Health Awareness Week** and how relevant is this quote to supporting each other in our mental health and wellbeing. This week is an opportunity to ponder on the importance of mental health, to challenge stigmas, promote understanding and spread awareness. The Theme for this year is **"Discovering the power of community for mental health."** It is encouraging us to think very carefully about the role that we all play in looking after each other whether that is being kind, smiling at people, checking in on our friends, neighbours etc to see if they are ok or just simply being a good listener and taking the time for others in our lives.

This week our Year 6 pupils have been taking their SATs exams in the hall and we as teachers have been really supporting them as it can be a very anxious time for many pupils. I am delighted to say that all pupils approached all the exams with real determination and resilience, ensuring that they were going to do their very best. They have been an absolute credit to themselves, their parents and St. John's School – they certainly earned their very special breakfast that they were served every morning before they settled down to complete their exams! Today they enjoyed some quality mental health time at Hillyfields. Well done Year 6, we look forward to receiving your results in July.

Thank you to so many pupils who wrote down their suggestions about different fundraising ideas as we embark on our very first fundraiser activity for the ten sponsored pupils in Uganda. Pupils from both the School Council and the Eco-Committee voted on these ideas and agreed the fundraising activity would be as follows:

All members of staff to dress up in the school uniform and pupils come in their own clothes

Definitely feels like the staff drew the short straw here, we are really looking forward to sorting out our school uniform!

Please either donate £2 or bring in your £2 next Friday to support this very worthy cause.

I am looking forward to meeting with parents and extended members of the family at our very first Pentecost Service in St. John's Church next Wednesday at 2pm. Pentecost is the festival when Christians celebrate the gift of the Holy Spirit. It is celebrated on the Sunday fifty days after Easter. Pentecost is regarded as the birthday of the Christian church, and the start of the church's mission to the world. The Holy Spirit is the third part of the **Trinity** of Father, Son, and Holy Spirit that is the way Christians understand God. Pentecost is a happy festival. Ministers in church often wear robes with red in the design as a symbol of the flames in which the Holy Spirit came to earth. This will be a lovely celebration of what is special to St. John's School and St. John's Church.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

Best Wishes

Susan Notley

Date List for Summer Term 2025



MAY		
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 — please make a donation of £2 on ParentPay (Sponsored pupils in Uganda)	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 Tennis (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.

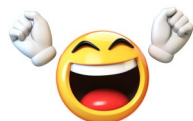
NOTICES

Attendance for the week

SAPPHIRE CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 19 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	98.8%
Sapphire	99.4%
Diamond	97.4%
Emerald	98.7%
Overall	98.6%



INFORMATION

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

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'

School Uniform

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

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.

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

Ruby Class have had a joyful few weeks, full of teamwork, sunshine, and shared discovery. Our learning has taken us back in time through the letters we've received from *Ethel*, a little girl who went to our school 100 years ago. The children have been fascinated by what life was like for someone their age—how children played, what they ate, how they travelled, and the stories they loved to hear.

At the same time, a surprise obsession with volcanoes has erupted in class! It began in the sand-pit and quickly made its way to the art table, where the children collaborated to build an impressive class volcano. We can't wait to see it in action! Their excitement has inspired some brilliant lava monster stories in Writing and Drawing Club, and the game has taken over the playground—especially with help from our fantastic Year 5 friends in Emerald Class, who made it all the more thrilling.

Ruby Bear continues to bring joy to our classroom. We were especially moved by Todd, who kindly used his pocket money to buy extra outfits—what a thoughtful and generous act! Our Ruby Bear circle times have sparked lovely conversations about friendship, kindness, and what it means to be a good friend.

In maths, the children have been pushing themselves with enthusiasm—determined not just to reach 50 (their dojo prize target!) but to count all the way to 100 and back again. Their motivation and growing confidence have been wonderful to see.

We're now eagerly anticipating our trip to **Willows Farm**. After exploring the farm's website together, the children have already picked out some favourite animals they hope to meet. Sharing the experience with Sapphire Class makes it even more meaningful—we treasure our time with them, whether it's dancing in the Sunshine Room or playing together outside.

With just one week left of Summer 1, we're making the most of every moment. Ruby Class continues to shine with curiosity, kindness, and laughter—and we plan on keeping it that way!

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

We're already nearing halfway the final term of the academic year, which seems to have flown by—filled with joy, accomplishments and countless memorable moments.

English - The children continue to impress with their outstanding writing skills, showcasing creative and ambitious vocabulary. We've been exploring imaginative narrative writing, centred around Georgie's adventurous journeys on his magical bed. Our Year 2s have skilfully used fronted adverbials with accurate punctuation, crafted compound sentences and confidently applied a wide range of brilliant writing techniques.

Maths - We've been revisiting and deepening our understanding of measurement, focusing on units of time and money. Please continue to support your child's learning at home to help them become more confident and accurate in this area of maths. Mastering times tables remains essential for meeting the expected standard by the end of KSI.

Science - We've been learning all about animal diets, including herbivores, carnivores and omnivores. The children have enjoyed exploring what different animals eat and how their diets help them survive in their habitats. Watching nature documentaries and discussing what pets eat are great ways to spark curiosity and encourage a deeper interest in the natural world around us.

Religious Education - We are learning about why Jesus told stories in the Bible, focusing on the lessons and values within these parables and how they help shape Christian beliefs and ways of living. We've explored the Parable of the Sower, the Good Samaritan and the Lost Sheep.

PSHE - I can recognise the different members of my family and understand the unique relationships I share with them. I know the importance of sharing, cooperating and communicating.

Geography - we're embarking on an exciting global adventure! We'll explore the seven continents and five oceans, uncovering their unique features, locations and the incredible animals that inhabit them. From penguins in Antarctica to elephants in Africa, we'll dive into the wonders of the natural world while sharpening our geography skills!

May we be guided through this half term with curiosity, compassion and the determination to learn, grow and succeed in all that we do.

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

DIAMOND CLASS

Nearly another half term gone! The time is definitely flying by very quickly! Speaking of time, Diamond Class have been revisiting time in maths over the last two weeks particularly looking at converting analogue to digital times (12-hour to 24-hour). We began to look at time word problems where we discovered that we couldn't use the column method to calculate the answer. Instead, we have been practicing using a number line which the children have grasped well.

In English, we finished writing a beautiful narrative inspired by the book we are reading, *The Lion and The Unicorn*. This piece was about a child who was evacuated from war and sent to live in the countryside. He didn't like living there and some children were mean to him, so he decided to run away back to his home in the middle of the night. I have been very impressed with lots of children's writing, and they are showing great progress in using lots of grammatical features that we have discussed.

In History, we have been loving learning about the Ancient Maya. This week we focused on some of the things they invented and compared them to their beliefs. Did you know that the Ancient Maya discovered rubber, farming and the number zero? Learning about these famous groups of people is really fascinating!

In Science, we have jumped into the field of physics learning about electricity. We've learnt about where electricity comes from and how electricity flows around a circuit. This week we looked at conductors and insulators and whether some every day materials such as a penny, a rock or a paperclip.

MyMaths and Times Tables have been set as usual please ensure they are completed before next Friday.

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

EMERALD CLASS

A huge well done to all of the year 6 children who successfully completed their SATS this week. They displayed excellent focus and resilience in everything they were faced with and we look forward with bated breath for the results at the beginning of July. Also thank you to all of the year 5 children who have been extremely supportive this week. To further celebrate the completion of this, the year 6 will be having a booster/SATS lunch on Tuesday which I know they always look forward to.

As I write this, I am preparing for our morning of fun in Hillyfields; hopefully it will warm up a little bit. This weekend there will be no MyMaths homework but both Mrs Notley's and my group will have guided reading to complete and I would also like a page completed in their mental maths books.

Our main focus now for the next few weeks is writing, as the year 6 children's work is being externally moderated by the Local Authority. On the whole they are great writers but just need to polish up on a few areas of their work.

I hope you have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend.

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






St. John's C.E. Primary School

Academic Year 2025-2026

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	= School days		= School holidays		= Bank holidays
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Autumn Term:	Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025 <i>Half Term 27 October – 31 October</i> 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 <i>Half Term 16 February - 20 February</i>
Summer Term:	Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026 <i>Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May</i> 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



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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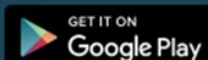
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