

FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



ROCKSTEADY—WOULD YOUR CHILD LIKE TO BE PART OF A BAND?

Your child can learn to play an instrument in their very own band with no experience necessary! Guided by inspirational musicians, children learn songs they love in a fun and supportive in-school group setting. This is open to pupils from 4 – 11 years old and will run during school time on a Monday afternoon. Leaflets went home today following the performance at school. If you would like your child to participate in this activity, please ensure that you have made your payment to the company not the school by the 18th April as the first session starts on the 28th April.

On behalf of the entire St. John's School community I would like to thank Mr. Shil for all his hard work and commitment that he has given during his time as a Parent Governor at St. John's School. He has been extremely supportive in developing the various IT projects alongside online safety both in school and in running many workshops for parents. I am really grateful that Mr. Shil will continue to run the very popular Jujitsu Club where many pupils have excelled, impacting both behaviour and attitude towards learning.

There is now a vacancy for a Parent Governor position and if any parent would be interested in applying for this key role as part of our very successful Governing Body, please come and speak to me after Easter. The closing date will be the 2nd May.

Thank you to everyone for their support in raising a total of £1,400 for the protected spring in Uganda and in doing so making such a difference to the lives of many families. We are now about to embark on our fourth big project in our endless commitment to supporting the invaluable work of the Bridge of Hope Charity at St. John's School.

Our next project is very similar to our first project where we sponsored both Vanessa and Rogers until they were able to provide for themselves. The next project is as follows:

The Bridge of Hope Charity provide bursaries to the children that cannot afford to pay any school fees at the BOH School; this includes their Uniform, Sportswear and a Sweater. Many of these children are orphans living with elderly grandparents or a widowed or sick parent. We never turn children away due to lack of fees. A Bursary for one-year costs £54 per child and the uniforms cost £16 per child, totalling £70 per child per year. Although all the uniforms will not need replacing yearly we have many children who need help to buy a uniform. St. John's School will be supporting ten children and therefore, St. John's would need to raise £700 per year. We will commence our fundraising in the Summer Term with the first event taking place on the 23rd May after the pupils from both the School Council and the Eco-Committee have decided on the theme of this event. Below is a photograph of the ten beautiful children that we are going to sponsor.

I am delighted to welcome both Rosemary and Kate from the Bridge of Hope Charity to come in and speak to us at the Celebration Assembly on the 25th April, parents are very welcome to attend.

Have an enjoyable and relaxing Easter break.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Notley





Date List for Summer Term 2025

APRIL		
22/4	Start of the Summer Term	8.45am
23/4	St. Georges' Day Celebration Lunch	
28/4	After School Clubs start	3pm
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
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	
24/26	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	
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

After School Clubs—commencing Monday 28 April

Breakfast Club Dates

Monday

8.00am Breakfast Club

Tuesday

8.00am Breakfast Club

Wednesday

8.00am Breakfast Club
During school Keyboard
During school Recorder

Thursday

8.00am Breakfast Club

Friday

8.00am Breakfast Club

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

Ruby CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Tuesday 22 April in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	97.5%
Sapphire	95.5%
Diamond	91.1%
Emerald	92.0%
Overall	94.0%



Summer After School Clubs

The list of After School Clubs were sent out to parents on Friday 28 March.

You will have received an email from the school office letting you know if your child can attend.

These will be put on ParentPay during the Easter holidays.

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'

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

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.

Ruby Class – A term of Growth

As we reach the end of the spring term, we reflect on what a truly wonderful and transformative time it has been. It has been a joy to welcome Nursery full-time and to witness the incredible impact of socialising with our older children. Reception have embraced the responsibility of being fantastic role models, and in turn, they have flourished—growing into engaged, focused learners who are morphing before our eyes into soon-to-be KS1 children. With just one term left of Reception, we can hardly believe how quickly the time has flown!

This term has been rich with adventure—whether exploring numbers and writing with growing confidence, venturing out on memorable trips, or engaging in meaningful reflections on faith and community. Every step of the way, the children have embraced new challenges with enthusiasm, curiosity, and joy. From our Easter Experience trip to watching the wonders of metamorphosis unfold in our classroom, these special moments have been full of discovery. The children have risen to every challenge with enthusiasm, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

Looking ahead to the summer term, we plan to hit the ground running! There will be even more opportunities for outdoor learning as we develop our school gardens, celebrate our individuality and community, and strengthen our independence in preparation for the exciting challenge of Sapphire Class. This journey continues to be a communal effort between school and home, and we are so grateful for your support in helping each child shine. We look forward to working together in the coming term. For now, rest well over Easter, enjoy precious family time – we wish you many moments of peace and joy.

Have a wonderful Easter break.

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

A heartfelt thank you to our dear parents and children for making our termly CW so special, as always. Your continued involvement and support truly mean the world to us!

English – We wrapped up with a beautiful piece of skilful and creative writing on a recipe for a happy home, reflecting the values and emotions the children wrote about—love, kindness, patience and joy.

Maths – In math, the children explored measurements of mass, weight, time and temperature, showing their usual eagerness to learn. We explored various measuring tools and learned about both digital and analogue measurements, with the children showing great enthusiasm throughout.

Science – By the end of this unit, we have identified and named a variety of common wild and garden plants, including deciduous and evergreen trees. It has been a wonderful opportunity to connect with nature and appreciate the beauty of God's creation all around us, allowing us to truly marvel at the wonders that surround us.

Religious Education - The children learned about the symbols of Easter and how they connect us to the true meaning of the season. Through this, they discovered how Easter celebrates hope, love and new beginnings from God's sacrifice and resurrection. Their deep reflection in preparation for this holy season was evident in the passion shown during CW.

PSHE - We focused on living a healthy lifestyle and making positive choices, including eating nutritious foods, staying active, getting enough rest and caring for our mental and emotional well-being. These practices all contributed to building strength, happiness and resilience.

History – We explored Florence Nightingale's life and achievements, learning how she revolutionised healthcare during the Crimean War with her focus on hygiene and patient care. The children developed skills by writing diary entries and practising factual recall to deepen their understanding of her impact. We also emphasised the importance of celebrating and commemorating the achievements of significant people in history, teaching the children how such role models set positive examples for us all.

May this holy season fill your heart with peace, hope and renewal!

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

DIAMOND CLASS

What great weather to end the week on! We thoroughly enjoyed our trip to Hillyfields yesterday in the sunshine, looking for invertebrates, to finalise our science topic for this half term.

I am very pleased with the assessment results from this week. The children have worked very hard to read the questions carefully and even used some of our techniques to help them! Please can you ensure your child (both Year 3 and 4) spends some time over Easter practising their times tables. For Year 4, we will be having our final unofficial practice after the holidays, and I really want to see an improvement in their scores. For Year 3, practise is still important as it is still a challenge for many children in our maths lessons.

We have had a great debate about the use of Whitewebbs land as part of our Geography topic on Settlements. We were debating whether Tottenham Hotspur should turn Whitewebbs Golf Course into football pitches or not. If you live locally, it would be great if you could go to the golf course over the holidays so the children can see the impact of their decision in reality.

Please do have a good rest over the holidays and enjoy the sunshine, should it hopefully continue!

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

EMERALD CLASS

Another term completed and I was especially pleased this week marking the children's current assessments as they truly reflect the hard work and progress that every child is making. Over the Easter break everybody needs to rest, recharge and enjoy themselves so that they are ready to come back to school for the challenges that lay ahead in the summer term. Please remember SATS week starts for year 6 on Monday May 12th so the weeks after Easter are crucial for last-minute preparations.

In art the children have produced some excellent paintings based on Frida Kahlo, there are many talented artists in Emerald class. In science we completed our topic based on living things, planting our baby spider plants and seeing whether or not we could take a cutting from a plant/tree to see whether they would grow any roots. Our caterpillars have grown enormous, but unfortunately have not yet transformed into cocoons and butterflies so they will be heading home with myself and I will keep a photo diary so the children can see the transformation on their return to school.

In terms of homework, there will be no MyMaths to complete. The children just need to work on a page of their mental maths book and my guided reading group need to finish Necropolis and complete a page review of the book.

I wish everybody a lovely Easter break and let's hope the sun keeps shining.

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
- = weekends
- = Inset Day

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



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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

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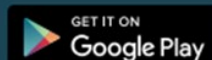
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SPRING BRINGS HOPE FOR '25

Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry

Invite you to their Coffee Morning and Spring Fayre

Saturday 5TH April 10:30^{AM} to 12:30^{PM}

Enfield Baptist Church, Cecil Road, Enfield Town EN2 GTG

Bring family and friends

Enjoy coffee and delicious cakes, browse our stalls of new gifts,
preserves and hand knitted toys

Contact Lynn Murphy 01992 G22727 or Joan Young 01707 872857



www.bohcm.org
info@bohcm.org
Charity Registration No. 1126408

If you have any new items, cakes or preserves you would
like to donate please bring them on the morning

CARING FOR CHILDREN IN JESUS' NAME

ST JOHN & ST LUKE

✠
CLAY HILL

Clay Hill

Quiz Night

St Luke's Church

Phipps Hatch Lane, EN2 0HL

Saturday 26 April 2025

6.30 for 7.00pm start

Tickets £10

Tickets from Elaine Plumb

020 8482 4309

Tables of up to eight

or come along and make up a table

Bring your own drinks and nibbles

Bridging the Gap

Dear Friends of BOHCM

Welcome to the March edition of "Bridging the Gap". We hope you enjoy this latest update and seeing how your donations, prayers or volunteer hours are making such a difference to so many children in Uganda. We are deeply grateful for your faithful support.

Children's Village (CV)

After a long journey from the UK to Rukungiri it was wonderful for our team of four to be greeted by the children who are always so excited to see us. Or possibly it was the 32 pineapples that we bought for them on route! This warm welcome is also extended to us by the House Mothers & Aunts and we were especially pleased to meet Emily, the newly appointed Floating House Aunt. Following a staff meeting later in the week we identified various repairs and needs for the CV. A former sponsored child who is now a carpenter came and expertly repaired beds, chairs and mosquito frames whilst the team purchased the required bedding that needed replacing.

The children were eager to tell us what a good time they had celebrating Christmas and appreciated the special meals, cake and new items of clothing that they proudly wore to the church services. The older children had made beautiful Christmas tree decorations from unwanted colourful plastic, plus the trees to hang them on. During our visit the children enjoyed a wide range of activities, many involving glue, glitter and stickers. They also learned how to play cricket and enjoyed endless games of football, with the grand finale on our last day of egg & spoon races, sack races and lots of balloons. Even the teenagers wanted to join in with this fun and laughter. An emergency visit was then arranged to a home where there was a very unwell mother and a young child. After discussion with the local authority it was decided that he would be safer at the CV. Of course he was welcomed with open arms by everyone and within a few days was settling in well.



Sponsored Children

The annual letter writing with 140 children and their guardians was successfully completed. Letters were safely delivered to the children and with the help of a translator they all wrote to their sponsors. Prior to our visit eleven young people had completed their Vocational Training and received a Start-Up-Package as a Graduation gift. These tools are selected according to the specific skills they have learned. It is so encouraging to know that these young people will now have a positive future. We also personally presented a sewing machine to another student who had successfully completed her Tailoring course.



This year we have 22 students commencing Vocational Training and we are sure their sponsors are pleased to see the amazing progress they are making.

A further 49 children are attending Secondary School – which is a great achievement for BOHCM – and we hope to continue to afford and manage the high increases in School fees. During the following weeks we undertook many home visits to assess more children to sponsor. These home visits are always very challenging and we never underestimate the impact on the team of seeing hungry and malnourished children, elderly or sick guardians whilst also experiencing the sense of despair that hangs over these homes. We truly thank our Almighty God that BOHCM can bring real hope into these situations and we can act immediately. One woman fell to her knees as we arrived and said “Now I truly believe that Jesus has come to my home”.

Bridge of Hope Nursery & Primary School

We are so proud of the Primary 7 students and all the BOHCM teachers as their exam results were excellent again this year. The reputation of the school is held in high esteem by the District Education Department and the parents and guardians really appreciate their childrens’ progress.



We continue to provide bursaries, uniforms and scholastic materials to those children who cannot afford to attend school and we subsidise all the needs of the other children from Nursery through Primary School. This ensures they all receive an educational opportunity and a free school meal every day.



News

The Bible Based Holiday Club was held on two sites and the theme was "The Prodigal Son". Every child had the opportunity to join in and they were eager to present their age appropriate dramas and songs to us on the final day. It was a very lively and colourful afternoon and concluded with all the children receiving biscuits and sweets as a special treat.



The Youth Sports Programme runs weekly and encourages children to develop their skills and confidence. Hillary, the leader of the programme who is a sports teacher, is focused on including all children in sports activities and the sessions are always well attended.



Opening ceremony for the new Protected Spring

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

- Coffee Morning & Spring Fayre – 5th April
 - BOHCM Quiz Night – 31st May at EBC
 - Barn Dance – 27th September at EBC
 - Coffee Morning & Craft Fayre – 18th October
- Full details will be available prior to each event.

He was especially delighted to receive some new sports equipment and some kit from the UK. Even the very young children are encouraged to come along and play games with the Volunteers.

The Protected Spring Programme continues to provide life-saving clean water to communities. A family in the UK had funded a Protected Spring in memory of a loved one and a representative attended the opening ceremony. The community were so grateful for this gift and told us how they had been praying for clean water. We also identified and agreed another site and work is almost complete on this second facility.

Former Sponsored children: it was a wonderful surprise to hear that a group of Former Sponsored BOHCM children had arranged to meet and keep in touch with each other to share ideas, support each other and find ways to help other children in the community.

Clothes & Shoes are so valuable for the children and families and we really appreciate the many donated items. **Our next Clothing Collection is on 18th October 2025.**

Thank you once again for your faithful support, we pray you have a Blessed & Happy Easter.

Prayer points

- Give thanks for the safety of the recent team visit
- Give thanks for God's faithful provision to the BOHCM Programmes
- Pray for the staff in Uganda that they can continue to meet the many challenges
- Pray for all our work to honour our Lord Jesus

Psalm 68:19
Praise be to the Lord,
to God our Saviour,
who daily bears our burdens.



North Enfield Cricket Club is looking for children from school years 1 to 6 to join our juniors for the upcoming 2025 season!



We are a family friendly cricket club, where children can grow their love for the game and do so whilst being supported by passionate coaches!

Wednesday nights from 23rd April to the end of the school term!

With teams competing in the Hertfordshire Junior Cricket League, your children can gain match experience and we also hold regular social events for you to get to know the NECC community better!

If you're interested, contact Nick Munt on 07930 644783 or juniors@northernfieldcricketclub.com