

# FORTNIGHTLY NEWSLETTER HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



## **Climate Justice & Discipleship - a contemplative journey into action**

Throughout the period of Lent, the Diocese of London is encouraging us all to reflect and contemplate practices to explore climate justice and our individual and communal responses. This is a great opportunity for any parents during the period of Lent for you to reflect deeply on five significant moments in Jesus' life and ministry.

**When:** Tuesdays, 7:30-8:30 pm

**Where:** Online

**Dates and Themes:**

11th March – Humility, *hosted by Bishop Sarah*

18th March – Solidarity, *hosted by Bishop Anderson*

25th March – Example, *hosted by Bishop Emma*

1st April – Accountability, *hosted by Bishop Joanne*

8th April – Hope, *hosted by Bishop Lusa*

*“And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God.” – Micah 6:8*

We too at St. John's School will be exploring together throughout our time in Collective Worship how we need to respond to climate justice and discipleship within our school, in our community and beyond. As we take this journey together, we will be thinking about how we might encounter Christ through the creation, how we can pursue justice from within, and try to convert our fearful reactions into a loving response.

Throughout this time, we also remember that it is the period of Ramadan as well. This is observed by Muslims worldwide as a month of fasting, prayer, reflection, and community. We remember our Muslim families at this time, along with Ms. Chebbi who is currently fasting.

Please take the time to look at the class sessions that we are running over the next few weeks for both handwriting and maths. I look forward to seeing as many parents as possible at these very helpful events.

Have a lovely weekend, enjoying the sunshine!

Best wishes,

Susan Notley



# Date List for Spring Term 2025

DATE LIST FOR SPRING TERM 2025		
<b>MARCH</b>		
10/3	Handwriting session for parents of Ruby Class	9.00am
13/3	Handwriting session for parents of Sapphire Class	9.00am
18/3	Maths session for parents of Year 3 pupils	9.00am
18/3	Easter Experience—Ruby Class	11.30am
18/3	Easter Experience—Sapphire Class	1.30pm
18/3	Great Debate for Yr.5 & Yr. 6 pupils	4.00pm— 6.00pm
19/3	Maths session for parents of Year 6 pupils	9.00am
20/3	Easter Experience—Emerald Class	1.30pm
21/3	Easter Experience—Diamond Class	1.30pm
25/3	Maths session for parents of Year 4 pupils	9.00am
26/3	Maths session for parents of Year 5 pupils	9.00am
26/3	Final Swimming Session for Diamond Class	
26/3	Easter Concert for EYFS & KS1 in St. John's Church	2.00pm
28/3	Mother's Day Tea Party for all mothers, aunties and grandmas in Ruby Class	2.00pm
31/3	After School Clubs finish for the Spring Term	
31/3	Collective Worship for parents of Emerald Class in the school hall	9.00am
<b>APRIL</b>		
1/4	Collective Worship for parents of Diamond Class in the school hall	9.00am
2/4	Collective Worship for parents of Sapphire Class in the school hall	9.00am
2/4	Easter Concert for KS2 in St. John's Church – Bishop Anderson attending with Stephen Taylor	2.00pm
3/4	Sushi making workshop for all pupils	
3/4	Collective Worship for EYFS parents in Ruby Class	9.00am
4/4	Finish for the Easter holidays Reception Class to be collected at 12.45pm Sapphire Class to be collected at 12.50pm Diamond Class to be collected at 12.55pm Emerald Class to be collected at 1pm	
22/4	Start of the Summer Term	8.45am



# After School Clubs & Breakfast Club Agenda

## After School Clubs & Breakfast Club Dates

### 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 Tennis 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)

## St. John's Questionnaire

Please complete the questionnaire if you were unable to at the Parents' Evening.

### Instructions

- ◆ On your mobile phone
- ◆ Open the camera application.
- ◆ Point the camera at the QR code.
- ◆ Wait for the notification or prompt
- ◆ Tap the notification or prompt to open the questionnaire.



SPRING	2025
Starts	Tuesday 7 January
Half-term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 4 April
INSET DAY	Monday 6 January

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

**EMERALD CLASS** have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 10 March 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	92.3%
Diamond	96.3%
Emerald	98.0%
Overall	96.0%



## Protected Spring Uganda

Thank you to all parents/carers for your very generous donations towards the Protected Spring in Uganda.

We have now reached our target of £1,400.



## Sport's News

The netball team played their first matches on Tuesday evening in the high 5 tournament at Enfield County. After a slow start the team performed admirably in their first match losing against St. Andrew's 4-2 but with increased confidence performed really well in their second game winning convincingly 4-0. Thank you to all the parents who transported and supported the team. The player of the match was Ellie-Rose for her continuous energy and sharpness in the centre of the court.

## 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.

## 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'

## 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** What a fantastic week we've had in Ruby Class! It's been a whirlwind of creativity, exploration, and joyful learning.

The highlight of our week was celebrating World Book Day — the children looked amazing in their costumes, and we had so much fun making our own books and sharing our favourite stories. Inspired by the sunny weather, we took our learning outside, working together to clean and rearrange the Sunshine Room. The children showed great teamwork and imagination as they planned a new layout to make the most of our outdoor space.

We've been closely observing the signs of spring, learning how to care for the insects we've spotted, and singing songs about planting seeds. The children planted their own seed pots and helped turn over the soil in our garden — we're all excited to see how our garden display will bloom soon!

In maths, we've been consolidating our understanding of numbers by playing doubles games and starting to explore odd and even numbers. It's been wonderful to see the children's confidence grow as they apply their number knowledge in playful and practical ways.

Our reading groups have also ventured outside this week, taking advantage of the beautiful weather, and we continue to see great progress in the children's reading skills. A highlight earlier in the week was making fruit kebabs after reading *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* — it feels like such a long time ago already!

We also enjoyed Pancake Day with some deliciously decorated pancakes and some very funny songs. The Ash Wednesday service at St. John's Church was a peaceful and reflective moment — the children sat beautifully and made us so proud. They are a credit to Ruby Class and to our school.

A huge thank you to all parents for attending the recent parents' meetings. Your support is so valuable in helping us work together to achieve the best for your children.

Looking ahead, we're excited for the upcoming handwriting session next week — we warmly invite parents to join us and see how we support writing development in Ruby Class.

Wishing you all a restful weekend.

Miss Kelleher, Ms Dall'Aglio & Mrs Dall'Aglio [mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

**SAPPHIRE CLASS** Welcome back to the second half of Spring term! With brighter weather ahead, let's embrace this season of hope, growth and renewal.

**English** – The Comet - The story this time is about Nyla, a little girl who moved from living by the seaside with her dad to the hustle and bustle of city life, where she created her own magical world to fill the space she had long missed. In this unit, the focus is on the art of descriptive writing, creating captivating posters, crafting expressive poems and telling engaging narratives painting vivid pictures with words.

**Maths** – We are consolidating and advancing the four core operational math skills—addition, subtraction, multiplication and division by using advanced strategies and exploring new methods. This approach will deepen understanding, boost problem-solving skills and help to apply these concepts with improved efficiency and mastery.

**Science** – In this unit, we will identify and name a variety of common wild and garden plants, including both deciduous and evergreen trees. This is the perfect time to explore and appreciate the beauty of God's creation all around us. Let's take this opportunity to connect with nature and admire the wonders that surround us!

**Religious Education** - In this unit, we'll explore why saints are important to Christians. Saints are role models of faith, showing how to live like Jesus. Christians believe saints can pray for them and guide them. Through feast days, saints' lives inspire believers to grow closer to God and live with purpose. This ties into our value of living as a nurturing community at St. John's, where we support and uplift one another in faith and love.

**PSHE** - In this unit, we'll focus on healthy living and making positive choices. This includes eating nutritious foods, staying active, getting rest and taking care of our mental and emotional well-being leading to strength, happiness and resilience.

**History** – We are learning about Florence Nightingale and her achievements. She transformed healthcare with her focus on hygiene and patient care, especially during the Crimean War. Her work laid the foundation for modern nursing and continues to inspire healthcare today.

**A blessed Lent season to all and Ramadan Mubarak to our Muslim community!**

**May this time be filled with reflection, peace and spiritual growth.**

Ms Chebbi, Mrs. Hargate & Mrs. Hocyk [asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## DIAMOND CLASS

Thank you to all parents who attended Parents' Evening, it was lovely to be able to discuss your child's progress and answer any questions. Please do use the resources I provided and tips to help your child meet their target I have set. As always please do not hesitate to get in touch if needed.

In Maths we have been looking at adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator and then looking to find fractions of an amount. An underlying theme here was number bonds and reading each question carefully. When finding a fraction of an amount, the denominator tells us how many groups we have in total not the number in each group.

In English, we have continued our research on tea to prepare us for writing our non-chronological report next week. The children have learnt lots of grammatical features such as prepositions and different sentences which I will be looking to see in their writing.

In Geography, we are looking at Settlements. We have started to investigate the how land is used in our school's local area using Ordnance Survey (OS) maps. You can do this for the area you live using a map online. The children have been looking to find what type of land use (commercial, residential, agricultural, recreational or transport) is the most popular in our local area. What is the most popular where you live?

In Computing, we have been looking at collaborating online together through the Microsoft Software. Please could you give your child an opportunity to have a go at touch typing (using the correct fingers on a keyboard) as they are currently only using their index fingers, and this is taking them a long time. BBC bitesize or Typing Club are free websites that teach this, and the children love them!

You may find your child wants to watch Finding Nemo this weekend! We watched the beginning clip as we were looking at animal groups yesterday in Science (birds, fish, amphibians, reptiles and mammals). We were discussing what fish eggs look like and why some animal groups produce more than 1 young. This clip was excellent for showing this.

MyMaths and Times Tables have been set as usual,  
Have a lovely weekend in the sunshine!

Miss Anderson & Miss Ozgen [lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## EMERALD CLASS

In English this week we have been looking at the story of Beowulf. The children have created some bloodthirsty diary entries through the eyes of Grendel. The use of descriptive language was excellent and it certainly scared me!! In maths we have been consolidating our long division and multiplication strategies and have also looked at using decimals with multiplication and division. The children have worked well on this.

Our geography topic this half-term is Uganda; we have looked at the characteristics and key facts of our sponsor country including it is one of the countries in the world that has the largest amount of different land animals.

In art we have been looking at Frida Kahlo and how inspirational she was. The children drew some fantastic portraits and next lesson we will look at creating these with paints. It was great seeing everybody at parents' evening, please remember to make sure your children are doing all of their homework as we are in a crucial time of the year, especially for year 6.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend.

Mr Law & Mr Pople [joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:joe.law@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

# St. John's C.E. Primary School

## Academic Year 2025-2026

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  = Inset Day

**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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

Come  
And See



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

Come  
And See

ENFIELD MUSIC SERVICE Parents are now able to renew and book music lessons and activities for Summer 2025 from the Music Store: <https://traded.enfield.gov.uk/musicstore>



MUSIC  
LESSONS  
FOR  
SUMMER  
2025



Book by Sunday 9th March



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!

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Thank you so much in advance

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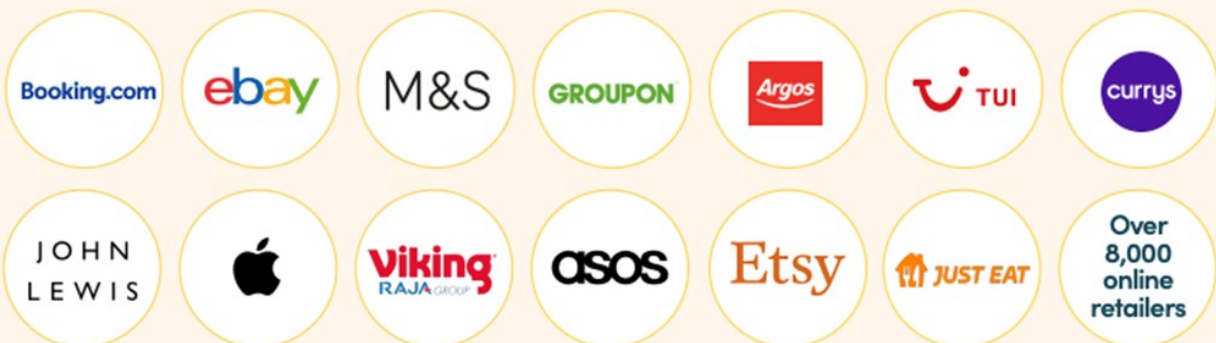
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# SPRING BRINGS HOPE FOR '25

## Bridge of Hope Children's Ministry

Invite you to their Coffee Morning and Spring Fayre

**Saturday 5<sup>TH</sup> April 10:30<sup>AM</sup> to 12:30<sup>PM</sup>**

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



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like to donate please bring them on the morning

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