

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



'You are my God; in you I trust' Psalm 91

This week in collective worship we have been thinking about feeling safe. We thought about how we feel safe and protected and what this feels like. We discussed that when we feel safe it gives us peace, comfort and reassurance and in particular to know that God is always with us. Together we explored the messages in Psalm 91 where God promises to protect, care for, and be with those who stay close to Him. Living well in God's world, means trusting in Him as our safe place—even when life feels scary or uncertain. It even describes God's protection like being under the wings of a bird, safe and tucked in. But this doesn't mean that life will always be easy. Even when things go wrong, or when we feel worried or sad, God promises to stay with us. He's always there, like a shelter in the storm. When we choose to stay close to God—by praying, listening to Him, and remembering His love—we can feel His peace and strength. That helps us to live well.

We also talked about our prayer area - the reflective comfy place that we have created close to our Reception Area. Children are very welcome to use this space if they need some time out to reflect or maybe to write a prayer to God about something that maybe worrying them. This place is a very safe place for all children, time out can really help children to have time in a safe place to have a little think. We have had some really thoughtful reflections and prayers from pupils which is showing us that this space is really valued by all children.

I am really delighted to inform you that Ms. Dallaglio has been awarded a Foundation Degree with Commendation having followed an approved programme in Early Years. This year Ms. Dallaglio is completing her final degree year at the University of Hertfordshire, we wish her every success and look forward to a very pleasing outcome in July. On the 22nd October Ms. Dallaglio will be attending her Graduation Ceremony with her family to celebrate this very special milestone in her career. It is certainly true to say that not only do my pupils demonstrate excellent endurance so too do my staff and this being one shining example of continuing with professional studies whilst working and supporting her family. A true testament to Ms Dallaglio's desire to be a teacher in the Early Years Foundation Stage one day.



Congratulations to Ms Dallaglio!

Thank you to everyone who has supported our annual Christmas Box appeal, we are going to extend this to next Monday the 10th November as we want to ensure that as many children as possible have something special to open on Christmas morning.

Next week will be our Parents' Evening meetings, we are aiming for 100% attendance, so please make sure that you have booked your appointment on line or in some cases extra appointments if you have been invited to meet with either Mrs. Notley regarding SEND or Mrs. Gatward regarding pastoral or indeed both! We will be running a questionnaire during this time and would really value your feedback so please do take a moment to complete this.

I look forward to seeing you all at our annual Remembrance Service on Wednesday the 12th November at 2.15pm where pupils from Emerald Class will be leading the service and pupils in our Art Club have made a beautiful poppy wreath for this very significant time in the history of our country.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Notley

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



Open Morning Tuesday 11 November at 9.00am

Are you a Parent or a Carer with a child starting in either Nursery or Reception in September 2026 and beyond?

**Come and see St. John's C.E. Primary School in action during our Open Morning on
Tuesday 11th November 2025 at 9.00am**

We are a small school with a maximum of 17 pupils with a Teacher and a Teaching Assistant in Reception Class.

We are offering Nursery places for 30 hours a week.

Easy transition from Nursery to Reception (places currently available in Nursery) your child will stay in the same classroom with the same staff

Supported group work provided for all pupils which enables all pupils to make excellent progress – last year our results were above the national average and we are currently in the top 2% of schools in the country.

Excellent extra-curricular activities including a Breakfast Club daily – excellent feedback from our recent Ofsted inspection on the 20th July 2022

Please contact our school office on 020 8363 4709 to book your place for the Open Morning or visit our website www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk for further information.

Parents' Evenings

Please start making arrangements for your children to be looked after when you attend your child's Parents meeting with the teacher, week commencing 10 November 2025.

This also applies to appointments when school finishes at 3.10pm. No child will be able to stay in school, unless they are in an After School Club, as there will be no staff available to look after them.

If your appointment is at 4pm, and your child attends an After School Club, then arrangements need to be made for someone to pick them up.

Flu Vaccinations/Spray Monday 10 November

E-CONSENT FORM - pupils from Reception to Year 6. If you haven't already completed the E-Consent form, whether you want your child to have the vaccination or not, please do so. An email was sent on 17 September.

<https://ncl.schoolvaccination.uk/flu/2025/enfield>

Flu can be very unpleasant for children and can sometimes cause serious problems, such as pneumonia. Children can catch and spread flu easily. Vaccinating them also helps protect others who are at higher risk of getting seriously ill from flu, such as babies and older people.

The School Immunisation team will be coming into the school to deliver the vaccine on Monday 10 November. Please be aware that children can NOT receive this vaccination with their GP unless they are clinically vulnerable.

Dates List for Autumn Term 2025

NOVEMBER		
Monday 10	Catriona's Writing Competition begins	
Monday 10	Flu Immunisations for Reception to Year 6	
Tuesday 11	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.00am
Tuesday 11	Parents' Evening	
Wednesday 12	Remembrance Service at St. John's Church	2.15pm
Wednesday 12	Parents' Evening	
Thursday 20	Ruby Class Storytime Session for parents	2.30pm
Friday 28	INSET DAY—School Closed	

DECEMBER		
Thursday 4	Online Safety meeting for parents	2.30pm
Wednesday 10	Nativity for Ruby Class – parents & carers are invited to attend	
Friday 12	Wrap making workshop for all pupils	
Monday 15	Rocksteady Concert for parents of child who attend this club	
Monday 15	Collective Worship led by Emerald Class – parents & carers are invited to attend	9.00am
Tuesday 16	Collective Worship led by Diamond Class – parents & carers are invited to attend	9.00am
Wednesday 17	Collective Worship led by Sapphire Class – parents & carers are invited to attend	9.00am
Wednesday 17	Carol Concert at St. John's Church for KS1 & KS2	2.15pm
Thursday 18	Collective Worship led by Ruby Class – parents & carers are invited to attend	9.00am
Thursday 18	Christmas Lunch	
Thursday 18	Class parties	P.M.
Friday 19	Final Celebration Assembly for 2025	9.00am
Friday 19	END OF AUTUMN TERM - School Closes at 1.00pm Ruby Class Collection time is 12.45pm Sapphire Class Collection time is 12.50pm Diamond Class Collection time is 12.55pm Emerald Class Collection time is 1.00pm	

Please remember that any of these dates may alter because of changing circumstances.

On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.

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)
- 3.00-4.00pm Jiu-Jitsu (KS2 & Year 2)

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 (Reception & 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)

Friday

- 8.00am Breakfast Club
- 8.00am Rugby Club (KS2)

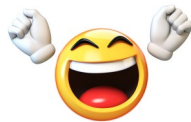
NOTICES

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 10 November in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	82.5%
Sapphire	100%
Diamond	95.45%
Emerald	90%
Overall	92%



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'

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.

INFORMATION

School Dinners

This is a reminder that Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are all receiving & entitled to UIFSM (Universal Infant Free School Meals) & KS2 (Year 3, 4, 5 & 6) are receiving free school meals as the Mayor of London has given schools some funds towards this.

Nursery do have to pay for school dinners at £3.74, so please ensure that your ParentPay school dinner account is in credit.

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

- 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

What a wonderful start to Autumn 2 we've had in Ruby Class! The children have loved exploring the beautiful wordless story *Journey* by Aaron Becker as part of our work towards **Catriona's Writing Award**.

We've transformed the Rainbow Room into an **enchanted forest**, inspired by the magical adventure in the story, and even created our own **junk-model castles** just like the one in the book. The children have been captivated by the **magic of the red pen**, using it to spark their imaginations and open the door to new worlds in their drawings and storytelling.

We've also been learning about **Remembrance Day**, talking about the meaning of the **poppies** we see around us and showing great thoughtfulness and respect in our discussions.

In **Maths**, we've been building on our counting, sorting and pattern-making skills, exploring numbers in lots of hands-on and playful ways. The children are growing in confidence every day and showing fantastic curiosity and teamwork in all that they do.

We're looking forward to another half term full of creativity, imagination and learning together! ✨

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS We have made a fantastic start to the second half of the Autumn term! The children are full of enthusiasm and have been working incredibly hard showing our school values in all that they do.

English – We are exploring the *wordless picture book Journey* by Aaron Becker, allowing our imaginations to run vast and wild just like the girl in the story. Through this, we are developing our writing skills by learning to use creative and expressive language in poetry, setting descriptions and imaginative writing. This work is also a **tribute to Catriona's memory** as we prepare to enter a writing competition. The children are discovering how words can be used to convey feelings, imagination and adventure.

Maths – We are continuing to strengthen our understanding of the **four main mathematical operations** focusing particularly on **multiplication and division**. The children are using practical strategies, reasoning skills and problem-solving approaches to deepen their mathematical understanding and confidence.

RE – The children are exploring **pilgrimage** and what it means for Christians, reflecting on the spiritual and physical journey and whether all believers should undertake one. They are also exploring the **Incarnation** and how the Christian message is communicated in both **sacred and secular contexts**: through art, music and modern advertising, while considering the impact of commercialisation. Throughout these units, the children are developing their skills in **knowing, interpreting, expressing and reflecting**, thinking carefully about how faith is experienced and shared in the modern-day world.

History – Our focus is **How Am I Making History?** The children are exploring their own lives and experiences to understand how everyday actions, choices and events contribute to the story of their own history. They are developing a sense of chronology and reflecting on how personal history links to the wider world.

Science – We are focusing on **Everyday Materials**. The children are exploring the properties and uses of different materials, experimenting with how they can be changed for specific purposes. Hands-on activities are helping them develop observation, recording and reasoning skills while understanding the world around them.

*Dear God,
Thank You for the gift of love and the joy we share.
Help us to be kind, caring, and thoughtful to everyone around us.
Guide us as we learn, grow and do our best each day.
Amen*

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

DIAMOND CLASS

Autumn 2 already? How the time is flying!

I hope you had a lovely, restful half-term. It has been lovely to have Diamond Class back again and it is clear that routines are now embedded and the children are all now settled and comfortable. We are in the perfect space for great learning! In Maths we have begun to look at area; counting squares to measure how much space an 2D object takes up. In English, we have been looking at a wordless book called Journey, and the children have been writing fantastic setting descriptions and diary entries about the girl's adventures in the forest.

In Geography, we have begun to look at the layers of the Earth, we got to eat a layered cake that showed each layer clearly for the children. Next week, we will be looking at mountain ranges around the world and tectonic plates. Nicely linked to Geography is Science, this half term we will be looking at rocks. We are investigating how rocks are formed and the different types of rocks. In PSHE, we have started our unit on Celebrating Differences, we started today by drawing a portrait of who is in our family and discussed why each member is special to us.

In RE we are exploring the **Season of Advent** and the **Feast of Epiphany** to reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. The children are **reflecting on the Incarnation**, the significance of Jesus' birth for Christians and how Advent is a time of preparation and Epiphany celebrating the impact of this event. They are reflecting on how belonging to the Christian community can shape the way Christmas is celebrated as we continue to develop skills in **knowing, interpreting, expressing and reflecting** on the Christian message of 'The coming of the Kingdom.'

MyMaths and Times Tables Rockstars has been set as normal, please ensure this is completed. I look forward to meeting with you at Parents' Evening next week.

Have a great weekend,

Miss Anderson lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS

After a lovely long half-term we have hit the ground running in Emerald class and have completed some great learning this week. In English we have started to look at our book Journey, which we are using as the stimulus for Catriona's writing. We have been focusing on the use of adverbial phrases alongside a main clause and subordinate clauses to create complex sentences which are punctuated accurately.

In maths we have been looking mainly at decimals-ordering and rounding them to the nearest whole number and decimal places. Some children have also looked at the relationship between decimals and fractions up to thousandths. In science, we started our new topic based on light-we created a 3D model to prove that light travels in straight lines. A number of children will be reading in church at the Remembrance Service on Wednesday, please can you make sure they read over their words so they will be confident reading them in church.

During our RE lessons the children are exploring **pilgrimage** and what it means for Christians, reflecting on the **spiritual** and physical journey and whether all believers should undertake one. They are also exploring the **Incarnation** and how the Christian message is communicated in both **sacred and secular contexts**: through art, music and modern advertising, while considering the impact of commercialisation. Throughout these units, the children are developing their skills in **knowing, interpreting, expressing and reflecting**, thinking carefully about how faith is experienced and shared in the modern-day world.

We hope you have a relaxing weekend and I am looking forward to catching up with you all at our parents' evenings next Tuesday and Wednesday.

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
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