

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



'I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.' Psalm 25:9

On behalf of everyone at St. John's School, we would like to wish you a very happy, healthy and safe New Year. Thank you to parents for your extremely generous gifts and best wishes for the festive season – we are still working our way through the chocolate treats in the staffroom!

I would like to welcome two new members of staff to St. John's School: Mrs. Patel who is the trainee teacher replacing Mrs Qayum for this half-term and Mrs. Stamatakis who has been appointed as the Teaching Assistant to replace Mrs. Hocky.

Throughout collective worship this week we explored together the meaning of the Epiphany. We celebrated this ancient Christian feast day by using the golden cloth on our special worship table and talked about other times that we would use this golden cloth. Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. It also celebrates Jesus' birth. The Western church began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4th century where it was, and still is, associated with the visit of the magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus. According to Matthew 2:11 they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Our value for this half-term is: **Endurance - 'I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.' Psalm 25:9**

Together we explored what endurance means and what it may look like in St. John's School and in our lives in general. We also thought about people in our world who have shown true endurance and through this the great things that they have achieved. The pupils listed many people who have displayed endurance such as Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela, Malala Yousafzai – not to mention mums, dads, teachers, governors, Mother Mitzi and many more special people in our entire school community.

Please note that all clubs will start again next week. Please email the school office to check that there is still availability in the club that you wish to book your child into. Our aim is that every club is full throughout this term so that all pupils are maximising the benefits of the excellent range of clubs that are on offer for all pupils across the school. **Throughout last term we had several pupils being collected late from clubs, please remember if you collect your child late from a club there will be a charge as the school is having to pay staff to stay longer to supervise these pupils who are being collected late. Please refer to the Late Collection Policy on the website- your co-operation in this matter is really appreciated.**

Could I please urge you to take a moment to look at the dates list for this term and we have also published our holiday dates for 2026/27, extending the October half-term if anyone is thinking of booking holidays for next year, this is an excellent opportunity to avail of cheaper costs. If you are interested in finding out more about Rocksteady, you are very welcome to attend a taster session on the 13th February at 9am. Our school bands are going from strength to strength and would really recommend this to any parent whose child is interested in music. Please don't hesitate to talk to me about this if you would like to find out more information as your child can join a band at any time within the school year. Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Notley



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NHS
North Middlesex
University Hospital
NHS Trust

Early Years Speech & Language Service



Are you worried about your child's talking?

Would you like to discuss this with someone?

Please call us on **020 4553 7784** - we have a range of options we can offer you



IF YOU DO NOT SPEAK ENGLISH PLEASE ASK SOMEONE TO CALL FOR YOU AND BRING SOMEONE WITH YOU TO HELP.

CAN YOU HELP US TO KEEP ST JOHN'S CHURCH OPEN?

St John's church has cracks!

As these are in the porch area, if we don't get them fixed we will have to close the church building. The cost of the repair work is estimated to be at least £18,000 (plus VAT)

We know times are very difficult, but

any small financial help you can support us with will be really appreciated and help to ensure that our church buildings remain open for the community as well as our school.

If anyone is in a position to donate please do so **ON PARENTPAY** OR at:

Bank: Metro Bank plc:

Bank Account Name: PCC of St John and St Luke Clay Hill

Sort Code: 23-05-80 Account Number: 31851777 Ref: St John's (school)

THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Mthr Mitzi and all at St John's and Clay Hill Parish

KEEP ST. JOHN'S CHURCH OPEN

A very big thank you to parents who have already donated to help raise funds for St. John's Church.

At St. John's C.E. Primary School we have donated £500 to support our church.

Reception Admissions 2026

- If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, you will be applying for them to start Reception Class in a primary school for September 2026.
- Apply online with Enfield Council Admissions —www.eadmissions.org.uk
- Complete our supplementary form, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary form to the school office as soon as possible.
- The closing date for on time applications is 15 January 2026.
- **If your child attends our Nursery Class now, you still need to apply online and fill in one of our supplementary forms.**

Dates List for Spring Term 2026

JANUARY		
Monday 12	After School Clubs start	
Monday 26	Pathways Assembly—parents are welcome to join	9.00am
FEBRUARY		
Monday 9	Safer Internet Week for all pupils	
Wednesday 11	Safer Internet week at 2.30pm in the library for all parents	2.30pm
Friday 13	Rocksteady Concert for parents and pupils	8.55am
Friday 13	Eucharist Service in St. John’s Church for Diamond & Emerald Class—parents are welcome to attend	2.15pm
Monday 16 February— Friday 20 February HALF-TERM		
MARCH		
Tuesday 3	Parents’ Evening	
Wednesday 3	Parents’ Evening	
Thursday 5	World Book Day School Lunch	
Friday 6	Our Voice Coffee Morning for parents of neuro-diverse children	9.30am
Thursday 12	Mother’s Day Tea Party—Ruby Class	2.00pm
Monday 16	Pathways Assembly—parents are welcome to join	9.00am
Wednesday 18	Easter Concert in St. John’s Church for Ruby and Sapphire Class—parents are welcome to attend	2.15pm
Friday 20	Healthy Eating Workshop for all pupils / NO Celebration Assembly	
Friday 20	After School Clubs finish for the Spring Term 2026	
Wednesday 25	Easter Concert in St. John’s Church for KS2—parents are welcome to attend	2.15pm
Friday 27	End of Spring Term—school closed 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	
APRIL		
Monday 13	Start of Summer Term	8.40am

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)

SPRING TERM 2026

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please ensure that payments are made before your child's After School Club starts.

If payment is not made, your place will be cancelled.

Support Our School Through easyfundraising!

Did you know you can help raise money for St John's *without spending anything extra*? By signing up to **easyfundraising**, every time you shop online with your favourite retailers, a small donation is made to our school. It's completely free to use and takes just a couple of minutes to set up.

Please register using this link - just click sign up -

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause/step-1/?char=370813&invite=8wrl27&referral-campaign=c2s&utm_campaign=web-referral

There's no catch or hidden charges and we will be really grateful for your donations.

These donations really do make a difference. The more people who join, the more we can support school projects, resources, and experiences for all our children.

So far, we have raised **£490**, a BIG thank you to our 22 supporters (staff and parents)!

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 12 January in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	95.0%
Sapphire	97.7%
Diamond	92.1%
Emerald	96.0%
Overall	95.02%



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

Happy New Year! We've started 2026 with bundles of enthusiasm, and it's been wonderful to see how delighted the children were to be back together. The room has been full of lively play and imagination, especially during our hairdresser role play adventures, complete with queues, payments, and some impressive barber skills.

This week we've also been learning about Storm Goretti and exploring the features of large storms. The children listened carefully to recordings of thunder and then recreated the sounds using musical instruments — a noisy but exciting experience.

Our snow dance on Tuesday must have worked, because we were thrilled to head outside and enjoy the real snowfall. Even in the cold, once we're wrapped up, we absolutely love spending time outdoors. Our brand new sandpit, beautifully built for us by Mr Glendenning, has already become a treasure hunting hotspot filled with diggers and imaginative play.

As we look ahead to the new school term, we'd like to gently remind parents that daily reading at home is one of the most effective ways to support your child's growing confidence across all areas of school life. We're excited for a busy and joyful term ahead!

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

We are delighted to welcome everyone back to a new half term, a new year. The children have returned with such enthusiasm and confidence for learning. This half term, we will be busy developing key skills across the curriculum through exciting and meaningful learning opportunities.

In **English**, pupils will be developing their writing skills using the book *I Want My Hat Back* by **Jon Klassen**. They will explore the story's characters, humour and repeated patterns, helping them to build **vocabulary**, improve **sentence structure** and practise using clear sentences in their own writing. Children will work on retelling events, describing characters and experimenting with simple dialogue, supporting both spoken and written language development.

In **Maths**, pupils will be focusing on **addition and subtraction**. They will practise counting, adding and subtracting numbers using practical resources, number lines and visual methods. Pupils will be encouraged to explain their thinking, solve simple problems and build confidence in choosing the correct operation, helping to strengthen their number sense and reasoning skills.

In **Science**, pupils will be discovering **living things**. They will learn to identify different types of living things, explore what makes something alive and begin to group and classify plants and animals. Through observation and discussion, pupils will learn about basic needs such as food, water and shelter - developing curiosity about the natural world around them.

In **RE**, pupils will explore the question "What responsibility has God given people about taking care of creation?" They will learn about **Creation** in the Old Testament and discuss what it means for Christians to believe that God is the **Creator**. Pupils will explore the idea of being made in **God's image** and what it means to be a **steward**, learning how Christians believe they should care for people, animals and the environment. Through reflection activities focused on *Caring for Creation*, pupils will consider how Christians might follow God's instructions and how we can all look after the world around us. Throughout the unit, pupils will develop skills in **knowing, interpreting, expressing and reflecting**.

Dear God,

Thank you for our children and the joy of learning together. Please bless Sapphire class as they grow in kindness, curiosity, and confidence. Help us to care for one another and for your world each day.

Amen.

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

DIAMOND CLASS Diamond Class have had a brilliant start to the term, diving into lots of exciting new learning. In English, we began the week by *'digging up'* mysterious artefacts that gave us clues about our new text. The children were fascinated by what they discovered, and this led beautifully into writing rich setting descriptions of the ancient city of Pompeii.

In Maths, we have started exploring methods for column multiplication. This has been a challenge for some children, especially where times tables still feel wobbly, but everyone has shown great determination, and we will continue to build confidence step by step. **Children in Year 4 will be completing their second practice Multiplication Check next Monday, so please ensure plenty of times table practice over the weekend.**

In Science, we have been investigating light sources and reflectors. The children were amazed to learn that the Moon doesn't make its own light at all—we only see it because the Sun's light reflects off its surface and into our eyes. In Art, creativity has taken centre stage as we continue our junk modelling project. This week, the children experimented with ways to join materials *without* using glue, and they came up with some wonderfully inventive solutions. Please continue to send in any spare cardboard from home.

Over the next six weeks, Diamond class will explore the question *"Who is Jesus?"* by learning about the core Christian belief of the **Incarnation** and the message of the **Gospel**. Pupils will learn how Jesus described himself using symbolism, with a particular focus on the seven **"I Am" statements** and what they mean to Christians, including ideas of **truth, hope, eternal life, resurrection** and Jesus' identity. Key religious vocabulary such as **metaphor** and **Incarnation** will be introduced to help pupils interpret these teachings. Through reflection activities beginning with *"I am..."*, pupils will connect Jesus' statements to their own lives, considering how these messages may be relevant today. Throughout the unit, pupils will develop skills in **knowing, interpreting, expressing and reflecting**, deepening both their religious understanding and personal reflection.

MyMaths and Times Tables homework have both been set and are due every Friday—let's see how many weeks we can achieve 100% completion for both. **Finally, please ensure that reading tasks (sentence work and comprehension questions) are being completed.**

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Anderson lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS We have hit the ground running in Emerald class as we have a lot to cover over the next few months to ensure the year 6 children are as well prepared as possible for their SATS in May. In maths we have been focusing on division, especially long division methods and then applying this to problem solving questions. In English we have started our new book *Paradise Sands* and used the pictures at the beginning to test our inference skills and develop our own opening to the story. The children used some great examples of figurative language and were proud of what they produced.

In Art we are looking at self-portraits. The children drew a portrait of themselves and then traced over this, using words that were linked to and describe them. Some of the results were fantastic. Our science topic for this half-term is electrical circuits, we focused on looking at the uses and dangers of electricity this week. Over the next six sessions, we will explore the question *"What does it mean to be a Buddhist?"* by learning how Buddhists express meaning and understand questions of **purpose and truth**. We will investigate how Buddhists live their lives through their faith, focusing on the **Four Noble Truths**, the **Eightfold Path**, the **Five Precepts** and important Buddhist **symbols**. Pupils will learn about key concepts such as **Dukkha, Karma, Samsara, Nirvana** and the role of the **Sangha** as the Buddhist community, as well as the meaning of **Dharma** as ultimate truth. Through reflection activities such as *"Breaking the cycle"*, we will consider ideas about freedom, the purpose of life and breaking free from harmful patterns. Throughout the unit, pupils will develop skills in **knowing, interpreting, expressing and reflecting**, enabling them to express religious, ethical and spiritual ideas in a variety of ways.

Please remember that I am running year 6 booster sessions every Wednesday morning at 8am. It is really important that your child attends these as we really focus on the challenging aspects of the curriculum. We hope you have a relaxing weekend and keep warm. **Mr Law & Mr Pople**

St. John's C.E. Primary School

Academic Year 2025-2026

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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

St. John's C.E. Primary School

Academic Year 2026-2027

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INSET DAYS

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Term	Dates	Half term	Break
Autumn term	Wednesday 2 September to Friday 18 December 2026	Monday 26 to Friday 30 October 2026	Christmas break Monday 21 December 2026 to Friday 1 January 2027
Spring term	Monday 4 January to Thursday 25 March 2027	Monday 15 to Friday 19 February 2027	Easter break Friday 26 March to Friday 9 April 2027 Good Friday bank holiday 26 March 2027 Easter Monday bank holiday 29
Summer term	Monday 12 April to Thursday 22 July 2027	Monday 31 May to Friday 4 June 2027	Summer break Friday 23 July 2027

Inset Days

- 21 October 2026
- 22 October 2026

- 23 October 2026
- 2 November 2026
- 27 November 2026