

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



How does the risen Jesus bring life and hope to the world today?

At a time of great uncertainty and turmoil in our world, we explored together in our collective worship this week how the risen Jesus can bring life and hope to our world today. We talked about how Jesus showed His disciples that He had risen from the dead and was alive again. We learned from John's Gospel that Thomas didn't believe that Jesus was alive until he could see the wounds from Jesus's crucifixion on Jesus's body. Jesus showed Thomas His wound and then said, "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believe." When things are difficult for us we can remember that Jesus showed us the importance of prayer and for us to remember that Jesus always hears our prayers. Together we talked about things that may be difficult for us and how we can help each other as that is what Jesus would want to see. At a time when this world does not have enough optimism, it was so lovely to celebrate together the historic Artemis II Astronauts recent lunar fly by spanning over ten days.

All classes have looked at News Talk to highlight the significant recent historic lunar fly-by where four astronauts even witnessed a total solar eclipse from their spacecraft! How amazing is this! Commander Reid Wiseman remarked that the Orion Spacecraft crew, "saw sights that no human has ever seen." We were all delighted to witness their safe return to planet Earth whilst being inspired about what mankind can achieve.

As we embark on our final term for this academic year, it is really important that all parents are supporting their children at home with daily reading, spelling and maths to ensure that every child reaches their full potential by the end of this year and is well prepared for their next transition in September. If we can support in any way please talk to the senior managers at the gate in the morning, and remember you are always very welcome to come in and see any teaching that may support you in helping your child.

Please take a moment to check the dates as we are always adding new dates to this list, a key one being that Mrs. Gatward will be running a meeting for all parents on the 21st May at 2.15pm regarding PSHE with a specific emphasis on SRE resources for every class. Mr Law will also be holding a meeting for parents of Emerald Class who will be participating in the Manor Adventure trip on the 1st June, this will take place at 2.15pm on the 14th May. We will also be running our very successful Transition Programme again this year where every year group will move up to their new class that they will be in come September. This will start on the 29th June for mornings only until the 16th July, and hopefully every child will break for the summer term feeling very comfortable with the changes that will take place in September.

Our next fundraising activity for the ten children that we sponsor in Uganda will be taking place on the 22nd May, please encourage your child to submit their idea in the box that is located in the dining hall. A notice will have gone out about the Bridge of Hope Charity requesting T-shirts for all age groups, please make every effort to support this as we are collecting the T-shirts for this. Also, a quick reminder that their **Spring Coffee Morning with Stalls** is this coming **Saturday 18th April, 10.30am at Enfield Baptist Church. Please do try to support this worthy cause.**

Hopefully you will get to enjoy some well-deserved sunshine this weekend.

Best wishes,

Susan Notley

Headteacher

RUBY CLASS

What a wonderful start to the Summer term we've had in Ruby Class! Our first topic, *Celebrating Ourselves*, has sparked some lovely conversations as we explore what makes each of us unique and special. We've been enjoying the story *My Shadow Is Pink*, which has helped us talk about feelings, individuality and being proud of who we are.

We have also loved learning about the Hindu festival of **Vishu**, thanks to Gopika, who shared her knowledge and helped us understand how this special celebration marks new beginnings. With the sunshine making a welcome appearance, we're very excited to spend more time learning and playing outdoors, making the most of our space and the season ahead.

We are also incredibly proud of the progress the children are making in phonics – a recent visit from the schools advisor highlighted that our Reception group is making **exceptional progress**, which is something to celebrate! The children should feel very proud of their hard work, enthusiasm and growing confidence.

What a fantastic start to summer!

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

Sapphire Class have returned from the Easter break exceptionally well. The children have settled quickly back into routines and continue to approach their learning with enthusiasm and positivity.

English – Writing Over the coming weeks, our writing focus will be based on *Jim and the Beanstalk* by Raymond Briggs. The children will be developing their writing skills through prediction, storytelling and narrative development. They will also explore writing dialogue, learning how to use speech marks accurately.

How you can help at home: Encourage your child to retell the story or create their own version. You could ask them to predict what might happen next or help them write a short conversation between characters using speech marks.

Maths We are focusing on statistics. The children will learn how to collect and represent data using tally charts, block diagrams and pictograms, as well as interpret what the data shows. Following this, we will move on to learning about money, fractions and time.

How you can help at home: Ask your child to collect simple data at home (e.g. favourite fruit or toys) and create a tally chart or pictogram. You could also practise recognising coins and telling the time throughout the day.

Religious Education (RE) Our focus in RE is *The Lord's Prayer*. We will be exploring its meaning, values and teachings, and discussing how these can guide the way we live and treat others.

How you can help at home: Talk to your child about kindness, forgiveness and making good choices. You could also read or reflect on a simple version of The Lord's Prayer together.

Science - Habitats and Microhabitats Children will be learning about different habitats and microhabitats, and how living things depend on their environment to survive. They will explore how different conditions affect plants and animals.

How you can help at home: Go on a short walk or explore your garden to look for microhabitats (e.g. under logs or stones). Talk about what living things you find and why they live there.

*Dear God,
Help us learn, try our best and be kind to others.
Amen.*

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

EMERALD CLASS

I hope everybody has had a great Easter break and not too much chocolate. We have certainly hit the ground running with all our new topics in different subjects. In history we are looking at the local area, in art we are looking at art installations, our science focus is living things and their habitats and in maths we have been looking at ratio to name but a few.

In English we have been looking at the book 'The Lost Happy Endings' by Carol Ann Duffy and Jane Ray. The children have already produced some very pleasing short pieces of writing based around dialogue and letter writing which has been very satisfying. Please make sure that your child keeps up with their guided reading and completes all of the necessary comprehension work as this week a few children have been a little slow getting back into the routine.

Over the next few weeks it is also crucial that our attendance is as high as possible, as each day we are working towards the year 6 SATS starting on May 11th and the year 5 are working towards their end of year assessments. Also, please look out for the Manor Adventure meeting at 2:15pm on May 14th, it is really important for those children attending the trip that a parent/carer attends.

I hope you have a lovely relaxing weekend.

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

SPORTS NEWS

On the sporting front, the school netball team finished playing their games before the Easter holiday. Over the 3-week period their team play and tactics improved considerably and they finished in a midtable position highlighted by the table underneath.

Enfield County

	GP	W	D	L	GF	GA	GD	PTS
St George's	7	6	1	0	28	9	19	19
Chase Side	7	4	0	3	21	12	9	12
Worcesters	7	4	0	3	15	17	-2	12
St John's	7	3	1	3	15	13	2	10
One Degree	7	3	1	3	20	19	1	10
St Andrew's	7	2	3	2	17	12	5	9
St Michael's	7	3	0	4	12	15	-3	9
George Spicer	7	0	0	7	4	35	-31	0

Well done to all of the team members.

On Tuesday afternoon the school tag rugby team played in a borough tournament at Raglan. The whole squad played with energy and a good level of skill and again finished in a strong mid-table position. Thank you to all the parents who provided transport and great support. A huge well done to Elodie who was named our player of the tournament, an excellent achievement for a year 4 student. Below is the final table.

	GP	W	D	L	PF	PA	PD	PTS
Raglan 1	7	6	1	0	36	13	23	19
St Pauls	7	5	1	1	19	12	7	16
Eastfield	7	4	0	3	27	17	10	12
St Johns	7	3	2	2	39	29	10	11
St Andrews Enf	7	3	2	2	29	19	10	11
Walker	7	2	1	4	21	22	-1	7
Raglan 2	7	1	1	5	25	38	-13	4
Keys Meadow	7	0	0	7	3	49	-46	0

DIAMOND CLASS

The children have settled back into school beautifully after the Easter break and have quickly returned to their learning with great enthusiasm. In English, we have continued our work on *The Selfish Giant*. The children have now begun drafting their final piece for this unit: an alternative narrative inspired by the events in the story.

In Maths, we have continued our focus on statistics, looking closely at bar charts and line graphs. The children have been interpreting data, spotting patterns and beginning to think about how different types of graphs help us understand information clearly.

In Science, we launched our new unit on forces and magnets. The children learned that all movement requires a force, and that this can be either a push or a pull. To bring this to life, we experimented with balloon launchers — a definite highlight of the week, with lots of excitement and brilliant scientific thinking.

In Computing, we have revisited programming using Scratch. The children have been exploring sequences, sprites and simple algorithms. Scratch is freely available online, so children are welcome to tinker with the software at home to build confidence and creativity.

We are now getting very close to the Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check. Substantial daily practice on Times Tables Rock Stars is essential to help close any remaining gaps and build speed and accuracy. MyMaths and TTRS homework has been set as usual. Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Anderson & Ms Thomas lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

Religious Education

Diamond RE

What does it mean to be a Sikh?

In this unit, pupils explore the key beliefs and practices of Sikhism, focusing on what it means to live as a Sikh today. They learn about core ideas such as belief in one God, the teachings of Guru Nanak, and the importance of equality and service.

Children make links between Sikh teachings, including the Mool Mantar, and how these influence the actions of Sikhs. They also explore the lives of key Gurus, such as Guru Nanak and Guru Gobind Singh, and how their teachings are reflected in practices like langar and the Khalsa. The unit encourages pupils to reflect on important values such as equality, service and honest living, and to consider how these can be applied in their own lives and in the wider world.

Emerald RE

Unit 1: The Contemporary Anglican Church (Kingdom of God)

We'll explore what it means to worship within the Anglican Church and understand its global nature as a worldwide organisation. They learn about the structure of the Church, including key roles and communities, and reflect on the mission of the Church as the mission of Christ. The unit also introduces key Anglican principles such as faith, reason and tradition, encouraging pupils to consider the challenges the Church faces in modern society.

Unit 2: What can we learn from wisdom?

The children will explore the meaning and importance of wisdom, considering how it guides choices and behaviour. They will learn about concepts such as knowledge, morality and having a moral compass, and reflect on how wisdom can be developed. The unit encourages discussion around the relationship between wisdom and kindness, and whether one can exist without the other.

Online Safety Tip 5: 🧹 Spring clean your devices

As we move into spring, it's a great time to give our digital devices a "spring clean". Just like tidying bedrooms or organising school bags, looking after tablets, phones, laptops, and gaming devices helps keep children safe online and ensures everything runs smoothly.

Why Spring-cleaning devices matters:

A digital spring clean helps children:

- Stay safe by removing apps they no longer use
- Keep devices running quickly and smoothly
- Reduce the chance of seeing unwanted adverts or pop-ups
- Make sure privacy settings are up to date
- Understand that caring for devices is part of being a responsible digital citizen

A quick tidy can make a big difference!

What to Look For

What to check	Why it matters	Tip
Old apps or games	They may have adverts or unsafe chat features	Delete anything no longer used
Out of date software	Updates fix bugs and improve safety	Turn on automatic updates
Too many downloads or photos	Can slow down devices and cause glitches	Clear storage regularly
Permissions on apps	Some apps ask for access they don't need	Review permissions with an adult

Safe online rules for children

- Only download apps with an adult's permission
- Keep passwords private and strong
- Tell an adult if a device starts acting strangely
- Don't click on pop-ups or adverts
- Remember: if you don't use it, delete it

Building Healthy Online Habits

- Make device checks part of your monthly routine
- Talk about why updates and permissions matter
- Encourage children to organise their home screens and folders
- Review privacy settings together
- Remind children that looking after devices helps keep them safe online



Screen Time for Under 5s advice and guidance

Please see attached document.

Dear friends of BOHCM

A quick reminder that our **Spring Coffee Morning with Stalls** is this coming **Saturday 18th April, 10.30am** at **Enfield Baptist Church**.

T-Shirt Appeal

New or nearly new t-shirts needed for boys and girls of all ages in Uganda

We are delighted to say that our “**T-Shirt Appeal**” is already being supported and a big **Thank You** to everyone that has already given us some much needed T-Shirts for the children.

Be part of this Appeal and pop a T-Shirt into your shopping trolley knowing that a child will love it. The BOHCM team will ensure all these gifts will go to children who really need them and are happy to take T-Shirts from you at any time and will store them until they go to Uganda.

www.bohcm.org



CHURCH NEWS & EVENTS

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



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

**Come
And See**



At
St John's Church
Strayfield Road
9:00am
Every **2nd Sunday** of the Month

**Come
And See**

After School Clubs & Breakfast Club Agenda

Monday

- 8.00am Breakfast Club
- During the day Rocksteady (for pupils who have signed up)
- 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 Indoor/Outdoor Games (Recep, Sapphire Class & Year 3)

Wednesday

- 8.00am Breakfast Club
- During school Keyboard
- During school Recorder
- 3.00-4.00pm Multi Sports (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 Rounders Club (KS2)
- 3.00-4.00pm Activities Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)
- 3.00-4.00pm Chess Club (KS2)

Friday

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

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 £933, a BIG thank you to our 26 supporters (staff and parents)!

NOTICES

INFORMATION

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 20 April in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	98.8%
Sapphire	97.8%
Diamond	97.9%
Emerald	100%
Overall	98.6%



Reception 2026

Offers will have been made by Enfield Admissions if you selected St. John's for Reception September 2026. Please check your emails.

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.

School Dinners

This is a reminder that Reception, Year 1 & Year 2 are all receiving & entitled to UIFSM (Universal In-

fant 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

Dates List for Summer Term 2026

APRIL		
Tuesday 21	Stay and Play for Nursery pupils in September	1.15pm
MAY		
Monday 4	Bank Holiday	
Tuesday 5	Stay and Play for Reception pupils in September	1.15pm
Monday 11	SATs WEEK for Yr. 6 pupils	8.40am
Wednesday 13	Ascension Service in St. John's Church for Reception – Yr.6	2.15pm
Thursday 14	Manor Adventure meeting for Emerald Class parents	2.15pm
Saturday 16	May Fayre at St. Luke's Church	
Monday 18	Pathways assembly – parents welcome	9.00am
Thursday 21	Height and weight of Reception and Year 6 pupils	9.00am
	PSHE meeting - A chance to view the curriculum materials for SRE (for all year groups)	2.15pm
Friday 22	Fundraising event for The Bridge of Hope Charity	8.40am
Monday 25 to Friday 29 HALF-TERM		
JUNE		
Monday 1 to Friday 5	Manor Adventure Trip for pupils in Emerald Class	8.40am
Friday 5	NO Tag Rugby Club due to staff being on the Manor Adventure Trip	
Monday 8	Phonic screening test for Yr.1 pupils	
Monday 15	District Sports – Emerald Class	1.00pm
Thursday 18	Father's Day Box Car Derby	2.00pm
Friday 19	Class & Sports' Team photos	
Monday 22	Assessment Week across the school	
Tuesday 23	Meeting for Nursery parents regarding transition to Reception in September	2.30pm
Friday 26	Sushi Workshop for all classes	
Monday 29	Transition Week – mornings only for all classes	
Tuesday 30	Final swimming session	

Dates List for Summer Term 2026

JULY			
Monday 6	Transition Week – mornings only for all classes		
	Pathways assembly – parents welcome	8.55am	
Tuesday 7	Stem Project Fair for Year 5 pupils at Chase Community Secondary School	9.30am	
Wednesday 8	Summer Concert EYFS/ KS1	2.15pm	
Friday 10	Ruby Class to lead Collective Worship—parents welcome to attend	2.30pm	
Monday 13	Emerald Class to lead Collective Worship – parents welcome to attend	8.55am	
	Rocksteady Concert – parents welcome to attend	2.30pm	
Tuesday 14	Sapphire Class to lead Collective Worship – parents welcome to attend	8.55am	
Tuesday 14	Rounders match Year 6 and staff	3.10pm	
Wednesday 15	Graduation Concert for Ruby Class	9.00am	
	Eucharist Service for Emerald and Diamond Class – parents welcome to attend	11.00am	
	Summer Concert for KS2	2.15pm	
Thursday 16	Diamond Class to lead Collective Worship – parents welcome to attend	8.55am	
	Sports’ Day at Mr. & Mrs. Heaviside’s Field	1.00pm	
Friday 17	Leavers’ Service at St. John’s Church – whole school and parents	9.00am	
	End of Summer 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		

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

On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.

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Programme for Parents/Carers

Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities (SFSC)

is a 13-week inclusive evidence-based parenting programme for all parents and carers of children aged 0-18.

The programme will help parents/carers think about how their experiences, culture, upbringing, and family background have influenced their parenting style.

It will also help parents/carers answer some important parenting questions, such as:

- How do I build a better relationship with my child?
- How can I motivate my child to try their best at school?
- How do I encourage my teenager to make better decisions?
- How do I put boundaries in place with my child?
- How do I connect with the wider communities and services in my area?

Who is it for? All parents/carers

How long? 13 weeks - each week you attend a 3-hour session in person

When? Wednesdays, 15 April – 15 July 2026 (except 27 May) & Fridays, 17 Apr – 17 Jul 2026 (except 29 May)

What time? 9:45am – 12:45pm

Where? Wednesdays - Ponders End Family Hub, 141 South Street, EN3 4PX

Fridays – Craig Park Family Hub, 2 Lawrence Road, N18 2HN

Certificate Award Ceremony at end

How to Book? [Strengthening Families, Strengthening Communities Programme](#) or scan QR code



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