

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER HEADTEACHER'S NEWS



How does God help us to grow into the people He made us to be?

This week in collective worship we explored together what the above question means to us and how Jesus invites us to follow Him and promises to be with us as we grow and learn. I used the illustration of our spider plant as this is a key symbol at our school, every Year 6 pupil is presented with a spider plant to mark their new transition to secondary. We talked about the spider plant not growing all at once; it needs time, care, and the right conditions. People are a bit like that too – we don't grow all at once! Together we explored 2 Corinthians 13:11-13 where it talks about Christians believing God helps people grow through encouragement, peace, love, and togetherness. Growth doesn't happen alone, therefore, at St. John's School we work very closely with everyone in our whole school community so that every child has the best possible chance to reach their full potential but also to be a good living citizen displaying our six key values.

Thank you to all our parents and pupils for your very generous donations of both cakes and sweets for our most recent fundraising event for our ten special children in Uganda. This money supports all these children to be able to afford to attend school, so that we can really assist these children to reach their full potential. For many years now, we have been supporting the really significant work that the Bridge of Hope Charity has been carrying out in Uganda. So far we have raised £672.12 and we will hold our final cake sale today. Thank you to both Barbara and Geoff who are the founders of the "Bridge Of Hope Children's Ministry" supporting orphans in Uganda. To find out more go to www.bohcm.org.

This year we have been working very closely with Our Voice – a very supportive parents' group that is led by parents of neurodivergent children. Please take a moment to look at the extensive list of resources that are on our website under the SEND heading. We will be holding our final Our Voice session for parents on the 19th June at 9.30am so please do make the effort to come along as so many parents have really benefitted from these sessions.

Having had an excellent attendance score last week, we have really dropped this week across all the classes. Remember we have 100 pupils in the school, so if one child is absent that accounts for 1% which is very significant. With five weeks left, together let's make a really big effort to move our overall percentage of 94.3% to 95% which would be an excellent improvement from last year.

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

Best wishes

Mrs Susan Notley
Headteacher

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER



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 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**

SWIMMING DATES FOR DIAMOND CLASS Summer Term 2026 13 April 2026 - 29 June 2026

Week 8	W/C 15 June
Week 09	W/C 22 June
Week 10	W/C 29 June

EXTRA DATE TUESDAY 7 JULY

Class and Team photographs

As we are having our photographs on a Friday this year (Friday is P.E. day), please can pupils come to school in their school uniform and bring their P.E. kit with them to change into.

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 **£956**, a BIG thank you to our 22 supporters (staff and parents)!

NOTICES

INFORMATION

Attendance for the week

DIAMOND CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 15 June in recognition for their achievement this week for the most attendance this week

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	94.1%
Sapphire	92.6%
Diamond	94.5%
Emerald	94.1%
Overall	93.8%



Spare School Uniform

Next week all the lost property and donations of school uniform will be available at the school gate for parents to take.

In the future, there will be a box located outside the school to store any lost property.

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 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

Ruby Class have been having lots of fun inspired by *Hairy Maclary*, exploring silly rhymes and creating our own imaginative stories. A real highlight was building our very own “Scarface Claw” bike using junk modelling and a playground bike – it was wonderfully scary and chased us all around the playground to much excitement and laughter!

We’ve also been enjoying the unpredictable weather, collecting rain in different containers and watching carefully as they filled up. Our rain gauge has helped us measure how much rain has fallen, and we’ve noticed how it has helped our seedlings grow beautifully in Catriona’s garden – we are hoping for lots of broad beans very soon.

The children have worked extremely hard learning all the words and actions to our school vision statement song, and Mrs Notley was so impressed with their enthusiasm and confidence. We are really looking forward to our Father’s Day Box Car Derby next week. The children will begin making their box cars on Monday and are very excited to finish them with their father figures when they join us on Thursday.

We’ve also started chatting about our upcoming trip to Willows Farm with Sapphire – a lovely way to celebrate the end of the year, even if it feels like it’s come around very quickly!

Our Reception children continue to make us incredibly proud, confidently taking their phonics learning outside into the Sapphire area where others can see and hear their fantastic progress in reading and writing. Ruby Class bring so much joy, energy and hard work to our school community, and we are very proud of them all.

Miss Kelleher, Ms Dall’Aglio & Mrs Dall’Aglio mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk

DIAMOND CLASS

Firstly, I was so impressed with the feedback I received from all the staff that filled my absence last week! Every single member of Diamond Class shone like a star and did me so proud! It was a hard adjustment for me this week, coming back from Manor Adventure, but the children have been so wonderful.

Just like always, we have been super busy in all areas of the curriculum including fantastic letter writing in English and continued decimal work in Maths.

We’ve taken on the job of a worker bee and made our own hives in Science. We have been learning about the different roles that bees have, and we’ve even had some strange yet cool facts about them! The children have learnt about different foods found in the supermarket, which ties in nicely with our trip to Tesco’s next week where we will find out where certain foods come from.

A special shout out must go to the Year 4’s. That hard work most definitely paid off! From Autumn conversations like, “This is too hard!” or “Miss Anderson, this is just impossible!” to this week when everyone did me so proud and finished with beaming smiles on their faces. We’ve had a goal to beat the current Year 5 and 6 scores and we managed to beat 1 which was a big win for us!

Please remember next Tuesday is a busy one, with swimming before lunch and the trip to Tesco’s.

MyMaths and TTR (even for Year 4’s) has been set as usual.

Have a lovely weekend,

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

A huge well done to all of our Year 1 children for showing such courage, determination and resilience during their Phonics Screening Check. We are incredibly proud of the positive attitude they have shown and are hopeful for another fantastic set of results this year. This achievement reflects the children's hard work, the support from families and the dedication of the Sapphire Team.

English - We are reading *A Walk in London* by Salvatore Rubbino. The children are exploring famous London landmarks and using rich vocabulary to write setting descriptions and create informative posters.

How you can help at home: Talk about places you have visited and encourage your child to describe what they can see, hear and feel.

Maths - This month, children are learning about measurement, including mass, capacity, volume and temperature. They are building confidence through practical activities and problem solving.

How you can help at home: Involve your child in simple measuring at home, such as cooking, weighing objects or talking about temperature in daily life.

Religious Education - Our RE unit explores the question, '*What does it mean to be a Muslim?*' Children are learning about Islamic beliefs and practices, including the Qur'an, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), prayer and the Mosque. We are also developing empathy, respect and understanding of different faiths and worldviews.

How you can help at home: Talk about kindness, respect and how people show care and commitment in different ways.

Science – Growing up – Animals and Human needs - we are learning about the life cycles of animals and humans. Children are exploring how living things grow, change and develop over time. This unit is linking very well with PSHE learning all about 'Changing me'.

How you can help at home: Look at family photos together and talk about how people change as they grow.

Dear God,

Thank you for helping us to be brave, resilient learners.

Help us to show empathy, kindness and respect to everyone we meet.

Guide us as we learn about different people, beliefs and experiences.

Amen.

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

EMERALD CLASS

Last week we had a fantastic trip away to Manor Adventure. The children were great fun, participated in all the activities whole-heartedly and managed to get some sleep! It was really rewarding seeing the children grow over the week and face challenges they are not used to. May I thank Miss Anderson and Mr Pople for their assistance in making the residential a real success. Please watch this space as we have lots of photographs to share.

In maths this week we have been looking at co-ordinates, lines of symmetry, translations and reflections. We have covered some difficult questions but I am now confident that the children have a thorough understanding. In English we have started to read our book the Unforgotten Coat about two young boys who have immigrated from Mongolia and are trying to adapt to life in England. We wrote some excellent pieces of dialogue where the children had to write describing an argument with a teacher (I wonder why they were really great!)

This weekend we are back into the normal routines of MyMaths, mental maths and reading so please ensure that your child is completing all of this.

Have a relaxing weekend – I know I still need to catch up on some sleep from the previous week!

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

Dates List for Summer Term 2026

JUNE		
Monday 15	District Sports – Emerald Class	1.00pm
Thursday 18	Father's Day Box Car Derby	2.00pm
Friday 19	Class & Sports' Team photos	
Friday 19	Our Voice session for parents	9.30am
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	Assessment week across the school	

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	
	Final Swimming Lesson (extra)		
Wednesday 8	Summer Concert EYFS/ KS1	2.15pm	
Friday 10	Ruby Class to lead Collective Worship—parents welcome to attend	2.30pm	
Monday 13	Diamond 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	Emerald 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.

Online Safety Tip 9: Photo and video sharing safety

It is important for children to understand how to stay safe when taking and sharing photos or videos online. Many pupils enjoy using cameras, tablets, and phones to capture moments — especially as we move towards the summer holidays — so learning how to share safely helps protect their privacy and keeps them safe online.

Why photo and video safety matters:

- Protects personal information
- Prevents images being shared without permission
- Helps children understand what is appropriate to post
- Reduces the risk of strangers seeing private content
- Builds good digital habits as they become more independent online

Being careful with photos and videos is one of the simplest ways to stay safe online.

What makes safe sharing?

Children should learn to:

- Think before posting - once something is online, it can be saved or shared again
- Keep personal details out of photos - avoid uniforms, street names, or school logos
- Ask permission - never post photos of friends or family without checking first
- Use private accounts - only share with people they know in real life
- Avoid sharing live locations - turn off location tagging on apps

What to Look For

What to check	Why it matters	Tip
Photos showing personal information	Can reveal a child's home address	Crop or blur background
Sharing without permission	Others may not want their image online	Always ask first
Public accounts	Anyone can view, share or save photos	Switch to private mode
Location tagging	Shows where a child is in real time	Turn off location settings

Building Healthy Online Habits

- Talk about what is safe to share and what should stay private
- Check privacy settings together on apps and devices
- Encourage children to ask before posting photos of others
- Remind them that once something is shared, it can spread quickly
- Make "think before you post" part of your regular routine

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 <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

THINKING, BELIEVING, BELONGING

Building Bridges Through Faith

Religious Education Newsletter – Edition 2

Date: 12th June 2026

This month, pupils are exploring how faith, stories and beliefs help people understand the world, make choices and build strong communities. Through learning about Christianity, Islam and stories from different traditions, children are reflecting on values such as **empathy**, respect, kindness, belonging and responsibility. By listening to different perspectives and considering the experiences of others, pupils are developing a deeper understanding of how faith can help build bridges between people and strengthen our community.

Ruby Class	Sapphire Class	Diamond Class	Emerald Class
What can we learn from stories? Children are exploring stories from different faiths and the lessons they teach. We are learning about: • Messages in stories • Making connections to our own lives • Similarities and differences between faith stories • Values and beliefs, they inspire Reflection: How can stories help us make good choices and care for the world around us?	What does it mean to be a Muslim? Children are learning about Islam and how faith guides the lives of Muslims. We are learning about: • Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) • The Qur'an • The Five Pillars of Islam • Prayer and worship • The Mosque Reflection: How can faith inspire respect, kindness and good choices?	What Is the Bible's Big Story? Children are exploring how the Bible tells one connected story about God's relationship with people. We are learning about: • Creation • God's People • Jesus and the Gospel • Salvation • The Kingdom of God Reflection: What is the Bible's main message and how does it guide Christians today?	What Is the Bible's Big Story? Children are exploring how the Bible tells one connected story about God's relationship with people. We are learning about: • Creation • God's People • Jesus and the Gospel • Salvation • The Kingdom of God Reflection: What is the Bible's main message and how does it guide Christians today?

Community Reflection

We are encouraging children to think about how others feel, believe and experience the world.

Questions to discuss:

- What can we learn from different faiths?
- How do sacred texts help guide people?
- What do different beliefs have in common?
- How can empathy help us understand others?
- How can we build a community based on kindness and respect?

Dear God,

Help us to learn from the stories and teachings we explore.

Guide us to show kindness, respect and empathy to others.

Help us to care for the world around us and appreciate the diversity of our community.

May we always seek wisdom, compassion and peace in our actions.

Amen

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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 March 2027
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