



Autumn 2 Newsletter, December 2025

Our Christian Vision and Values

We aspire to grow and flourish, live out the Fruit of The Spirit in our daily lives and go out beyond the school into the world, making a positive impact and contribution.

The Fruit of the Spirit are: Love, Joy, Peace, Patience, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-control. (Galatians 5: 22-23)

'Faith, Excellence and Enjoyment'

Christmas Shows

Congratulations and well done to all the children who put on wonderful nativity performances for the school and our parents. It was impressive to see how hard the children have worked and how different each performance was. Some of our younger children performed for the first time to an audience and did so brilliantly. For our Y3 pupils it was their first experience of performing at the Junior carol service at St. John's church. I'm sure you would agree they were all wonderful to watch getting us all into the festive spirit. My thanks go out to all staff for working so hard to put together these performances.



Achievements

The following children received certificates in our Brilliant Book assemblies this term. We are very proud of the effort they have put into their learning and behaviour.

Children's achievements are linked to our Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Y1: Datka, Emilia, whole class, Kreedyn, Lara, Leo P, Siaan, Frank and Pani

Y2: Whole class, Ollis, Rochard, Ilyana, Harvey and Ariana

Y3: Alexa, Maria, Milan, Atlas, Katia, Nicholas, Riccardo, Lisa, Oliver and Lottie

Y4: Lucas, Aiden, Ariana, whole class, Elijah, Kyo, Ryan and whole class

Y5: Tommy, Hannah, Greta, Ubayd, Lucas, Luna, Lena, Anya, Denis, whole class and Y5 choir

Y6: Whole class, Rowan, Ren, Nadia, Lok Hey, James, Jacob and Y6 choir



Brilliant Book Assemblies

The following children have entertained the school with their musical talents during Brilliant Book assemblies:

Piano: Ren Y6, Yolanda Y4, Nael Y6

Our prayers were read by: Jenelly Y2, Ticia Y5, Yolanda Y4 and Carter Y2

House Team Parade

The house team parade rewards the house with the most house points earned each month.

The winning houses this term were:

October: St. Andrews

November: St. Davids



Trips and Workshops

The following trips and workshops have taken place this half term:

YR - Anti-bullying theatre show; Christingle service; Arts Depot

Y1 - Anti-bullying theatre show; History of Toys workshop

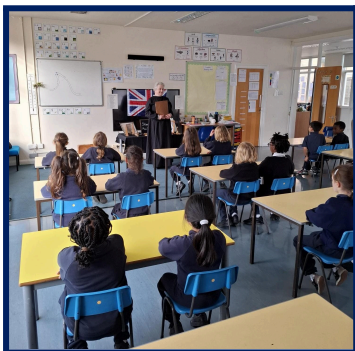
Y2 - Monarch workshop; Anti-bullying theatre show; Tower of London

Y3 - Anti-bullying theatre show and workshop; Dodgeball taster session

Y4 - Art workshop; Anti-bullying theatre show and workshop; Dodgeball taster session

Y5 - Junior Roadwatch; Remembrance service; Anti-bullying theatre show and workshop; Dodgeball taster session; Christmas experience; Chickenshed

Y6 - Explorer Ambassador workshop; Remembrance service; Anti-bullying theatre show and workshop; Dodgeball taster session; Christmas experience





Wider Curriculum contributions

The above list of trips and workshops highlights the wonderful commitment we have to ensure that the children have memorable experiences to enhance their learning. This offer would not be possible if we did not receive our termly wider curriculum contributions from families. This year the termly contributions are £20 per child or £60 for the year. If you have not already paid this contribution, please can we ask that you do so via the Arbor app so that we can continue to offer these wonderful opportunities. Thank you to all our families who have already done so.

Community Cohesion

Our community cohesion programme is one of the many ways in which we teach our children to live out our Christian values. We are very proud of this programme which enables our children to interact and connect with members of our community.

A reminder of the activities that take place:

- Y3 attend the toddler group
- Y4 visit Age UK
- Y5 spend time with pupils at Oakleigh Special School
- Y6 help serve lunch at the parish centre





As part of our community outreach, our Y6 class visited the parish centre to sing carols to some of the lunch visitors and our Y4 class sang carols at Barnet Age UK.



Explorer Ambassadors

Our Explorer Ambassadors were busy planning our Be Bright Be Seen week which took place at the end of November. Some of the activities that took place during the week were travel surveys, dressing brightly day as well as a Brighten Your Bag competition.

Each class, in small groups, designed and decorated a bag using bright colours. The ambassadors have chosen one winning entry from each year group. These designs have been sent off to the Barnet Travel team for judging against other schools. Our winning entries are shown below.



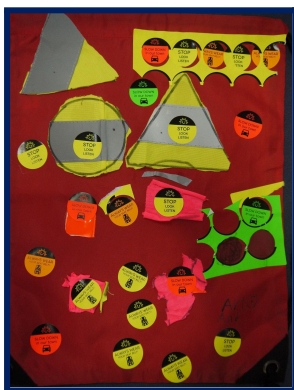
YR



Y1



Y2



Y3



Y4



Y5



Y6



The week highlights an important message about keeping ourselves safe when travelling to and from school in the winter months.



Sport News

Celebrating Our Sports Achievements and Opportunities

At St Johns, we take immense pride in the diverse sports opportunities available to our students, which play a crucial role in their physical education and overall well-being. Engaging in sports not only promotes physical fitness but also fosters essential life skills such as teamwork, resilience, and personal growth. This term, our students have excelled in various sports, showcasing their dedication and commitment, and enhancing our school spirit.

We are thrilled to highlight some of our standout achievements this term. Sunny's remarkable performance in cross country earned her a well-deserved medal, exemplifying the hard work and determination that our students exhibit. Our Year 6 netball team has also shown exceptional skill and teamwork, reaching the quarter finals in the Barnet Netball Tournament.

As part of our commitment to promoting a healthy lifestyle, y5/6 students have participated in the Bikeability programme, learning vital skills such as road safety and cycling techniques. This programme not only enhances their cycling abilities but also ensures their safety on the roads.

This term has seen our students engage in a variety of sports activities, including archery, rock climbing, and dodgeball, each offering unique experiences that contribute to their personal development. These activities not only challenge our students physically but also encourage them to step outside their comfort zones, building confidence and resilience. The enthusiasm displayed by our students during these sessions is truly inspiring, and we are proud to provide such enriching experiences.

We would love to hear from our students about their experiences in these activities. Anecdotes from participants can provide a personal perspective that highlights the joy and camaraderie found in sports. We encourage students to share their stories, as these moments of triumph and teamwork are what truly define our vibrant school community.





Sports Enrichment

Our sports enrichment offer enables children to experience a sport that they would not normally be exposed to in a primary setting. We are proud of this unique offer as we do not believe that it is matched by other primary schools.

This term our Y3 class took part in archery sessions led by Coach Chris and our Y5 children visited the Furzefield Centre to participate in a wall climbing session.



Advent Fayre

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising our recent Advent Fayre. Everyone worked so hard to make it an enjoyable and festive afternoon. The total money raised was £2,800. Thank you to all our families, staff and governors for attending and helping the school raise much needed funds.

Parent Donations

Thank you to our parents who have made classroom donations this term. We are very grateful for your generosity.



Health News

The UK Health Security Agency have provided schools and families with the following advice to help reduce the spread of common winter illnesses.

Scarlet Fever (Group A Strep)

- Common symptoms: sore throat, fever, mild skin infection.
- If children have these symptoms, contact your GP or NHS 111.
- If diagnosed, they must stay off school for 24 hours after starting antibiotics.
- Rare but serious symptoms (seek urgent care): high fever, severe muscle aches, localised muscle pain.

Norovirus ("Winter Vomiting Bug")

- Causes vomiting and/or diarrhoea, usually lasts 2–3 days.
- Stay off school until 48 hours after symptoms stop and they feel well.
- Wash hands with soap and water to prevent spread. Respiratory Infections (including COVID-19)
- Most cases are mild; seek GP advice if your child has underlying health condition.
- If your child tests positive for COVID-19: o Stay home for 3 days and return when well and fever-free

Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease

- Mild illness with fever and rash/blisters on hands, feet, mouth.
- No exclusion needed if your child feels well.

General Advice

- Keep children off school if they have diarrhoea, vomiting, or a high temperature until 48 hours after symptoms stop and they feel well.
- Practice good hygiene: wash hands, cover coughs/sneezes, clean surfaces, let fresh air in.

May we also remind our parents that any medical appointments must be shared with the school office at least 48 hours in advance otherwise they cannot be authorised. Evidence of the appointment must be shown. Please ensure that any non-urgent appointments such as dental, are made after school or during the school holidays.

Extra-Curricular Clubs

The clubs that the children have enjoyed this half term are multi-skills, born to move, chess, netball, football and coding club. Please visit our school website to find out more information.



Anti-bullying week

This year's theme was The Power of Good helping students to recognise the ability we all have to stand up to bullying, spread kindness and to create safer environments for all. To celebrate this important week the children took part in an anti-bullying theatre show as well as workshops. They also took part in Odd Socks day which aims to celebrate our differences and uniqueness.



Fairtrade Assembly

Our children took part in a fairtrade assembly learning about how buying fairtrade products can help farmers and workers build better lives, invest in their communities, and adapt to challenges, creating a more equitable and sustainable world trade system.



Arbor

Reminder that all parent communication will now be via Arbor email service and In App messaging. Teachers2Parents is no longer in use. Please do not send any texts via this platform as they will not be received and read.

Pupil absence should be reported via email at absence@stjohnsn11.barnet.sch.uk or voicemail.

Any queries should be made using the school office email at office@stjohnsn11.barnetmail.net

Class teachers may also keep families informed using the Google Classroom platform.

In-App messages - please can we ask that when messages are sent using this method that your child's year group is included at the start of the message. This will enable office staff to more easily direct your message to the right staff member.



School Uniform

Winter school uniform reminder. Please visit the school website for a complete list of the school uniform requirements.

Please help our children continue to look smart by adhering to our uniform policy.

Early Years Uniform



Winter Main Uniform

Reminder that the following items are not part of school uniform and should therefore not be worn:

- Nail varnish
- Jewellery except stud earrings and watches (smart watches are not allowed)
- Hair accessories that are not blue or black in colour
- Coats which are not black or navy in colour

St. John's Got Talent







Attendance

Attendance for the autumn 2 term was as follows:

YR	93.12%
Y1	95.1%
Y2	95.25%
Y3	93.74%
Y4	96.81%
Y5	95.87%
Y6	95.97%

Overall attendance for the autumn 2 term was 95.19%

Congratulations to Y4 who had the highest rate of attendance during autumn 2 term.

We wish all our families a wonderful Christmas and a happy new year. See you in 2026.

Macci Dobie

Head Teacher





Dates for your diary

- 5 January - Spring 1 term starts
- 14 January - Church assembly Y1-Y6; Y5 Oakleigh
- 19 January - Netball match
- 20 January - Netball match; Y6 National Gallery trip
- 21 January - Y5 Oakleigh
- 22 January - PTFA Y3 cake sale
- 27 January - Netball match
- 28 January - Y5 Oakleigh
- 2 February - PTFA AGM 6pm
- 3 February - RE Day (whole school)
- 9 February - Children's Mental Health week
- 10 February - Safer Internet Day
- 12 February - Cross country event
- 12 February - Break up for half term
- 13 February - Staff Inset Day (School Closed)

16-20 February - Half Term (School Closed)

- 23 February - Spring 2 term starts