



Spring 1 Newsletter, February 2026

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'

RE Day

The children took part in an RE day this term. The focus of the day was to learn about our school house saints: St. David, St. Patrick, St. George and St. Andrew. The children spent time in other classes carrying out activities and thinking about the key qualities of each saint.

The day also involved learning about female counterparts. Rev. Dagmar led a collective worship sharing information about St. Hilda, St. Brigid, St. Margaret and St. Winifred.



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: Whole class, Liam C, Ayric, Elizabeth, Willow, Timothy, Renee, Nathan, Datka, Timothy, Leo and Dominika

Y2: Stephanie, Maggie, Carter, Sofia, Rochard, Ayla, Erica, Olis, Jenelly and Phoebe

Y3: Yassine, Elsa, Wynn, Gabriel, Clodagh, Oliver, Ricardo, David, Minhea and Sophia

Y4: Lucy, Joelle, Annabel, Aiden, Anu, Elijah, Daniel, Angelina, Daria and Antonia

Y5: Whole class, Jesus, Jacob, Juliette, Luna, Lena, Leah, Lucas, Denis, Joanna, Ubayd, Anya, Dylan and Meiren

Y6: Elsie, Charlie, Ronil, Nael, Ronnie, Reece, Lucas, Aiden, Lola and Anzar



Brilliant Book Assemblies

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

Piano: Nael Y6,

Our prayers were read by: Teeyah Y6, Alexa Y3, Lok Hey Y6, Ariana Y4 and Hazel Y6

House Team Parade

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

The winning houses this term were:

December: St. Patrick

January: St. George



Trips and Workshops

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

YN - Horsenden Farm Gruffalo Trail

YR - RE day, Internet Safety workshop

Y1 - RE day, Internet Safety workshop

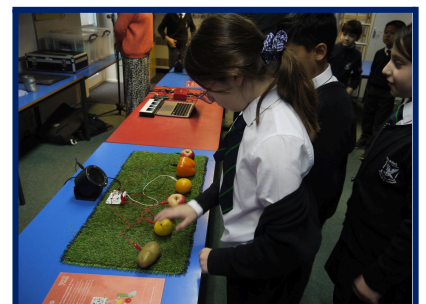
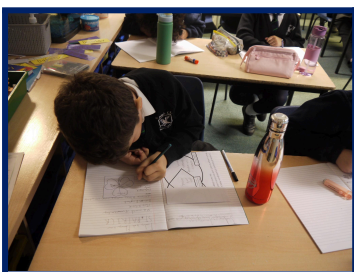
Y2 - RE day, Internet Safety workshop

Y3 - RE day, Internet Safety workshop

Y4 - Sound workshop, RE day, Internet Safety workshop

Y5 - RE day, Internet Safety workshop

Y6 - National Gallery, RE day, Internet Safety workshop





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

Sport News

This month has been an exciting time for our school sports teams! Our netballers have gone from strength to strength, celebrating impressive victories against Northside and Manorside. The team has demonstrated tremendous teamwork, showcasing excellent passing and shooting skills that have truly inspired us all!

Meanwhile, our girls' and boys' football teams have been training hard under the watchful eye of Coach Jeffrey. Their dedication and commitment are commendable, and we look forward to seeing their efforts pay off in upcoming matches.

In cross country news, our runners displayed remarkable resilience by completing a challenging 1-mile course. Special congratulations go to Kaliyah, Lucy C, Yifan, Shiv, Mia (Y5), Arabella, Aaron, Sunny, Elsie, and Charlie for taking on this challenge. Each athlete was praised for their fantastic behaviour and determination. A special shout-out to Sunny for winning the bronze medal and Arabella for securing the silver medal—well done!

Additionally, our PTFA organised a ladies' workout, raising valuable funds for the school. Thank you to everyone who participated! Keep up the great work, everyone, and let's continue to support our teams in their future events!





PTFA Events

This term the PTFA held their AGM. Thank you to the parents who were able to attend the meeting. The PTFA shared news about the various fundraising events that have taken place and how funds raised have been spent.

A reminder that the PTFA continue to contribute annually towards our wider curriculum offer (trips and workshops), the sports enrichment programme, our community cohesion programme as well as the library service. Without their ongoing support, we would not be able to continue this incredible offer to our children.

The PTFA continue to work hard throughout the year to put on events for all the family and to raise as much as possible. All the money raised goes directly to providing the children with a rich school experience. If you are able to offer any support, please contact the PTFA.

Our thanks to the wonderful committee members who continue to work tirelessly to come up with ideas and opportunities and who give their time so willingly.

Our committee members this year remain the same and are:

Chair - Karolina Hadjimichael

Vice Chair - Elina Ierotheou

Treasurer - Monica Chiumiento

Secretary - Kimberley Mingides

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. The latest addition to our offer is dodgeball. Please visit our school website to find out more information.



Children's Mental Health week

Children's mental health week took place from 9-13 February. This year's theme was 'This is my Place'. This means feeling like you're part of something, such as your family, your school, your group of friends or a team. These happy moments help us feel connected, valued, and accepted. When we feel like we belong, we feel happy, safe, and ready to learn and play. It helps us grow strong in our minds and bodies, and it makes it easier to make friends, do well in school, and feel good about ourselves.

The charity Place2Be has some top tips for children to help improve their sense of belonging.

- Be your true self. Belonging comes from being accepted for who you are.
- Do the things you love: sport, video games, music, crafts, these are great ways to connect each other.
- Be kind to yourself when you make a mistake, you don't need to be perfect.





- Listen to your feelings and try to think about what you need.
- Talk to someone you trust, you are not alone.

HOW CAN WE HELP OURSELVES TO FEEL WE BELONG

- Playing games with friends
- Finding a place where you feel valued and welcome or people that make you feel this way
- Doing things we enjoy
- Having an adult to talk to when not happy
- By talking to people about feelings
- Being around people you enjoy being with

Internet Safety

Top Tips for 7-11s

Understand what AI is and how it can be used



Artificial intelligence technology is used by lots of people every day. AI suggests videos on streaming apps like Disney+ and Netflix, gives directions on map apps, can help translate different languages and can even create music and poems. Talk to your friends and family to see what they know about AI and where they have used it.

Consider how using AI can impact you and other people

Like a lot of other technology, AI can save us time and energy. You could use it to find the answer to a question, to check your spelling, or to create images or videos. Whilst AI can be a great tool, it's important that we think about when and how we are using AI, and don't use it in place of our own thinking and creativity, or to do things that may upset or worry other people.

Remember that AI is technology and isn't perfect

Even though it might seem like it knows everything, AI can still get things wrong. If you are using AI to get information or help with something, it is important to think carefully about what it tells you and remember that it should never replace support from people you know and trust. If you are ever unsure about something AI has told you, check with other sources, this could include looking on websites you trust or talking to an adult.

Look out for signs that something might be AI generated

It can feel hard to tell if something has been created using AI or not. Some websites and apps will tell you that AI was used, but this doesn't always happen. There are some signs you can look out for including if it looks surprising or shocking, if it looks too perfect, or if there are details you know aren't true. If you see something you are not sure is created using AI or not, speak to an adult about the signs they look for and try to work it out together.

Know where to get help

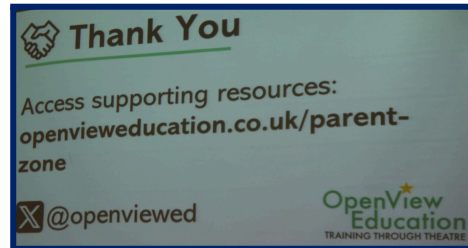
Although we know that AI can be used in a lot of great ways, remember there is always someone who can help if you are worried about something that has been created by AI or if you have concerns



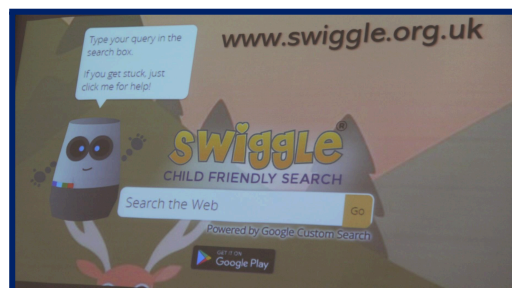


about the way you or someone you know is using AI. You can speak to trusted adults like your parents, grandparents, teachers, or club leaders about any concerns you have online.

During the parent workshop a link was shared providing information and advice for parents.



They also shared a child-friendly search engine which the children could use.



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

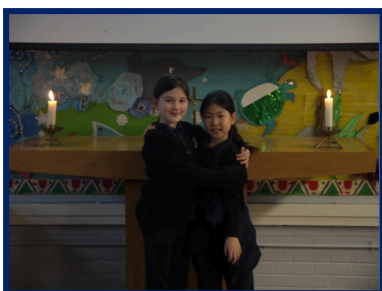
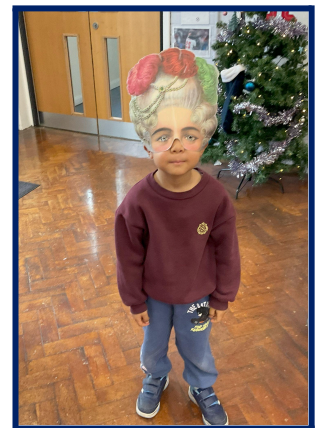


Winter Main Uniform

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

Enjoying Our Learning





Attendance

Attendance for the autumn 2 term was as follows:

YR	93.41%
Y1	95.34%
Y2	96.09%
Y3	95.29%
Y4	96.61%
Y5	96.83%
Y6	93.67%



Overall attendance for the spring 1 term was 95.12%

Congratulations to Y5 who had the highest rate of attendance during spring 1 term.

We wish all our families a wonderful half term break.

Macci Dobie

Head Teacher



Dates for your diary

- 24 Feb - Y3 Toddler Group
- 25 Feb - Y4 Mandir Temple
- 26 Feb - Y4 Age UK; Y2 cake sale
- 27 Feb - Girls' football competition; Y6 parish lunch; Y4 Tennis sports enrichment
- 3 March - World Book Day
- 4 March - Y5 Oakleigh
- 5 March - Y4 and Y5 Pizza Class
- 6-11 March - Book Fair
- 6 March - Boys' football competition; Y4 Tennis sports enrichment
- 9-13 Mar - Science week
- 10 March - YN/YR/Y1 Little City
- 11 March - Y2 Theatre trip; PTFA Mother's Day Gift Stall
- 13 March - Science week workshops; Y6 parish lunch; Y4 tennis
- 17 March - Y3 toddler group
- 18 March - Harry Kyprianou special assembly
- 19 March - Y4 Age UK
- 20 March - KS1 Girls's football festival; Y4 tennis
- 23 March - Church assembly (Y1-Y6); Y2 boys' football festival; swimming gala
- 25 March - Parent consultation evening
- 26 March - PTFA Easter egg hunt; parent consultation evening
- 27 March - Y6 parish lunch; break up for Easter @2pm

30 March - 10 April - Easter Break (School Closed)

- 13 April Summer 1 term starts