



Spring 2 Newsletter, March 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'

Brighten Your Bag Competition

In the autumn term our school entered a Barnet wide brighten your bag competition. Groups of children from each class designed their own bags. Winners from each class were selected by our Explorer Ambassadors and the entries were sent off for judging by the panel. **We are thrilled to announce that a bag designed by students in our Y5 class won first prize: £500 for the school!** This was the feedback provided for our winning entry:



"This design stood out for its bold use of colour and instantly recognisable imagery. The bright red background, paired with the beautifully illustrated flower and bee, creates a striking visual that would be highly visible to road users. The artwork is both charming and meaningful, capturing the theme of brightness and safety with creativity and confidence. The judges were particularly impressed by the clarity, craftsmanship, and strong visual impact."

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: Ritzu, Nefeli, Leo, Ayric and Willow

Y2: Ruben, Hana, Nathaniel, Ilyana, Whole class

Y3: Eleonora, Milan, Katia, Atlas, Alexa and Oscar

Y4: Reece, Amie, Yifan, Yolanda and Elyse

Y5: Arabella, Jaaziah, Marquez, Denislav, Juliet, Whole class

Y6: Alba, Whole class, Ronil and Kyla

Head Teacher Award: Anya, Hannah and Maria (Y5 competition winners)



Brilliant Book Assemblies

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

Piano: Kingsley Y1

Our prayers were read by: Mia Y5, Yifan Y4

Community Cohesion

Our community cohesion programme continued this term. A reminder of the wonderful experiences that the children are provided with are as follows:

- 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

Football Festivals

This term some of our pupils had the opportunity to take part in the girls and boys' football festival. These festivals are non-competitive and provide the children with the opportunity to practise their skills against other schools. All those that took part had a wonderful time and represented the school well.

Netball

Congratulations to our netball team. They finished the season by winning every game bar one. This is a phenomenal achievement and we are very proud of everyone that took part.





Swimming Gala

Mrs K took a group of Y4-Y6 to the annual swimming gala competition which takes place at Copthall pool. As always the children did not let us down and competed with integrity and commitment. Many congratulations to the whole team for their amazing effort.

Sports Enrichment

This term Y4 were able to take part in tennis lessons at our local tennis club delivered by professional coaches. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to experience this sport at a professional club. This enrichment activity is just one of the many we offer our children during their time with us.

Neurodiversity week: Celebrating Our Unique Strengths and Differences

Neurodiversity celebration week is about celebrating the strengths and talents of people who think and learn differently. It is about recognising hard work and determination. It is a way of reminding everyone of the importance of being kind and accepting of everyone.

Many people who have ADHD, autism, dyslexia, dyspraxia or Tourette Syndrome say that their success is because of their unique way of thinking.

Famous neurodivergent celebrities include: Maggie Aderin-Pocock (Space scientist); Daniel Radcliffe (actor); Robbie Williams (singer); Greta Thunberg (climate activist) and Billie Eilish (singer and song writer).

"My dyslexic thinking means I can think outside the box," Maggie Aderin-Pocock

"The fact that some things are more of a struggle will only make you more determined, harder working and more imaginative in the solutions you find to problems," Daniel Radcliffe

"You are astonishing, you just don't know it yet," Robbie Williams

PTFA Events

Thank you to our wonderful PTFA for organising a Mother's day gift stall again this year. We hope there were lots of happy mums on Sunday. The children also enjoyed an Easter Egg hunt.

Explorer Ambassadors Be Bright Be Seen Sale

Our Explorer Ambassadors ran a bright accessory stall this term to help raise money for the school. My thanks go to the children who gave up their time to stay behind to help sell items. They raised £42.50.



Extra-Curricular Clubs

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

Trips and Workshops

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

YN - Little City

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Y1 - Science workshop; Little City

Y2 - Freshwater Theatre; Science workshop; Barge Puppet Theatre

Y3 - Science workshop; Plant workshop

Y4 - Mandir Temple visit; Science workshop; Pizza making workshop;
Classification workshop

Y5 - Science workshop; Pizza making workshop

Y6 - Science workshop





Wider Curriculum contributions

We hope you agree that our wider curriculum offer is a very comprehensive one and one that is unique for a primary school of our size. None of this would be possible if we did not receive our termly wider curriculum contributions from families. Thank you to all our families who have already made their autumn and spring term contributions via School Money (£20 per child, per term). If you have not yet made yours, please could we ask that you do so, so that the wonderful opportunities that we offer the children can continue.

World Book Day

The children took part in World Book Day again this year. The day started with an assembly and was followed by a range of activities including sharing books with other classes as well as dressing up. It was wonderful to see so many children and staff joining in with the fun.





Science Day

The children took part in Science day again this year. The theme was 'Curiosity: What's Your Question?' The children became scientists for the day and took part in Science workshops. Thank you to Mrs Horne for organising the day.





Big Walk & Wheel

Thank you to our Explorer Ambassadors for organising a wonderful Big Walk and Wheel event and well done to all the children who committed to travelling more sustainably over the last two weeks of term.

Our Golden Lock winners were Elena Y1, Lydia Y2, Waverley YR, Yolanda Y4, Jessica Y4, Erika Y2, Ayla Y2 and Ronald YR



Thank you to all our children who took part in the Big Walk and Wheel. Your efforts meant that St. John's was the **Daily Day 5 Winner**. This means that our school had the most pupils who travelled sustainably on day 5 of the challenge. The school has won 5 Microscooter of the challenge. The accessory hampers.

Congratulations St. John's!





WOW Club Winners

Congratulations to:

Y3: Ibrahim and Oliver

Y4: Daniel and Yolanda

Y5: Greta and Denis

Y6: Aditi and Hazel



Harry Kyprianou visit

We had the privilege of welcoming Harry Kyprianou to our school this term. Harry is a former St. John's pupil who went on to play football professionally. Harry started his career playing for Southend United: other clubs include Oxford City, Weymouth and most recently Maidstone. Harry enjoyed a wonderful FA cup run with Maidstone in the 2023-24 season and has also represented Cyprus in the under 21 team.

Harry joined us for an assembly with the children sharing his inspirational journey to achieving his dream. His wonderful message of working hard, not being afraid of failing and perseverance left the children and staff uplifted and inspired. Harry shared memories of his time at St. John's and how staff were instrumental in encouraging him to fulfil his life-long ambition. Following the assembly Harry signed autographs for the children and took part in some drills with Y6.

Harry has since retired from playing professionally and has started on a new adventure working in schools.





Enjoying Our Learning





Attendance

Attendance for the spring 2 term was as follows:

YR	93.63%
Y1	97.73%
Y2	98.38%
Y3	94.92%
Y4	95.80%
Y5	97.61%
Y6	96.86%

Overall attendance for the spring 2 term was 96.47%

Congratulations to Y2 who had the highest rate of attendance during spring 2 term.

Wishing all our families a wonderful Easter break.

Macci Dobie

Head Teacher





Dates for your diary

- Easter Holidays: Monday 30th March - Friday 10th April
- 13 April - Summer term 1 starts; Y6 confirmation class
- 14 April - Y2 Tae Kwondo
- 15 April - Y5 Oakleigh; Netball competition
- 16 April - Y1 class assembly
- 17 April - YR&Y2 Forest School; KS1 girls' football festival
- 20 April - Y6 confirmation class
- 22 April - Y5 Oakleigh
- 23 April - Y1 PTFA cake sale
- 24 April - Y6 parish lunch; Y2 Tae Kwondo; PTFA Family Bingo Night
- 27 April - Y6 confirmation class
- 29 April - Y5 Oakleigh
- 30 April - Tennis competition
- 1 May - Y2 Tae Kwondo
- 3 May - Confirmation Service at St. John's Church
- 5 May - Y4 Class assembly
- 6 May - Y5 Oakleigh
- 8 May - Y5 Class assembly; Y2 Tae Kwondo
- 11-14 May - Y6 SATs week
- 13 May - Y5 Oakleigh
- 15 May - Y2 Tae Kwondo
- 17-21 May - Y6 Residential
- 21 May - YR PTFA cake sale
- 22 May - Y2 Tae Kwondo; Break up for half term
- 25 - 29 May HALF TERM (School Closed)
- 1 June - Summer 2 term starts