

HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



'The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned' Isaiah 9:2-6

The season of advent is upon us as last Sunday was the first Sunday in the period of Advent when we think about how as Christians we prepare for the birth of Jesus Christ on Christmas Day. During the period of Advent, we will be relating to the themes of hope, peace, joy and love which are symbolised by the Advent candles on our Advent wreath (one lit each Sunday of Advent and in our Celebration Assembly every Friday in the lead up to Christmas).

We are also sending home a postcard that was illustrated by Aoife in Yr.4 showing all the different services that will be taking place in the parish of St. John and St. Luke this Christmas. Please do try to make the effort to attend some of these services as your children will really enjoy them, especially the Christingle on Tuesday the 24th December at 4pm in St. Luke's Church and the Christmas Day Eucharist Service in St. John's Church at 10.30am.

We are currently supporting the parish of St. John and St. Luke with their Christmas raffle and tickets are on sale very morning for the next week. Tickets are £1, please do try and support our parish as our entire school community is very well supported by our parish, especially by Mother Mitzi.

Please note that all clubs finished this Friday and will start again the week beginning the 13th January. The information regarding the Spring Term 2025 After School Clubs is at the end of this newsletter, please book soon as possible as they are very popular but are limited to certain numbers.

It is important that all pupils are collected on time from this Monday the 9th December as all staff are required in meetings and have many assessments to complete before Christmas. **We will be implementing our Late Collection Policy so any child who is collected late, there will be a charge applied.**

Please note that now as clubs have finished, all pupils who are not in a PE lesson, must be in the correct school uniform. This also includes Friday as we are no longer having track suit Friday. We are noticing that the standard of presentation of some of our pupils has really declined and we need to address this. If your child doesn't have PE on a Friday, they must be in their school uniform. This will be very tightly monitored from this Monday.

Please note the following key events that will be taking place over the next fortnight:

Wednesday the 11th December at 2.15pm – Nativity production at St. John's Church for parents/carers and the extended family of Ruby Class

Monday 16th December at 9am – Diamond Class to lead the Collective Worship for parents/carers

Tuesday 17th December at 9am – Emerald Class to lead the Collective Worship for parents/carers

Wednesday 18th December at 9am – Sapphire Class to lead the Collective Worship for parents/carers

Wednesday 18th December at 2pm – Carol Service at St. John's Church for Yr.1 – Yr.6

Thursday 19th December - Christmas Jumper day & Christmas lunch followed by class Christmas parties

Friday 20th December – School finishes at 1pm for Christmas holidays

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Notley



Week Beginning Monday 9 December 2024

NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Monday

8.00am Breakfast Club

Tuesday

8.00am Breakfast Club

Wednesday

8.00am Breakfast Club
 During school Keyboard
 During school Recorder
2.15pm Ruby Class Nativity in St. John's Church

Thursday

8.00am Breakfast Club

Friday

8.00am Breakfast Club

Please remember that any of these dates may alter because of changing circumstances. On INSET days the school is closed to pupils.

AUTUMN 2024

Starts	Tuesday 3 September
Half-term	Monday 28 October to Friday 1 November
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 20 December
INSET DAY	Monday 2 September
INSET DAY	Monday 4 November
INSET DAY	Friday 29 November

SPRING 2025

Starts	Tuesday 7 January
Half-term	Monday 17 February to Friday 21 February
Ends (1.00pm)	Friday 4 April
INSET DAY	Monday 6 January

SUMMER 2025

Starts	Tuesday 22 April
Half-term	Monday 26 May to Friday 30 May
Ends (1.00pm)	Tuesday 22 July
INSET DAY	Monday 30 June
Bank Hols	Monday 5 May

Please note that the 6th January 2025 will be an INSET Day instead of the 2nd June 2025.

NOTICES

Attendance for the week

RUBY CLASS have the highest attendance this week and will be allowed to come into school in non-uniform on Monday 9 December in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	96.4%
Sapphire	94.0%
Diamond	80.3%
Emerald	81.3%
Overall	88.0%



After School Clubs

Please see the last page of this newsletter with the After School Clubs for Spring Term 2025.

If you would like your child to attend a club, please email the school office, with the day and name of club, your child's name and class.

Spaces are limited so it is a first come first served basis.

If a space is available the selected club/s will be uploaded on ParentPay. This will be completed by the end of Autumn Term.

Please ensure that the clubs are paid for before they commence in the Spring Term or the place will be allocated to another child.

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.

INFORMATION

School Uniform

This can be purchased from Smiths Schoolwear, 223 Baker Street, EN1 3LA.

Spare School Uniform Shop

Nearly new school uniform shop run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Any items required please send a text message to 07985 467 033, stating the item you require and size. You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name 'Donation to St. John's'

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

Reception Admissions 2025

- If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, you will be applying for them to start a primary school in September 2025.
- Apply online—www.eadmissions.org.uk
- Complete our supplementary form, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary form to the school office as soon as possible.
- The closing date for on-time applications is 15 January 2025.

Nursery Admissions Sept 2025

- 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.

RUBY CLASS

There's been a wonderful mix of focus and festive cheer in the classroom this week. It's been a joy to see how engaged the children are, whether crafting, writing, or rehearsing for the Nativity.

Maths

This week, we have been exploring the composition of 5, building a strong foundation for early number skills. Using counters, cubes, and their fingers, the children investigated different ways to make 5, proudly sharing their discoveries with one another. Our Christmas elf, Merry, played a special role during the Maths Morning, setting fun challenges for the children and parents to solve together. Thank you to everyone who attended—it was wonderful to see the children so eager to show off their skills and enthusiasm for learning.

Literacy

Our mischievous elf Merry has been the spark behind some wonderfully imaginative literacy work. The children have enjoyed making maps of Merry's nightly adventures, writing bedtime stories for him, and designing cozy spaces with snacks for him in our Design and Make area. Their imaginations and writing skills continue to grow, producing work that reflects their developing confidence and creativity.

Nativity Preparations

Ruby Class has been hard at work preparing for the upcoming Nativity performance next **Wednesday at 2:15pm**. They have been crafting animals for the stable and practising their lines and songs during rehearsals at the church. The children are brimming with excitement and can't wait to share this special performance with their families.

We're also looking forward to our trip to the **pantomime on Tuesday, 17th December**, and it's fantastic that so many parents will be joining us. Thank you for your continued support as we create these wonderful memories together.

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

SAPPHIRE CLASS

We are absolutely proud of you Sapphire Class, you are all a pleasure to teach and be around. Keep up the practice: reading, writing, spelling, times tables and most of all the joy!

English – We have just completed a very skilful and thorough piece of description writing about 1666 London, prior to the Great Fire of London. We have explored various writing skills so far including verbs in the present and past tenses, adjectives and noun phrases, expressive punctuation, ambitious vocabulary, paragraphing and many more. Year 2 are certainly making an impressive progress. Year 1 are getting more confident, resilient and most importantly independent.

We are still cross-learning with the **History** unit about the Great Fire of London, facts, causes and consequences.

Maths – The children enjoyed learning about measurements of length and heights, and recently about money, creating their shopping lists as they continue to learn about coins and notes. Please encourage your child to spot the prices and help them recognise the pennies from the pounds.

Science – We are learning about our bodies and senses: touch, sight, smell, hearing and taste through comparing and understanding differences in their features and learn how they help us understand the fundamentals of the human body and the world around us.

Religious Education – Who is the Saint of our school? What is the story of our School's name? We are exploring identity and belonging, values and commitment. **Faith** is what the children can confidently describe and talk about especially after making those yummy 'Faith-flavoured cookies'.

Happy Advent Season and best wishes for our community celebrating St Nicolas day!

In **PSHE**, we are celebrating differences in everyone, understanding bullying, knowing how to deal with it and making friends. We take pride in our vision statement as the foundation for our values that we all are an important part of our nurturing community, locally and globally.

We are extremely proud of you Sapphire, thank you for the smiles 😊

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

DIAMOND CLASS

A rather quiet week in Diamond Class! I hope everyone is feeling much better since we've definitely been hit with a nasty cold. Despite the short number we have been able to complete great learning.

In Maths, we have been looking at statistics. The children collected data and produced a graph about what month of the year each child was born in on Monday. On Tuesday and Wednesday, we focused on pictograms, making sure our key was clear, and we were reading the questions carefully. In English, we have started our final book for this half-term called The Tear Thief. We started by linking emotions to a colour and this week we have been writing a diary entry about the Tear Thief's adventures to steal tears.

In Science, we were able to answer the question 'Why doesn't the stomach eat itself?' by looking at the affect that different liquids have on crackers. We are working our way through the digestive system so will be looking at the small intestine next week!

Geography was particularly exciting this week, the children discovered eight different parts of a compass and have written instructions to give to another pair next week. The children are looking forward to carrying out an expedition around our school.

Next week is assessment week! Please ensure that your child is rested and has a good breakfast! For many, last time was daunting and tricky, but we have learnt a lot since October so the children should see real improvement in their abilities. I would therefore advice, that the children spend a little more time on TTR this weekend to prepare them for their maths tests and have a look over the year 3 and 4 spelling list I sent home at Parents' evening.

MyMaths and TTR have been set as normal.

Have a lovely weekend,

Miss Anderson & Miss Ozgen lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk

EMERALD CLASS

We are well and truly into December and in the midst of the Christmas countdown, but unfortunately, we have had lots of winter sickness this week. It is really important that if your child has been off that they find out from another pupil what page they should be on in their guided reading so that they can catch up. This makes their return to school so much smoother and means they can participate in the group discussions.

In art on Monday afternoon we continued our Henry Moore theme and created sculptures using clay. The children found it quite tricky although we had a number of great pieces; we have some very talented artists in Emerald class.

Next Tuesday, we will have our booster lunch for all those children in year 6 who regularly attend the morning sessions. These have been going really well with a mixture of SATS practice and also working on topics which I know historically year 6 children find difficult in maths. We are all looking forward to both the preparation part of the morning but mainly the eating!!

Please could you ensure that all children are up-to-date with their homework as there are a few who are starting to get a little behind.

I hope you have a relaxing weekend, I know mine will be centred on purchasing a Christmas tree, finding all of the decorations in the loft and then watching everybody else decorate it.

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

DATE LIST FOR AUTUMN TERM 2024		
DECEMBER		
9	After School Clubs finished for the Autumn Term	
11	Ruby Class' Nativity in St. John's Church	2.15pm
16	Class collective worship for Diamond Class (parents welcome to join)	9.00am
17	Class collective worship for Emerald Class (parents welcome to join)	9.00am
17	Reception Class Christmas Pantomime Trip	1.00pm
17	No Nursery Class today, due to the Pantomime Trip for Reception Class	
18	Class collective worship for Sapphire Class (parents welcome to join)	9.00am
18	Carol Service in St. John's Church (Year 1 to Year 6)	2.00pm
19	Class collective worship for Reception Class (parents welcome to join)	9.00am
19	Christmas Lunch, Christmas Jumper Day (please make £2 donation on ParentPay) and Christmas Parties Pupils can attend school in their party clothes with their Christmas Jumper on	
19	Nursery Class End of Autumn Term	2.50pm
20	End of Autumn Term	1.00pm

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Please see the last page of the newsletter with the After School Clubs for Spring Term 2025.

If you would like your child to attend a club, please email the school office, with the day and name of club, your child's name and class.

Spaces are limited so it is a first come first served basis.

If a space is available the selected club/s will be uploaded on ParentPay. This will be completed by the end of Autumn Term.

Please ensure that the clubs are paid for before they commence in the Spring Term or the place will be allocated to another child.

Nursery Places 2024/25

- If your child is 3 years old by August 31st 2024, they will be able to join our Nursery Class now.
- Complete our supplementary form, which can be found on the school website or collect them from the school office.
- Return the supplementary form to the school office as soon as possible.
- If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the school office and we can arrange a visit for you as soon as possible.

St. John's C.E. Primary School Spare School Uniform Shop

St. John's Primary School are proud to launch our school uniform shop with the aim of: preserving resources, eliminating waste and reducing our carbon emissions – all contributing to a more sustainable school and world.

We can't make this work without you! You can help by making your school uniform purchases from our nearly new school uniform shop. You can also help by donating any St. John's School uniform.

- For purchases, simply send a text message to 07985 467 033.
- Just state the item you require and size.

You will receive a confirmation text to collect the item and can make a payment on ParentPay under Item Name, Donation to St. John's. **Simple.**

All items are priced at only £2

Many items are brand new with tags, or nearly new; ready to be worn. Please enquire, it's quick, easy and can save you money.

Items in stock in various sizes:

PE Jacket / PE white polo / Blue School Jumper
Blue School Cardigan / Grey School Pinafore / Grey School Skirt
Grey School Trousers / St. John's Tie / St. John's Book Bag

The uniform shop is run by a collaboration between St. John's School staff and parents. Proceeds from uniform sales will support St. John's School and pupils. We thank you for your continued support.



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**

KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE

Comprehensive new guidance for families, schools and professionals

We invite all parents, professionals, service providers
and interested parties to our **LAUNCH EVENT**

Monday 9th December, 4pm

Carterhatch Junior School
Carterhatch Lane, Enfield. EN1 4JY

Materials created and collated by Dr Becky Mulhall (EPS) and Samantha Hill (SEYIS)
with many thanks to the Online Safety Working Party and our colleagues in Enfield.

Once published, the materials will be available here:
[Welcome to The Hub | Enfield Council](#)

Questions to: Samantha.Hill@enfield.gov.uk



St John's Primary School Enfield are now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise free donations for us every time you shop online. Over 8,000 retailers will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely free and only takes a moment. By adding the extension to your devices or downloading our apps, it will help to donate to our fund.

You can find our easyfundraising page at https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/st-johns-primary-school-enfield/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

Thank you so much in advance

Turn your online shopping into FREE donations for



St John's Primary School Enfield

with easyfundraising

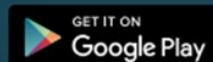
You shop, retailers donate towards our fundraising target. It won't cost you any extra.

How to sign up and help us hit our target

- ✓ Visit the link below or scan the QR code www.easyfundraising.org.uk/support-a-good-cause
- ✓ Search for us
- ✓ Your favourite retailers donate whenever you spend with them



Download the easyfundraising App



Excellent 3,945 reviews on Trustpilot

SPRING TERM 2025 AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

Starting from Monday 13 January to Friday 28 March

Monday - Emerald & Diamond Netball

Monday - Reception & Sapphire Arts & Crafts

Tuesday - Emerald & Diamond Football

Tuesday – Reception, Sapphire & Year 3 Yoga

Wednesday – Emerald, Diamond & Year 2 Pathways

Wednesday - Reception & Sapphire Football

Wednesday – Emerald, Diamond & Year 2 Choir

Thursday - Reception & Sapphire Activities

Thursday - Emerald & Diamond Tennis

Thursday – Emerald, Diamond & Year 2 Jiu-Jitsu

Friday 8.00-8.45am - Emerald & Diamond Rugby

Email office@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk if you would like your child to attend, the payment will be set up for you as there are limited spaces

- Clubs are from 3.00pm to 4.00pm (We are not accepting parents picking up their children in-between these times, as it causes disruption and we do not have the extra staff to manage this. If you have made an appointment/alternative arrangement during these times, then please pick them up at normal collection time)
- Cost is £2.50 per session, apart from Yoga which is £3.50 per session
- Please email the school office, office@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk if you would like your child to attend (this is a first come first served basis), it will be added to your ParentPay account if there are spaces available
- Clubs will not be cancelled if the weather is bad, the children will play board games inside
- Be prompt picking up at 4.00pm, or on time for 8.00am start on Friday for Rugby
- If your child is attending a Sport related club, please remember for your child to come to school in P.E. kit on these days