

# HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



## **'I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.' Psalm 25:9**

On behalf of everyone at St. John's School, we would like to wish you a very happy, healthy and safe New Year. Thank you to parents for your extremely generous gifts and best wishes for the festive season – we are still working our way through the chocolate treats in the staffroom!

Throughout collective worship this week we explored together the meaning of the Epiphany. We celebrated this ancient Christian feast day by using the golden cloth on our special worship table and talked about other times that we would use this golden cloth. Epiphany celebrates the baptism of Jesus by John the Baptist in the River Jordan. It also celebrates Jesus' birth. The Western church began celebrating the Epiphany in the 4<sup>th</sup> century where it was, and still is, associated with the visit of the magi (wise men) to the infant Jesus when God revealed himself to the world through the incarnation of Jesus. According to Matthew 2:11 they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

Our value for this half-term is: **Endurance - 'I can do all things through Christ because he gives me strength.' Psalm 25:9**

Together we explored what endurance means and what it may look like in St. John's School and in our lives in general. We also thought about people in our world who have shown true endurance and through this the great things that they have achieved. The pupils listed many people who have displayed endurance such as Rosa Parks, Nelson Mandela, Malala Yousafzai – not to mention mums, dads, teachers, governors, Mother Mitzi and many more special people in our entire school community.

Please continue to support us with our campaign of reducing waste at school and in our homes by ensuring that all items of uniform are labelled, any clothes that no longer fit are donated to our clothes bank and uniform is donated to our Spare Uniform Sale, along with no food or water being wasted. Next week the Eco-Committee are going to do a spot check on items of uniform being labelled and investigate who the best class is at not wasting food and water in the dining hall. Next Thursday we will be holding a Spare Uniform Sale outside the school.

Thank you to everyone for supporting our fantastic range of clubs that are offer again this term. Email the school office to check that there is still availability in the club that you wish to book your child into. Our aim is that every club is full throughout this term so that all pupils are maximising the benefits of the excellent range of clubs that are on offer for all pupils across the school. **Throughout last term we had several pupils being collected late from clubs, please remember if you collect your child late from a club there will be a charge as the school is having to pay staff to stay longer to supervise these pupils who are being collected late. Please refer to the Late Collection Policy on the website- your co-operation in this matter is really appreciated.**

The following meetings and events will be taking place this half-term:

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January – swimming lessons (weekly) for all pupils in Diamond Class  
 Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January – Pathways assembly for all pupils and parents are welcome to attend  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February – Numbers Day, fundraising to complete the total of £1,400 for the Protected Spring  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February – Catriona Fathers' Writing Competition Awards during Celebration Assembly  
 Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February at 2pm – Confirmation/Holy Communion Service led by The Rt. Revd Dr Anderson  
 Jeremiah – parents/carers are most welcome to attend at St. John's Church

Have an enjoyable and relaxing weekend!

Best wishes,

Mrs. Notley



### Week Beginning Monday 20 January 2025

#### **Monday**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 9.00am Pathways Assembly  
 3.00-4.00pm Netball Club (KS2)  
 3.00-4.00pm Arts & Crafts (Recep, Sapphire Class)

#### **Tuesday**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 3.00-4.00pm Football Club (KS2)  
 3.00-4.00pm Yoga Club (Recep, Year 1, 2 & 3)

#### **Wednesday**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 During school Keyboard  
 During school Recorder  
 3.00-4.00pm Football (Recep, Sapphire Class)  
 3.00-4.00pm Choir Club (KS2 & Year 2)  
 3.00-4.00pm Pathways (KS2 & Year 2)

#### **Thursday**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 8.30am **Spare Uniform Sale**  
 3.00-4.00pm Tennis Club (KS2)  
 3.00-4.00pm Activities Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)  
 3.00-4.00pm Jiu-Jitsu (KS2 & Year 2)

#### **Friday**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 8.00am Rugby Club (KS2)

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

#### **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

# NOTICES

## 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 20 January in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

### This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	87.3%
Sapphire	96.0%
Diamond	97.0%
Emerald	95.0%
Overall	93.8%



## 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.

## 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'

**Our next sale will be on Thursday 23 January at 8.30am**

# INFORMATION

## 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

## Keep Your Child Safe Online

Please make sure that you take the time to read this key information that has been sent out today.

## School Uniform

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

## 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

Our classroom has been bursting with creativity and energy this week – but that’s nothing out of the ordinary for Ruby Class! Drawing Club brought *The Three Little Pigs* to life with amazing Big Bad Wolves—some fierce, others fluffy—all inspired by the children’s imaginations.

Junk modelling has been a hit, with children designing raindrop creations to accompany the song “*If We Didn’t Have Rain.*” They’ve also impressed us with their self-made subitising games using sticky dots—what brilliant problem-solvers!

In Collective Worship, the children are singing “*Peace Like a River*” and “*This Little Light of Mine*” with joyful actions, growing their songs of praise library beautifully.

Next week, we’re excited to begin the Whole School Writing Award in memory of Catriona Fathers. A huge thank you to Reception parents for supporting the RWI Ebook Library transition—we’re nearly there!

We’re so proud of our children and their wonderful achievements.

**Best wishes,** Miss Kelleher, Ms Dall’Aglio & Mrs Dall’Aglio [mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:mimi.kelleher@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

### SAPPHIRE CLASS

A warm welcome back to all of our wonderful children who continue to be committed as always. A huge thank you to our dear families for your kindness and generosity, really appreciate it.

**English** – Dear Earth is the focus book for our writing unit this half term. We will be exploring various writing skills. These will include instruction writing, factual statements, descriptive writing using adjectives and noun phrases, leaflet writing, vlogs and poems.

**Maths** – We continue to consolidate and dive deeper into the four main mathematical operations. The children are certainly getting much better at additions and subtractions recognising number bonds using different methods, mental and written column methods for Year 2 children. Please encourage your child to complete their homework as independently as they can.

**Science** – Sapphire are learning about ‘Everyday materials’, they are learning to identify, classify and describe the everyday materials around them, such as wood, plastic, metal, glass and fabric, all through a variety of fun activities and experiments.

**Religious Education** – ‘Why do Christians make and keep promises to God?’ as we learn how Jesus’ story tells Christians that it is important that promises are not just words, they must be matched up with actions.

In **PSHE**, we are developing our understanding about ‘Goals and targets’ in life and how realistic they should be

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

Ms Chebbi, Mrs. Hargate & Mrs. Hocyk [asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](mailto:asma.chebbi@stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk)

## DIAMOND CLASS

Spring term is well and truly flying by! I have been really impressed with attendance and punctuality in Diamond Class since coming back. Our learning starts at 8:45am and often I set a morning task which reviews the previous day's learning and sets them up for the day in the right way. It is also a chance for the children to get extra spelling practice. Please keep this current attitude up because it is really helping the children flourish right from the offset.

In Maths this week, we have revisited multiplication which has been beneficial. It is still a big hinderance that many children don't know their multiplication facts up to 12x12. In Year 3, your child should be confident on 2s, 5s and 10s from Year 2 and be familiar with 3s, 4s and 8s. In Year 4, the above applies and they should be looking to know these under 5 seconds. They also then by this far in the year should be familiar with 6s, 7s, 9s, 11s and 12s also. For many children they get frustrated during lesson time and can't access the material because they are stuck on a multiplication fact.

Ahead of our work on division and then going forward, please make sure that your child is practising their times tables regularly both orally and written. TTRS is great practice, and I recommend this as it is tailored to them through garage play but learning them orally is so important as well.

In English, we have been diving deeper into the Ancient Egyptians which we studied back in Autumn 1. The children have been able to recall a huge amount of information which is great, and we have been directing our knowledge to focus on Tutankhamun and the discovery of his tomb by Howard Carter.

In Science we got to make cup-telephones looking at how sound is able to travel. It would be a great activity for you to complete with your child to get involved in their learning in a practical way. In History, we are investigating how childhood has changed over time diving into various periods of history such as the Romans, Tudors and Victorians. The children have been surprised to find out that during the Tudor period children of 7 would move out of home and go and learn trades such as carpentry and blacksmith.

I can't write this without mentioning swimming. I have been so impressed this week with everyone being able to get into the water and have a go. Many children were nervous but when they got in and quickly discovered it was warm, they quickly forgot about that. Please can I just remind you that no earrings can be worn in the water so please can these be taken out at home to avoid them getting lost at school.

I look forward to another exciting week in Diamond, as always if there are any concerns please don't hesitate to get in touch. MyMaths and TTRS have been set as usual. Have a lovely weekend!

Miss Anderson & Miss Ozgen [lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk](mailto:lauren.anderson@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk)

## EMERALD CLASS

The holidays seem long gone as we are well and truly into our work. In maths we have been focused on 2D shapes and their properties, measuring angles and drawing shapes to scale. The children have worked hard on understanding how a protractor works and measuring and drawing a range of angles and shapes. In English we are reading the book 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan. This is about a highly unusual character that is presumed lost and what happens to it. This week and next the children are re-creating this story with their own unusual, lost thing character.

In science this week we continued our work on focus with an experiment based around friction. The children had to see how quickly they could transfer jelly cubes from one pot to another but with the additional hindrance or help of oil on the jelly and then salt. We had a great lesson which I know the children thoroughly enjoyed.

In history we are studying 'The Tudors'. We have focused on Henry VIII and all of his wives: interesting conversations were had about this! In design and technology our topic is musical instruments; in a couple of weeks' time the children will be making their own musical instrument from recycled materials so please ask them what they are proposing to make so that you can hoard some resources.

I hope you all have an enjoyable and peaceful weekend.

Mr Law & Mr Pople [joe.law@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk](mailto:joe.law@stjohnsprimariesch.org.uk)

# St. John's C.E. Primary School

## Academic Year 2025-2026

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| = weekends    | = Inset Day       |                 |

**Autumn Term:** Monday 1 September 2025 – Friday 19 December 2025  
*Half Term 27 October – 31 October*  
 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  
*Half Term 16 February - 20 February*

**Summer Term:** Monday 13 April 2026 – Monday 20 July 2026  
*Half Term 25 May – 29 May, and May Bank Holiday - 4 May*  
 Inset day Monday 20 July 2026



## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of the Month

Come  
And See



At  
St Luke's Church  
10:00am  
Every First Sunday of the  
Month

Come  
And See

### Shine Like Stars

As you may know, the school football team went to Galliard school to fight to earn a spot to go to the next round. We want to commemorate this moment and share it with you!

First, I would like to announce how great we played as one and not being at all grumpy when we made mistakes and encouraging each other to try better next time and most importantly we all had great fun.

I also want to give Mr Pople a big thank you for empowering us with words of wisdom after the first half of what felt like a loss drawing 1-1 and coming back in the second half and winning 7-1 with Emmanuel scoring all 7 goals, a fantastic achievement.

I want to give a thank you to the players for playing superb, and I am sure it was hard to pick who was man of the match but in my opinion, it was all of them.

Signed Adrian

The school goalkeeper.



*Man of the match was Adrian*

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](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

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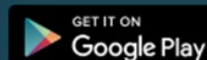
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<b>DATE LIST FOR SPRING TERM 2025</b>		
<b>JANUARY</b>		
23/1	Spare Uniform Sale	
27/1	Pathways assembly for all pupils—parents welcome	9.00am
29/1	Reception & Year 6 Height & Weight measurements	
<b>FEBRUARY</b>		
7/2	Fundraising for Protected Spring—dressing up as a number	
14/2	Catriona Fathers' Writing Competition Awards during Celebration Assembly	9.00am
14/2	Confirmation/Holy Communion Service led by The Rt. Revd Dr Anderson Jeremiah – parents/carers are most welcome to attend at St. John's Church	2.00pm
17/2-21/2	Half-Term	
<b>MARCH</b>		
3/3	Pathways Assembly – parents welcome	9.00am
3/3	Parents' Evening	
4/3	Parents' Evening	
5/3	Ash Wednesday Service	2.00pm
26/3	Swimming Ends	
26/3	Easter Concert for EYFS & KS1	2.00pm
31/3	After School Clubs finish for the Spring Term	
31/3	Collective Worship for parents of Emerald Class in the school hall	9.00am
<b>APRIL</b>		
1/4	Collective Worship for parents of Diamond Class in the school hall	9.00am
2/4	Collective Worship for parents of Sapphire Class in the school hall	9.00am
2/4	Easter Concert for KS2 – Bishop Anderson attending with Stephen Taylor	2.00pm
3/4	Collective Worship for EYFS parents in Ruby Class	9.00am
4/4	Finish for the Easter holidays Reception Class to be collected at 12.45pm Sapphire Class to be collected at 12.50pm Diamond Class to be collected at 12.55pm Emerald Class to be collected at 1pm	
22/4	Start of the Summer Term	8.45am