

# HEADTEACHER'S NEWS SUMMARY NEWSLETTER



## Confidence whilst there is uncertainty all around us

This week we have been focusing on having confidence in ourselves to be good people despite what we see in our world as this is not what God would want to witness. We discussed who are the people in the St. John's community that encourage you to be good, to be the best version of you and in doing so contribute positively to your community, your country and the world.

Christians believe that one day God will restore things to how he originally intended. We talked about what they would look forward to seeing being made new and the difference that would make in our world today. This linked really well with the visit that we had from Mr. Conway (Mrs. Gatward's brother) who talked to us about the project that he is involved in at the moment with Sadiq Khan. This will involve our pupils in a drawing task as part of the Mayor of London Campaign 2025: '**You Are Loved & Wanted in London**'. It was commissioned after the riots earlier this year and it's now become a more holistic campaign about making people feel a sense of belonging in the city. Pupils in KS2 are being invited to draw their own ampersand (&) symbol which will then be judged and a few selected to be used as part of the logo lockup around the campaign. We can expect to see this on posters around the city of London from February 2025.

Thank you to all the parents who took the time to fill in the Reading questionnaire last week as this is very useful information for us to have and reinforces how important it is that parents support their children with their reading. We are delighted with the extremely positive feedback that we have received. I would really encourage you to take the time to visit the local Library especially now in these dark, cold evening where it is an absolute sanctuary to be.

We will be supporting St. John's Christmas Raffle this year again in recognition of all the support that the parish gives us throughout the year. We are always so grateful to come into a very welcoming church where the heating and lighting are on for us and everything tidied away after we leave. Please do support this fundraising event as churches cost a lot to run and this special place is invaluable to our school community.

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

Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Experience for Ruby and Sapphire Class

Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Experience for Emerald Class

Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Experience for Diamond Class

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November – School closed, Mental Health and Well-Being Day for all at St. John's

Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December @ 9am – Maths lesson for parents/carers to observe in Ruby Class

Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December @ 9am—Open Morning for Prospective Parents

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December @9am – Governors in school to talk to pupils about Collective Worship and Religious Education and also looking at pupils work in Religious Education across the school.

Have an enjoyable weekend.

Best Wishes

Mrs. Notley



### Week Beginning Monday 25 November 2024

#### **Monday**

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

#### **Tuesday**

##### **Christmas Experience for Ruby & Sapphire Class**

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

#### **Wednesday**

##### **Christmas Experience for Emerald Class**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 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**

##### **Christmas Experience for Diamond Class**

8.00am Breakfast Club  
 3.00-4.00pm Rounders/Tennis Club (KS2)  
 3.00-4.00pm Activities Club (Recep, Sapphire Class)  
 3.00-4.00pm Jiu-Jitsu (KS2 & Year 2)

#### **Friday**

**INSET DAY—School Closed**

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
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 6<sup>th</sup> January 2025 will be an INSET Day instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2025.**

# 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 25 November in recognition of their achievement this week for the most attendance this week.

### This Week's Attendance

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week</u>
Ruby	93.6%
Sapphire	95.8%
Diamond	99.3%
Emerald	97.7%
Overall	96.6%



## Flu Vaccinations

Two emails have been sent out to parents/carers in regards to the Flu Vaccinations taking place on 2 December.

If you haven't already completed the e-consent form, whether you want your child to have the vaccination or not, please do so.

## After School Clubs

A reminder that After School Clubs will be finishing on Friday 9 December. Please pick children up from school at the normal time from Monday 12 December

## 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.

## School Uniform

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

# INFORMATION

## 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'

There will be a uniform sale on Wednesday 27 & Thursday 28 November outside school.

## 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](http://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

Ruby Class continues to buzz with excitement as the children explore, create, and learn together. Their growing confidence and enthusiasm for new challenges are a joy to witness every day!

### **Maths**

This week, we have been delving into shapes! The children have been learning about circles and triangles, exploring their properties through hands-on activities like creating shape art and sorting objects by their shapes. We have also started investigating 3D shapes, identifying features like edges, faces, and vertices through construction and tactile exploration.

### **Literacy**

Our focus text, *I Am Henry Finch* by Alexis Deacon, has inspired thoughtful discussions and creative projects. The story follows Henry Finch, a small but brave bird, on his journey of self-discovery. The children have been making their own fingerprint finches and using their developing phonics skills to write sentences about the story. This activity not only builds their writing confidence but also sparks their imagination and curiosity.

### **Getting Ready for Christmas**

Ruby Class is full of festive cheer as we prepare for Christmas! The children have been practising Nativity songs with enthusiasm, filling the classroom with music and excitement. They are also exploring the Nativity story through storytelling and role-play, helping them understand the meaning of this special time. Everyone is eagerly looking forward to our trip to the Christmas Experience on Tuesday, where the magic of the season will come to life.

Thank you for your continued support as we enjoy this magical time of year with the children.

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

## SAPPHIRE CLASS

Sapphire children continue to thrive and become more confident and resilient. Such a pleasure to see their growing passion for learning!

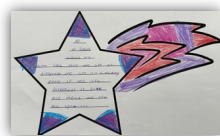
**English** – We have just completed a wonderful poster promoting tourism in London as requested by the London Mayor. The Great Fire of London, by Emma Adams and James Western Lewis, continues to be the focus of writing for this unit; we are cross-learning with the **History** unit this time. We will be writing persuasive posters, warning posters (instructional writing), speech bubbles, letters of advice, certificates and creating information booklets. So, various writing skills will be explored and developed throughout this unit. **We welcome any projects for our 'Mini World' display.**

**Maths** – We have been learning about multiplication and telling the time over the last two weeks. The children are showing engagement and interest in their learning which is clearly reflected in their work. Home support is always essential in developing your child's confidence and self-esteem.

**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. Have a go dear parents/carer at finding out the history behind our school's name!

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

## DIAMOND CLASS

It was lovely to see so many of you at Parent's Evening last week. It was a pleasure to discuss your child's progress and share with you some tips and tricks and also their targets that we are working on in school.

We are ploughing through our learning in Diamond Class and the children are continuing to learn, grow and flourish every day. In Maths this week, we have been looking at telling the time. An important skill, despite our ever-technological advancing world. The children have remembered o'clock, half past, quarter past and quarter to from last year and we have been working really hard on 5-minute intervals. Testing your children using an analogue clock at home will be really beneficial for their tests before Christmas.

In English, we have continued looking at the BFG by Roald Dahl and have written diary entries about the plan to tell the Queen all about the nasty child-eating giants. The children have found this book very funny and are loving listening to the audiobook as the sounds have been added into the background.

In Science, we have completed an experiment looking out the effect of liquids on hard-boiled eggs (symbolising teeth). We had a great discussion about digestion and the different types of teeth we have. We learnt some interesting facts about the number of taste buds we have on our tongue and how it is the fastest repairing part of our body!

The children often have some really interesting questions about our learning, it would be great if they could have the opportunity to research these at home and bring their findings into school. We love to learn and have learnt this week about a recent discovery of ancient statues in Mexico during Collective Worship. We spoke about how discovery is really important no matter who you are, and I am encouraging the children to discover something new every day.

Thank you for your continued support at home, I have set times tables and MyMaths homework this week. If there are any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Have a lovely weekend,

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

## EMERALD CLASS

Emerald class have been working extremely hard this week across all areas of the curriculum. In art we are looking at the sculptor Henry Moore and his abundance of fantastic sculptures but also sketches he has produced. The children created some fantastic replicas of his work; we have some amazing artists in our class.

In geography we have been looking at how our country has changed over time. Over the last two weeks we have focused on London and how World War II had a serious impact on our city and how the rebuilding and regeneration has returned us to a prosperous and diverse place to live. We also looked at the development of Stratford for the 2012 Olympic Games. Everybody seemed very keen to have a go on The Orbit.

In English we have been focused on The Tempest by William Shakespeare. The children are finishing off their final written pieces today and I have been pleased with the progress and understanding through the unit.

Finally, next Wednesday we are walking into Enfield Town to the local Baptist Church where we will participate in the Christmas Experience. If any parents would like to help by walking down from school with the class please let me know.

Have a relaxing and fun weekend.

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



DATE LIST FOR AUTUMN TERM 2024		
<b>NOVEMBER</b>		
26	Christmas Experience Visit Ruby Class	11.00am
26	Christmas Experience Visit Sapphire Class	1.00pm
27	Christmas Experience Visit Emerald Class	1.00pm
28	Christmas Experience Visit Diamond Class	1.30pm
29	INSET DAY school closed	All day
<b>DECEMBER</b>		
2	Flu-Vaccinations (please fill in the e-consent forms sent by ParentPay)	
3	Maths lesson for Ruby Class parents/carers to observe	9.00am
4	Open Morning for Prospective Parents	9.00am
6	Governors in school to talk to pupils about Collective Worship and Religious Education and also looking at pupils work in Religious Education across the school.	9.00am
6	Catriona Fathers' Writing Award	
9	After School Clubs finish for the Autumn Term	
11	Ruby Class' Nativity in St. John's Church	2.00pm
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
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	
19	<b>Nursery Class End of Autumn Term</b>	<b>2.50pm</b>
20	<b>End of Autumn Term</b>	<b>1.00pm</b>

## 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.

YOU ARE INVITED TO A

# CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

SATURDAY 30TH NOVEMBER 2024,  
10:00 TO 12:00 NOON  
FREE INCLUDING REFRESHMENTS!



An immersive Christmas Experience for families! Travel through time to see the Nativity story be brought to life, as you walk through dramatic scenery to meet characters from the story of Jesus's birth.  
All children need to be accompanied by an adult.

Find us here!

On the one way system, next to the park! →





Enjoyed the Christmas Experience?  
Lighthouse and Fortress are kids groups run at Enfield Town Community Church, every Friday during term time.



Reception to Year 2  
4:30-5:45

All our children's and youth workers are DBS checked.



Year 3 to Year 6  
6:00-7:30

## 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**

# 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 9<sup>th</sup> December, 4pm**

**Carterhatch Junior School**  
Carterhatch Lane, Enfield. EN1 4JY

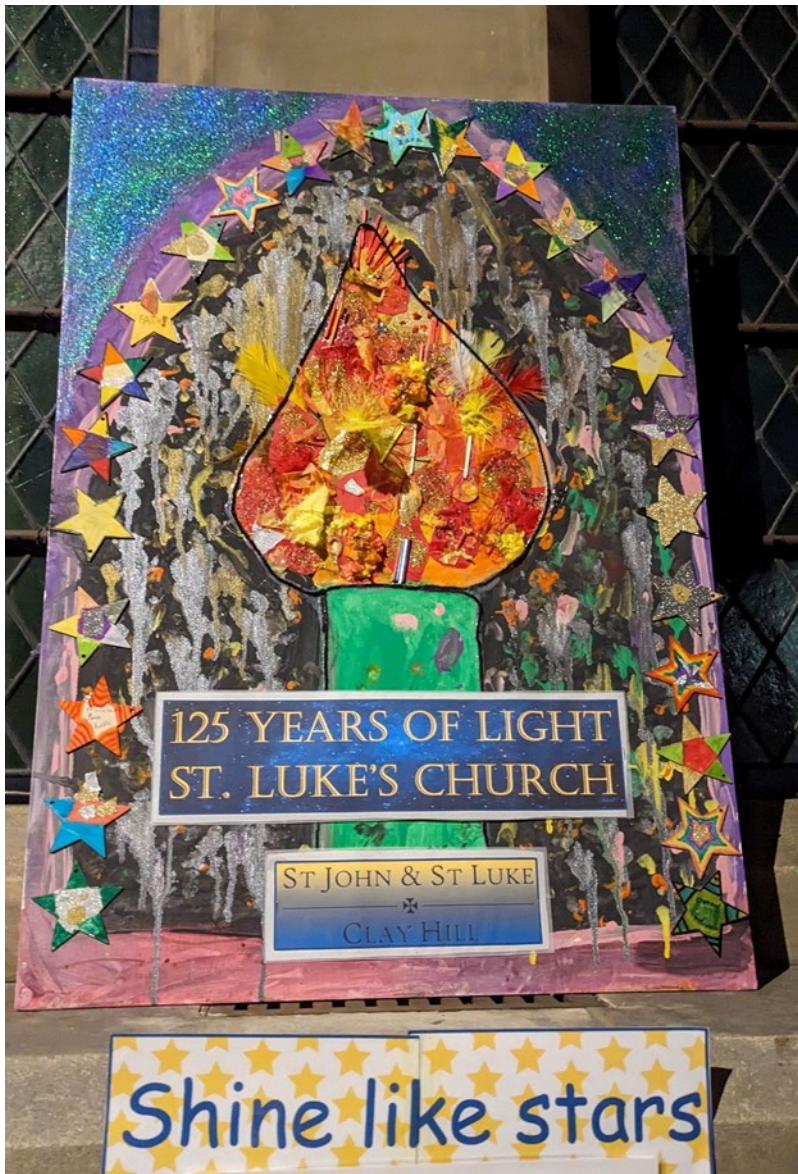
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Created by the children from  
Diamond Class

Celebrating St. Luke's Church  
125<sup>th</sup> anniversary

### Sports News

Last Friday the school played in the Enfield Tag Rugby Tournament. It was their first matches of the season and the new team performed admirably winning 5 games and only losing one, which meant we qualified for the semi-finals. Unfortunately, we were against our nemesis, Raglan, and after a competitive game lost 7-5. Many thanks to the parents who helped with the walk down to Enfield Ignatian's Rugby club and also all of the supporters on the touchline. The whole team performed very well but my player of the tournament would have to go to Zeni for his fantastic try-scoring.



A week last Monday the school football team played in a 7-a-side borough football tournament at the Powerleague at Edmonton County. After a draw in the first game the team responded well to a slow start and won their remaining games to qualify for the semi-finals. They won this to qualify for the final against a very strong school full of academy players, Wolfson Hillel. Unfortunately, we lost 4-0 but again the school football team continues to have great success this season. Well done.





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

*"Shine like stars"*

## Nursery & Reception Class

### Top 2% of Primary schools in the country

*'Thank you for your work in continuing the drive towards higher academic standards and congratulations again to you and your staff for your commitment and success' Rt. Hon Damian Hinds – Minister for Schools*

#### **Are you a Parent or a Carer looking for a school place in either Nursery or Reception 2025?**

#### **Come and see St. John's C.E. Primary School in action at our Open Morning**

**on Wednesday 4 December at 9.00am**

We are a small school with a maximum of 17 pupils in both the Nursery Class and the Reception Class.

Supported group work provided for all pupils which enables all pupils to make excellent progress – last year our combined end of KS2 results were well above the national average and we are currently in the top 2% of schools in the country.

Excellent extra-curricular activities including a Breakfast Club daily – excellent feedback from our recent feedback from our recent Ofsted inspection on the 20<sup>th</sup> July 2022

Please contact our school office on 020 8363 4709 to book your place for the Open Morning or visit our website [www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk](http://www.stjohnsprimarysch.org.uk) for further information.

Pupils' behaviour is a strength and as a result, they are enthusiastic learners. There is a calm, focused and respectful atmosphere in the school, where learning is the priority.

Ofsted, July 2022

Leaders are ambitious for all pupils to develop as confident and independent readers. Leaders prioritise pupils' wider enrichment. Pupils appreciate these opportunities and take them seriously.

Ofsted, July 2022

'Pupils are happy here. They appreciate the small, caring, family ethos of the school.

Ofsted, July 2022



## Summary of the Spelling Competition Performance 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024



### **Participants:**

**Year 1** – Ava & Isaac

**Year 2** – Sammy & Luke

**Year 3** – Zara & Michael

**Year 4** – Aevum & Petar

**Year 5** – Mishka & Kayden

**Year 6** – Mira & Zeni

What an incredible display of talent and hard work we witnessed today in the Spelling Bee Competition! The children who participated have truly amazed us with their dedication and skill. Each contestant showed remarkable focus and determination, confidently spelling challenging words one after another; it was clear that they had put in countless hours of practice and passion to reach this level.

From the very first round, it was evident that the children were not only prepared, but excited to take on the challenge. Whether they were spelling words with tricky syllables or complex letter combinations, their resilience and composure under pressure were nothing short of impressive. Many of the words they spelt were exceptionally difficult, but the children approached them with poise and precision, making us incredibly proud.

What stood out most was the spirit of sportsmanship and encouragement among our St John's pupils. They supported one another, encouraged each other and celebrated every success along the way. This sense of belongingness, combined with their individual achievements, made for an unforgettable event. This is indeed what St John's nurturing community is all about.

All the children, even though we haven't advanced to the final rounds, we, as a community, should feel an immense sense of pride in their efforts. The skills they've developed—focus, perseverance, determination and a love for learning—will continue to serve them well in the future.

Today, every single participant was a winner in their own right, shining like a star, and we can't wait to see what these young minds will achieve next! Watch the space!