

St John's CE Academy

Weekly Newsletter



Like mustard seeds, we aim to nurture our children to grow and flourish in the safety of our school. Underpinned by our Christian values, we are committed to seeing children achieve their individual potential and develop their God-given talents in order to blossom into contributing members of society.

Friday 19th September 2025

A Message From Our Principal

Dear Parents,

As we move further into the school year, I find myself reflecting on how quickly time seems to be passing. Just when you wish you could slow it down to savour each moment, the weeks fly by in a blur of learning, laughter, and shared experiences.

The corridors and classrooms are once again alive with the joyful sounds of children's laughter, curiosity, and discovery — the very heartbeat of our school. It has been a pleasure to see our pupils settling back into routines, embracing new challenges, and throwing themselves wholeheartedly into the activities we have planned, especially our EYFS children.

On Monday, 15th September, our children had the incredible opportunity to visit the historic Houses of Parliament in London.

The children were fascinated as they learned about the rich history of Parliament and gained a deeper understanding of how laws are made in the UK. From stepping into the grand surroundings to listening to engaging explanations, every moment was both educational and inspiring. The excitement on the children's faces showed just how much they enjoyed this once-in-a-lifetime experience.

This unforgettable trip would not have been possible without the generous support of Mr Jogee, our local MP, and his parliamentary assistant, Miss McGowan-Green, who welcomed us so warmly in London. A heartfelt thank you to both for helping us make this learning experience so meaningful.

We would also like to extend our sincere thanks to Callum and Richard's dads, both Mr Reader, for accompanying us on the day and offering their kind support throughout the visit. Their help was truly appreciated. It was a day full of learning, discovery, and excitement — a memory that our children will cherish for years to come.

Warm regards,
Mrs S Bailey

Quote of the week:

"In diversity there is beauty and there is strength." – Maya Angelou.

This week's Attendance heroes are ... Year 5!

EYFS: 93.5%	Class 4: 92.4%
Class 1: 94.7%	Class 5: 96.7%
Class 2: 93.9%	Class 6: 92.4%
Class 3: 90.0%	

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This Week's Birthdays...

Grey Y2 Elizabeth Y5
Joseph Y3 Anashe Y4 Richard Y2



Stars of the Week

EYFS	Oliver – for showing excellent knowledge in Maths. He even counted in 2s!
Class 1	Rueben – for fantastic resilience and determination to succeed in his learning.
Class 2	Grey - for fabulous behaviour for learning
Class 3	Henry – For showing immense knowledge about tectonic plates and continents
Class 4	Habib – for excellent focus and determination during lessons.
Class 5	Teddy – For excellent effort in most lessons this week and trying hard to improve.
Class 6	Arthur – for being a resilient, kind and hardworking pupil.

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Weekly Class Overviews:

EYFS: We have had a fantastic week in Reception! We have started to read our story “We’re going to find the monster”. The children have drawn their own monsters and talked about how they would best describe their monsters! We have also been very creative this week junk modelling our “homes” - the children have really impressed me with their artistic skills.

Class 1: Wow! What a week! The children have really shone with their determination to succeed in Year One. We have been diving into the book *Meesha Makes Friends*, exploring adventurous vocabulary and writing brilliant tips on how to make friends. In History, we explored our own personal histories by creating timelines of our lives so far – thank you so much for sending in the photos, they made the activity extra special! In RE, we completed “Hidden Heart” posters, focusing on the story of the Parable of the Lost Son. Please ask your children about the importance of forgiveness and what this parable has taught them – their insights have been thoughtful and inspiring.

Class 2: What a fantastic week we have had! The children have been shining in all they do, really living out our school values of **Courage, Ambition, Respect and Empathy**. We’ve seen children showing courage by trying new challenges in their learning, ambition by always aiming high, respect in the way they support one another, and empathy by showing kindness and care to their friends. We are so proud of them all! They are very excited to be receiving dojo points for their hard work and are working towards their first target of 150 dojo points to earn their bronze award.

Class 3: In Geography, Year 3 have been learning all about mountains. The children have enjoyed exploring what mountains are, where they are found in the world, and how they are formed. We discovered that mountains aren’t all the same — they can be grouped into different types depending on how they were made. The children have enjoyed comparing the features of each type and finding examples on a world map. We’ve also talked about famous peaks, such as Mount Everest (the highest mountain in the world), and mountains closer to home, like Snowdon in Wales and Ben Nevis in Scotland. Through this topic, the children are developing key geography skills — using maps, learning new vocabulary, and understanding how landscapes are shaped. They are also beginning to see how mountains affect people’s lives, from climbing and tourism to weather and settlement.

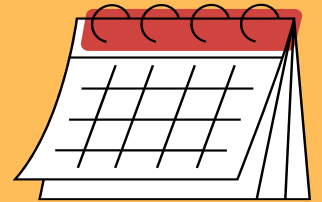
Class 4: Year 4 has had a great week of learning! In French, we enjoyed listening out for cognates and practising our pronunciation, which the children did brilliantly with. In RE, we explored the story of Noah’s Ark and had some excellent class discussions about the importance of reading the Bible for Christians. The children gave thoughtful and impressive responses—well done, Year 4!

Class 5: Good week for year 5. We have had a fun week of learning. In English we had lots of practice in writing diary entries and wrote one as Harriet Tubman on how we thought she would feel after escaping the plantation. In Maths we have finished our first unit of place value. In Geography we took a tour of the Alps and discussed what we thought it would be like to live there. Well done year 5.

Class 6: Class 6 have had a fantastic week and are full of excitement for their upcoming residential trip! In English, they have been learning about the use of the passive voice and writing some brilliant sentences based on our class text *Star of Fear, Star of Hope*. In Science, they've been exploring the classification of animals and have shown great curiosity and enthusiasm. Well done, Year 6, for all your hard work and a great week!

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Diary Dates



Monday 22nd Sept – Y6 5-day Residential to Condover Hall

Thursday 25th Sept – Y4 visit to Sudbury Hall

Tuesday 30th Sept – PEP the Poet – Whole School Poetry Workshop – No cost to parents

Thursday 2nd Oct – Roald Dahl Themed Lunch Menu

Thursday 2nd Oct – Harvest Service in Church – 9:15 am – Parents welcome

Friday 3rd Oct – Athlete in school

Friday 10th Oct – Hello Yellow Day – Supporting 'Young Minds' - wear yellow non-uniform day

Friday 16th Oct – Languages Day – Parent speakers welcome – please contact the school office.

Friday 17th Oct – Show Racism the Red Card – wear red non-uniform day

Friday 24th Oct – INSET DAY

Mon 27 – Fri 31 Oct – Half Term

Tues 9th Dec – Flu Vaccination Programme – Rec to Y6

Fri 19th Dec – Pantomime in school

Fri 19th Dec – School Closes for Christmas Break

Wed 7th Jan – Y1 & Y2 Trip to Sudbury Hall

Wed 14th Jan – Young Voices, Birmingham

Thurs 19th Mar – Scholastic Book Fair starts