



St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 26th September 2025



It can be hard to focus on God when our hearts are distracted! In this week's Gospel, Jesus recalls the two most important commandments - love God and love your neighbour.

Children learned that removing Earthly distractions can help us focus on putting God first in our lives, which in turn helps us to love our neighbours well.

How will you put God first through your words and actions this week?



Homework Top Tips!

Create the right conditions...

Routine:

Set a consistent time for homework that fits your family's schedule, helping it become a habit.

Dedicated Space:

Provide a quiet, and tidy area free from distractions, signalling that homework is important.

Little but Often:

Doing ten to fifteen minutes a night is more productive than an hour and half on a Sunday evening!

Encourage Independence:

Allow your child to take ownership of their homework, but be ready to provide support and guidance when they need it – don't do it for them!

If your child does not understand what they are being asked to do even after you have offered support, be sure to tell their teacher.

The Beginning of the New Year Mass

Children from St John's joined with children from St James the Great to represent the schools of our federation at the special Beginning of Year Mass where all schools from the Archdiocese of Southwark gathered at St George's Cathedral on Wednesday.



NEXT WEEK...

Monday 29th September

Mandarin Club starts afterschool on Monday for Year 3 & 4. There are still places available. If your child would like to attend please book them in via the app.

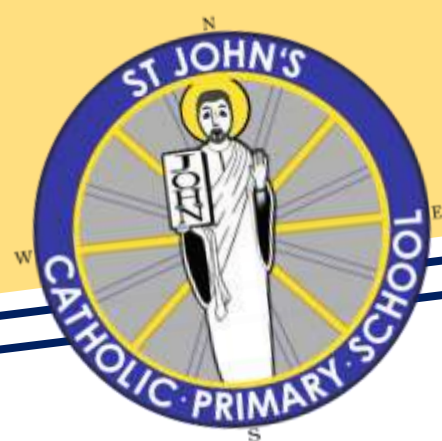


Thursday 2nd October

9.15am - Phonics workshop for Nursery, Reception and Year 1 parents in the school hall.

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Pupil Leadership 2025 - 26



School Council



Our promise as School Council is to be outstanding representatives for our school.

We will encourage everyone to work together to ensure that our school continues to be a safe and happy place where everyone's voice is heard.



We promise to work with the other leadership groups to plan and lead on fund raising ideas to help our local community and our global community. We will listen to others and promise to be approachable and understanding.

Catholic Life Committee



Our promise as the Catholic Life Committee is to be good at listening to God and to others. We promised to take the lead in planning and set it up for class and school liturgical celebrations.

We promise to be good role models. We will set up and prepare for assemblies and masses and share the good news with our community.



We will be committed to coming into school early to pray the rosary and to support our school where needed.

Eco Team



Our promise as the Eco team is to encourage our school community to recycle and reuse.

We will share ideas for energy saving. We promise to be reliable and well organised. We will deliver fruit to the classes each morning.

We will look after the plants in the school playground and encourage others to care for God's world.

We have a desire to make the world a better place.

ECO TEAM

Play Leaders



Our promises play leaders is to help the adults to keep the younger children safe.

We promise to encourage the children to play nicely with each other and to have fun.

We will help children to resolve issues in a positive and mature way so that playtime is enjoyed by all.

We promise to introduce new games and to be the best role models that we can be.

PLAY LEADER

Reading Buddies



Our promise as reading buddies is to be encouraging, patient and kind.

We will praise the children and tell the class teacher how well they are doing.

We promise to reassure the children when they get stuck and support them when they need it.

We promise to be reliable, well organised and positive role models.

School Librarians



As school librarians, we promise to take care of our brand new library. We will treat every book like a treasure so that everyone can enjoy it. We will keep the shelves neat and tidy so people can always find what they are looking for.

We promise to make the library a calm and welcoming place, where everyone feels happy to read and learn. We will help our friends choose books and remind them to bring them back on time. We promise to look after the library space, keeping it bright, clean, and inviting.

Most of all, we promise to share our love of reading with everyone who comes through the door.