St John's Catholic Primary School

Friday 13th November 2026

This week in Assmbly, we heard the story of the wise and foolish brides, which reminds us to always be ready for God.
We learned that making good choices and showing love to orthers each day helps us to grow closer to Jesus.

How can you grow closer to God?



Breathe in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my thoughts may be holy.

Act in me, O Holy Spirit,
that my work may be holy.

Draw my heart, O Holy Spirit,
that I may love what is holy.

Strengthen me, O Holy Spirit,
to do what is right.

Guard me, O Holy Spirit,
And help me to live a holy life.

Amen

Lest we not forget

















Learning outside the classroom

As a school, we pride ourselves on offering our children a rich, broad and balanced cirriclum, which includes a wide range of exciting learning outside the classroom opportunities. These experiences are an important part of our curriculum, enriching children's learning, developing their independence, building confidence and creating lasting memories.

We have recently noticed an increasing number of parents requesting that their child only attends these opportunities if they are able to accompany them as a parent helper.Whist we greatly value the support of parent volunteers, we must ensure that opportunities to accompany school visits are shared fairly amongst our parent community. We are therefore unable to guartantee that individual parents will be able to attend every visit involving their child.

We expect all children to participate in these valuable learning experiences, regardless of wheather their parent is able to accompany them. Choosing for a child to remain in school or keeping them at home because a parent has not been selected as a helper means that the child misses out on important learning opportunities alongside their peers.

We would like to remind parents that keeping a child at home for this reason will result in an an unauthorised absence. Where a child has an individual medical, SEND or other specific need, we will, of course continue to work closely with families to ensure that appropriate arrangements are in place to support their participation.

We kindly ask for your support in encouraging your child to embrace these opportunities with confidence and enthusiasm, trusting our experienced staff to provide a safe, enjoyable and enriching experience,

Thank you for your support in helping us to provide the very best educational experiences for all our children.

Jancie Babb and Emily Phipps

Co Headteachers

Summer Reading Challenge





We are so proud that many of our children here in school took part in Southwark's annual Summer Reading Challenge. In fact, we are joint first place in Southwark for the number of books read this summer!

The librarian from Canada Water come into school on Monday, to present all our children who took part a special certificate. Well done to everyone who took part.

St. Nicholas Day

In celebration of St. Nicholas Day on December 6th, we invite all students to join in the festive spirit by wearing a Santa hat to school! This day honours St. Nicholas, a beloved figure known for his kindness and generosity, and we want to follow his example of helping others.

As part of our celebration, we are asking students to bring a donation of non-perishable food items for our local food bank. Just like St. Nicholas gave to those in need, we can spread kindness in our community by helping those who are struggling.

Due to St Nicholas Day falling on Sunday this year, we will be celebrating on Thursday 3rd December,children are encouraged to wear a Santa Hat to school on and bring non-perishable food items for the food bank (pasta, rice, cereal, soup, tinned tomatoes/ pasta sauce, lentils, beans and pulses, tinned meat, tinned vegetables, tea/coffee, tinned fruit, biscuits, UHT milk, fruit juice)

Let's make this St. Nicholas Day special by coming together to help those in need and spreading holiday cheer!

Year 6 Fundraiser

From Monday 16th November, Year 6 will be selling a selection of preloved toys and books after school to raise money towards their exciting theatre trip in May!

There will be lots of bargains to be found, with items available from a little as £1!!! It's a great opportunity to pick up a little something while supporting our Year 6 pupils and helping them raise money for their special trip.

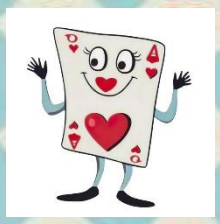
Thank you for all your support and there is still time to donate any items you may have by Monday.





Year 5 Alice in Wonderland



















On Thursday, Year 5 went to visit Alice in Wonderland over at Dock X. They had a wonderful morning and were completely captivated by the interactive sets and the optical illusions. They wondered through the glowing wonderland forest and even stepped down the rabbit hole! It was truly a magical morning and sparked the children's imagination and brought a classic story to life in the most amazing way. A BIG thank you to Mr Burns for arranging this trip.

