



St. John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter 27– 19th April 2024

Our values: In Christ we are: Joyful in our faith , Aspirational in our learning, Confident in being me, Caring in our hearts.

Taken from John 15:1-8 The Fifth Sunday of Easter, Year B

Jesus said to his disciples: "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser. Every branch in me that bears no fruit he cuts away, and every branch that does bear fruit he prunes to make it bear even more. You are pruned already, by means of the word that I have spoken to you. Make your home in me, as I make mine in you. As a branch cannot bear fruit all by itself, but must remain part of the vine, neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me, with me in him, bears fruit in plenty; for cut off from me you can do nothing. Anyone who does not remain in me is like a branch that has been thrown away - he withers; these branches are collected and thrown on the fire, and they are burnt. If you remain in me and my words remain in you, you may ask what you will and you shall get it. It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit, and then you will be my disciples."

Stars of the week



Reception - Nathaniel for trying extra hard with his learning this week!



Year 1 - Jacob A for always trying his best in his learning and being a positive role model to his peers



Year 2 - all of Y2 for being so amazing throughout our trip to Windsor Castle! I am so proud of you all, especially when you recalled all your castle facts to the Learning Team there.



Year 3 - Alex for working really well in Maths adding and subtracting fractions



Year 4 - Nancy for being a gorgeous and kind member of the class. Always enthusiastic and ready to learn!



Year 5 - Jayson for a fantastic start and already contributing to our class



Year 6 - Simon for always being polite, kind and respectful—sets a great example to others.



Proud Work 19/04/24



YR — Sofia P for independently writing a menu for our fairground topic.

Y1— Jacinta for trying hard in our History lesson and writing some lovely ideas about fossils.

Y2 — Elisa for her explanation of how the Holy Spirit helps to spread the word of Jesus

Y3— Amber for a fantastic piece of abstract art inspired by the artist Charles McGee

Y4— Emelia for her colourful landscape painting based on the artist Ted Harrison who paints with bold colours.

Y5— Gabriella for her ‘can do’ attitude in Maths

Y6— Eric for his use of ambitious and technical vocabulary. Well done!

Bronze Reading Award— 50 reads

YR— Hemashi, Frida

Silver Reading Award— 100 reads

Y4— Aira, Mia, Emelia, Ruby, Samuel M

Y5—Daniel

Attendance Award: Year 4—96%



Whole School Attendance:
93.8% Target Attendance :
95%)

Gold Reading Award—150 reads

YR— Toby, Artin, **Y1**—Wilfred, Harry, **Y2**—
Jenson, Katy, **Y3**— Ava, Hope, Eden , **Y5**—
Teddie

Violet Reading Award—200 reads

YR—Ariana, **Y1**— Adam, Annie, Zakariya

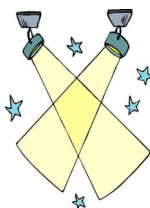
Y3— Olive, James, Mati, Daniel

Y5— Antonia, Finlay, Abbeygayle

Y6— Louisa , Libby, Blanca,

Toby B, Rosmaria, Cara





Spotlight on the Adults at St John's

An interview undertaken by members of our School Council, to support our school community in getting to know different members of staff are school.

This week's adult in the spotlight is... **Mr Kowal!**



What is your job at St John's?	Learning Assistant and Forest School
What are your responsibilities in school?	I support in Reception—teaching kids to high five! I am working to put together the Forest School for St John's at the moment.
Do you have a family or pets?	My wife and daughter, Maija. I have a cat called Basil and two rabbits.
How long have you been at St John's?	For 2 years
Why did you come to St John's?	I really like the school—it has great staff and pupils.
How long have you been in education for?	For three years
How do you feel about your job?	I love it! It's great fun (but a little exhausting) I learn from the kids!
What is your favourite subject in school and why?	Phonics—because I love the progress that children can make, and learning to read.
When you were little where did you grow up?	Purley (near Croydon)
Who inspires you and why?	My daughter because I loved watching her grow from a baby to a tiny human!
What is your favourite food?	Pasta carbonara or Pierogi (I can't decide!)
Do you have any hobbies?	Mountain biking, Scout Leader, Rifle and Pistol instructor.
What is your favourite song?	99 Red Balloons (cover by Gold Finger)

Summer Term Diary Dates!



Tuesday 7 May—Parent workshop: Anxiety

Monday 13 May: Y6 SATs week

Monday 20 May: Spanish Day, Week of Phonics Screening

Thursday 23 May: Crazy hair day! Break up for May half-term

Monday 3 June: Back to school, Y6 at PGL all week

Thursday 13 June: Y5 school trip

Friday 14 June: International Food Festival, First Holy Communions

Saturday 22 June: Summer Fair 12—3pm

Monday 17 June: Bikeability week

Wednesday 26 June: Y3 International morning with Arunside

Friday 5 July: PTA Family Festival picnic

Monday 22 July: Last day of term



INSET Day change: the INSET day will be moved from Monday 25 November to Friday 11 October.

After School Clubs— will begin next week! Please make payment via your Gateway app before attending.



Parent Workshop: 7 May at 9am in the school hall Mrs Clough and Mrs Burke will be running a parent workshop based on Anxiety.

The workshop will touch upon what anxiety is, why we experience it, when it can become problematic, what we can do to support children and young people as well as what resources and support are available to you as parents. We hope you can make it and look forward to seeing you!

Half-term Language: Albanian!

Alo! We have chosen Albanian as our focus language this half-term as we have a few Albanian speakers in school. The children will be saying hello in the register each day, and maybe learning a few other Albanian words e.g. numbers, greetings, if they have Albanian speakers in their class. If any Albanian children would like to bring in items to show in class, e.g. traditional clothes, photos, a flag, souvenirs, please let us know. Thank you! - Mrs Curtis



Y4 French Café Role Play: Bon Appetit!

Just before Easter, Year 4 used their French to order croissants, brioches and pains aux chocolat in a café role play. They had to order politely, ask the price, pay in Euros and say thank you, all in French. Madame Curtis was very impressed with everyone's French! Très bien Classe 4!

Year 2 Trip to Windsor Castle Also before Easter, Year 2 enjoyed a fantastic trip to Windsor Castle. They behaved beautifully and learnt a lot!



Friends of St John's Update

Hope you all had a lovely Easter and a good first week back!

Movie night

Thank you so much to all that attended our first Movie night we hope you enjoyed it. Also thank you to all the parents who have kindly volunteered. The movie night raised **£250** for the school!

PTA Meeting: Monday 22nd April 7.30- 9.00pm @ St John's school

Please join us at the PTA meeting on Monday. We will be discussing the Summer Festival plans and we will need your help! Any ideas most welcome.

CrAzY hAiR dAy on Thursday 23/05/24

Have wacky hair in return for donations for the summer fair. Start thinking of some hair inspo!

Summer Fair Saturday 22/06/24 - 12-3pm.

We require volunteers for the summer fair so if you have some time please consider volunteering even if its to help set up or take down. Or if you have a spare 30 minutes to help on a stall! We appreciate any time that you can give us.

Please email Friends@stjohnshorsham.school or sign up through our website [Friends of St. John's \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://Friends of St. John's (pta-events.co.uk))

D-DAY
6TH JUNE

80 YEARS
1944-2024



**Menu swap with Friday 7th
June**

MAIN

Fish Fingers and Chips
Vegan Balls in Tomato Sauce and Chips
Jacket Potato with Cheese and Salad

SIDES

Baked Beans or Peas

DESSERT

Chunky Chocolate Brownie



Order at www.ParentPay.com no later than Thursday 23rd May 2024
Special diet menus will remain in place

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IRISH DANCE



CLASSES

SUNDAY 10 - 11am
Holbrook Community Centre,
Horsham

First Class Free
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