Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

What a wonderful penultimate week we have had! Despite the warm weather, the children have continued to enjoy their learning and have taken part in some fantastic events. We also made an extra special effort to disconnect from technology for part of the day and reconnect with God, the beauty of His creation and one another. It was wonderful to see the children so excited by this different style of learning and the opportunities it gave them to work together.

A huge congratulations to our Year 6 pupils for their brilliant production of Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies. The children shone on stage, showcasing their many talents and should be incredibly proud of themselves. Thank you to Mrs McMahon, Mrs Waghorne and Ms Ryan for all their hard work in preparing the children for such a memorable performance.

We have also been so impressed with our Nursery children, who were amazing during their Graduation celebration. They confidently shared their learning and delighted us with their special songs, well done to you all! Thank you to Mrs Baranska and the Nursery team for making the event so special. Thank you also to Mrs Poterachi and all the staff for organising a wonderful French Day, and to all our parents for your generous support in helping to raise money for the school.

Finally, a reminder that our Summer Fair takes place tomorrow! I can't wait to see you all there for what promises to be a fantastic afternoon. A huge thank you to our PTA for all their hard work. If you are able to spare time tomorrow morning to help with setting up, your support would be greatly appreciated. See you all tomorrow!

Mrs Kelliher

Stars of the Week
8th July 2026

Rec: Tye
Yr1: Skyler & Szofia
Yr2: Anna & Carolta
Yr3: Eliora & Taylor
Yr4: Francis & Finlay
Yr5: Vivien & Otto
Yr6: Saskia & Julieta





We are a PEANUT & NUT FREE SCHOOL

Due to severe allergies of some pupils and staff, please ensure no nut or peanut products are brought into school.

Safeguarding

The wellbeing of our children is of paramount importance to all staff. Should any parent have a concern regarding a child's wellbeing, please inform the school's designated safeguarding officer Mrs Kelliher or in her absence the deputy safeguarding officer Mrs Sheehan. In cases where school staff have concerns, they have a statutory duty to discuss the issue with Mrs Kelliher to seek further advice.

Congratulations to the children in St. George's who received the most house points over the last week.

The children in St. George's will receive 15 minutes of extra play in Key stage 1.

The children in St. George's in Key stage 2 will receive a Homework pass for this weeks' homework.

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick's	65
St Andrew's	134
St George's	174
St David's	69
St John's	111
Overall Winner	St George's

Important Dates: June & July

Tuesday 14th July
1:00 Y6 Mass, Presentation & picnic

Wednesday 15th July
9:00 Achievement assembly

Thursday 18th July
9:00 End of term mass (parents welcome)

Friday 17th July
1:00 End of term

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	3	99.2	1
2nd	Nur	98.1	4
3rd	4	97.2	3
4th	2	95.4	3
5th	5	95	0
6th	6	93.7	1
7th	Rec	93.4	4
8th	1	93	7

Congratulations to Year 3 on their 99.2% attendance!
They will receive 10 minutes extra play.

A reminder that school close at 1:00pm next Friday

French Day

On Friday 10th July, OLSJ celebrated French Day! It was lovely to see so many of the children come to school in the colours of the French flag- red, white and blue- and the spirit of *joie de vivre* was in the air. All children enjoyed a French breakfast and all classes were able to take part in activities to celebrate the French culture and language.

Many classes produced beautiful artwork inspired by French artists such as Monet. A big thank you to all the children and staff for making it such a success and we have raised £348.46 profit which will help to buy more musical instruments for EYFS and art resources across the school.

Merci beaucoup!

Mrs Poteratchi



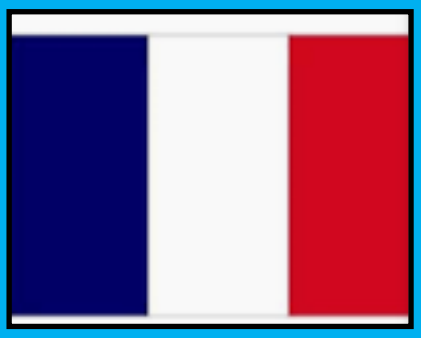




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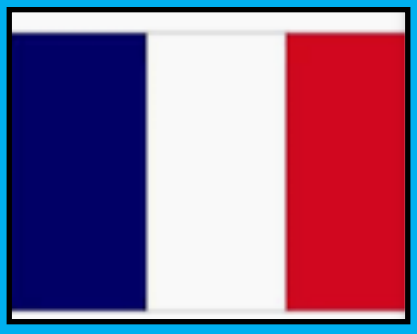












Year 6 Production

Our Year 6 pupils wowed audiences with their fantastic performance of *Robin and the Sherwood Hoodies*. Filled with humour, memorable songs and plenty of energy, the production showcased not only our pupils' acting, singing and dancing talents, but also their confidence, teamwork and dedication.

Every child played their part brilliantly, and it was wonderful to see months of hard work come together in such an entertaining performance.

We are incredibly proud of all our Year 6 pupils and would like to thank everyone who supported the production and helped make it such a memorable success.



Reception & Yr4 Trip to Boston Manor Park

On Thursday, Reception class went on a trip to Boston Manor Park to take part in the Minibeasts workshop. The children enjoyed exploring the fascinating world of creepy-crawlies and trees through hands-on activities. Reception used their senses to explore the sounds and textures of some trees. After the workshop, the children were able to use the natural objects that they found to make some beautiful artwork. Before returning to school, Reception class enjoyed having a picnic in the park.
A huge thank you to our wonderful parent volunteers who helped on the day .



Yr 4 - Boston Park House

This week, we visited Boston Park House, a Jacobean Manor House in Boston Manor Park, built in the 1600s.

First, we found a shady spot in the park, where we ate our lunch and spent some time together. Once we reached Boston Park House, our journey as 'Local Historical Detectives' begun. Firstly, we all enjoyed exploring life at the house, finding evidence of the past and how it has changed, across the centuries.

Also. We had great fun, trying on replica clothing and playing with replica games. For our final activity, we carefully used ink and an ink pen to write the alphabet, using the cursive style. It was quite challenging!

A great day was had by all. A big thank you to Mrs O'Sullivan and Max's mum for accompanying us.



Nursery Graduation

Today we celebrated our fantastic Nursery Class of 2026 graduation. Our ceremony was a joyful event filled with some lovely speaking, songs and photos. We are very proud of all the children, who worked really hard preparing for this assembly. Watching them grow into confident and independent learners has been an absolute privilege.

Thank you to all the families who joined us to make this day so memorable. We wish our little graduates the absolute best as they transition to Reception Class this September!



Live Simply Award

On Wednesday 8th July, the whole school made an extra special effort to disconnect from technology, for part of the day and reconnect with God, the beauty of God's creation and each other.

We all enjoyed the quality time we spent with each other, as well participating in fun activities such as: nature walks, yoga, art, poetry, drama, reading, games and worship – all linked to God's creation.

This day really made us think about how we can all play our part in caring for Earth, our common home, as well as caring for each other. It also shows our commitment to living more sustainably, by saving energy and helping our planet. I look forward to hearing about how you continued this at home, for the evening, with your families.





