# Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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**Dear Parents,**

Despite the hot weather this week, the children have coped brilliantly and continued to enjoy their learning. Thank you to all our parents and carers for your understanding and support with our decision to close early due to the heat.

On Monday, our Nursery and Reception Sports Day was a fantastic success. The children showed great sportsmanship, and we certainly have some talented young athletes! Thank you to Mr B, Mrs Sheehan and all of the EYFS staff for organising such a wonderful event and making it so enjoyable for everyone. Thank you to our families who could join the event too.

A reminder that from Monday all children should return to wearing their normal school uniform. The only exception is that children in Years 1–6 should come to school in their PE kits on Monday for their Sports Day.

Finally, we would like to say thank you and goodbye to Mr Kulatilake, our Site Manager, who is leaving us for a new career. We wish him every success and happiness in the future.

I hope you all have a cooler weekend, **Mrs Kelliher**

## Stars of the Week
## 22nd June 2026

**Rec: Lylagh & Marlon**
**Yr1: Aidan & Tiago**
**Yr2: Cleo & Eleza**
**Yr3: Pola & Oliver**
**Yr4: Ziva & Leo**
**Yr5: Stella & Julia**
**Yr6: Bella & Annie**



**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.**




# Summer Fair
# Saturday 11th July

## Last weeks Star of the week



**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. David's who received the most house points over the last week.**

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

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

## House point winners for this week

| HOUSES | Score |
|---|---|
| St Patrick's | 121 |
| St Andrew's | 122 |
| St George's | 65 |
| St David's | 125 |
| St John's | 52 |
| Overall Winner | St David's |

## Punctuality & Attendance

| POSITION | YEAR | % | Lates |
|---|---|---|---|
| 1st | 3 | 98.4 | 0 |
| 2nd | 2 | 97.2 | 0 |
| 2nd | 4 | 97.2 | 0 |
| 3rd | I | 95.3 | I |
| 4th | 6 | 94.8 | 0 |
| 5th | 5 | 94.I | 0 |
| 6th | Nur | 94 | I |
| 7th | Rec | 90 | I |

**Congratulations to Year 3 on their 98.4% attendance!**










## Important Dates: June & July

**Monday 29th June**
- Y1-Y6 Sports day

**Tuesday 30th June**
**9:00-10:00** Transition morning for all children N-Y5

**Wednesday 1st July**
**6:00pm** Talent Show

**Tuesday 7th July**
**2:00-3:00** Y1-6 Open afternoon

**Wednesday 8th July**
**9:00** Y4 Kingswood residential meeting
**7:00** Y6 production

**Thursday 9th July**
- Reception & Y4 trip to Boston Manor Park
- Reports home

**Friday 10th July** **French day**
**8:50** Nursery graduation

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

**Wednesday 15th July**
**9:00** Achievement assembly

**Friday 17th July**
**1:00** End of term



# Talent Show finalists

We are pleased to announce the talent show finalists:

**Year 6**: Theo & George, Bronagh & Saskia.

**Year 5**: Artin, Ethan M, Iza & Sophie D

**Year 4**: Tom  Ziva & Emma

**Year 3**: Kian, Pola, Helena, Eliora & Taylor




**Tickets are now on sale via parentmail.**

**Please come and support the children.**

**This show is open to all parents and children.**

**All money raised will go towards our school trip to the Pantomime next term.**

# Nursery & Reception Sports Day

Thank you to all the parents that were are able to support the Nursery & Reception Sports day. The children had such a lovely time and it was so lovely to see them demonstrate all the skills they have learnt in their PE lessons.



















**Please log onto Google classroom for more pictures**

# Year 3 and 4 football competition

On Friday 19th June we competed in the year 3 and 4 borough football tournament. The 10 o'clock kick off was slightly delayed – by an hour – but at least that gave us time to cool down under some trees.

It was an incredibly hot day but our team was raring to go. After a good warm up we began our first match where we faced blue school. For the first few minutes no goals were scored and the game was very end to end but we soon upped our intensity and prevailed 3-0 winners. Our next game saw us taking on a team with a Tottenham academy player where we ended up 3-2 winners.

As the tournament progressed we played better and better dominating each game from the offset. Some of the defending was outstanding, the effort was incredible and we were non stop creating chances.

We won our group winning every match but came up against strong opposition in the semi final. A really good match that could have gone either way unfortunately didn't go ours. We lost 1-0 but battled really well and we are really proud of our team. The team that beat us drew the final 0-0 which shows how good we were.

We won the 3rd/4th place playoff putting us third in the borough, another great achievement. Well done to everyone and a big thanks to Antonis mum for helping with travel and all the parents that came to support us.
We have a great team and hope to progress next year.



# Celebrate French Day at OLSJ!

At OLSJ, we will be celebrating French Day on Friday 10th July. All Key Stage Two children receive French lessons, therefore we have decided to hold a day celebrating the French culture, language and traditions.

On Friday 10th July, children from all year groups will be invited to wear red, white and blue clothes to school. They will also have an opportunity to practise their language skills as they enjoy a French breakfast in their classes and listen to some French music. In class, the children will take part in a range of activities to promote the French language and culture.

We are asking for a £2.50 contribution per child to be paid via ParentMail. Funds raised from French day will go towards musical instruments (new percussive instruments for EYFS) and Art resources (paint, PVA, clay, chalks etc) across the school.



Bon appétit!

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# Y4 Brentford Library

Earlier this week, we had a wonderful opportunity to visit our local library. Once we arrived, we gathered in the children's library, where we were surrounded by lots of lovely books. For our first activity, we became detectives and searched for specific books e.g. a book with one word in its title. After that we designed our own library membership cards. Then, the librarian reminded us about the benefits of joining the library, as well as the 'Read to the Beat' Summer Reading Challenge, which celebrates the connection between music and storytelling. Our personal goal is to read six reading books over the summer and remember to collect special stickers for each milestone met, plus a medal and certificate for completing the whole challenge. Thank you to Mrs O'Sullivan and Yana's mum for accompanying us.





# Y5 Brentford Library

On Monday, Year 5 had the opportunity to visit Brentford library and explore all the different resources on offer. We had a tour around the different sections and discussed how we could find different books of different genres. We then enjoyed taking part in a 'book detectives task' in groups and presenting our chosen titles to the class. The librarian then introduced us to the 'Summer Reading Challenge' which is a fantastic opportunity to read different books, win prizes after every book and at the end receive a certificate if you complete the challenge. I would really encourage as many students as possible to take part in this and to take full advantage of the joining Brentford library. We really enjoyed ourselves and look forward to going back again soon. Thank you to Mrs Harb and the parents accompanied us and made the trip possible.





# OLSJ Sports Day




We are really excited to announce that we will be holding this years' Sports Day on

**Monday 30th June**

**@**

**Boston Manor Playing Fields**
**Boston Gardens**
**TW8 9LR.**

The programme for the day will be as follows **(approximate timings)**:

**8:45** Walk juniors to the playing fields
**9:15-11:15** Junior Sports Day
**10:30** Walk Infants to the playing fields
**11:15-12:15** Infants Sports Day
**12:30** Picnic
**1:00** Walk the children back to school

**Just a few house-keeping rules to help the day run smoothly and to keep the children safe:**

- Families are all welcome to come and support their children and join us for the whole school picnic afterwards **(please bring rugs for your own comfort)**
- **Children will need to come to school in their PE kit. They do not require any school bags, just their packed lunch/hat/sunscreen/water.**
- All children will remain with their class during sports day. During the picnic, you are welcome to sit with your child.
- If you are able to help walk the children to the venue next Monday, either at **8:45** or **10:30** please can you let your class teacher or Mrs Sheehan know
- Please keep an eye on the weather. Sunscreen/hats need to be applied/worn if it's a hot day
- Please also provide your child with an extra water bottle
- We ask that parents do not enter the sports area where the children will be taking part in their activities.
- All water bottles, hats and sunscreen need to be given to the children when you drop them at school.



## Stay & Read

A huge thank you to all the parents, grandparents that were able to stay for 'Stay & Read' this week.
The children said they
**'loved sharing this time with you'**

Stay & Read will continue each **Tuesday** from **8:30-8:45am**.
If you are able to come in and read with your child you would be most welcome.




# Library Club

Library club continued this week.
Lots of children made the most of this and spent their allocated slot reading in the library with their friends.

A huge thank you to the teachers for running this extra curricular club. We look forward to seeing many more children attending next week.
Please see the attached poster for timings.

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have noticed that a significant number of library books have not been returned to school, including many new titles.

Our school library is an important resource for all pupils, and when books are not returned it reduces the number available for other children to read and enjoy.

Please could you take a few moments to check at home for any school library books and ensure they are returned to school as soon as possible. If you do find a book, your child can simply bring it back to their class teacher.

We would really appreciate your support in helping us keep the library well stocked so that all children can continue to develop a love of reading.

Thank you for your help and cooperation.

Mrs McMahon

**To all our parents, grandparents and carers.**

**We really need your help.**

**With the increasing demands on the curriculum, we are finding it more and more difficult to provide 1-1 reading for our children.**

**Although this is not an expectation of the curriculum, it is something that we have always valued in the hope that it provides children with a love of reading from an early age.**

**So, if you can spare an hour or two every week (or more) to hear children read, please let me know, we would be eternally grateful.**

**This support is invaluable to both the teachers and the children.**

**Thank you in advance**

**Mrs Sheehan**