Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

It has been a great week at Our Lady and St John's School. Well done to the Science project winners who were awarded with their certificates on Monday.

It has been wonderful to see lots of classes enriching their learning outside of school: Year 3 visited our local library, Year 5 visited Fulham Palace to support their history learning and Year 6 met an author at a theatre. Thank you to the teachers and staff who lead these educational visits and the parents who supported on the day too.

All of us at OLSJ's are so proud of our Year 5 and 6 Quad Kids sport teams for their recent achievements. Well done children and thank you Mr B for developing their sporting talents!

Reception led a lovely celebration assembly on Thursday which linked to their RE learning from last half term and Pentecost. Thank you Mrs Whitehouse, Mrs Keogh-Smith and Mrs Sanchez in supporting the children.

I do hope that poor weather recently is over and that this weekend we can all enjoy some sunshine.

God bless,
Mrs Kelliher

Stars of the Week
8th June 2026

Rec: Evan & Oliver
Yr1: Coco & Viksha
Yr2: Wiktor & Zavier
Yr3: Eli & Kian
Yr4: Wanda & Oscar
Yr5: Frank & Jackson
Yr6: Shalom & Fred



Summer Fair
Saturday 11th July



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

The children in St. Andrew'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	89
St Andrew's	109
St George's	150
St David's	79
St John's	73
Overall Winner	St Andrew's

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	5	98.3	0
2nd	Nur	98.2	1
3rd	6	97.7	1
4th	Rec	95.1	5
5th	1	94	0
6th	4	91.7	1
7th	2	90	1
8th	3	88	1



Congratulations to Year 5 on their 98.3% attendance!





Important Dates: June

Tuesday 16th June
9:00 New to Reception meeting
1:00-4:00 Meet the teacher meeting for new to Reception parents

Wednesday 17th June
8:50 Y4 assembly

Thursday 18th June
9:00 New to Nursery meeting
1:00-4:00 Meet the teacher meeting for new to Nursery parents



Friday 19th June
8:50 Y2 Assembly

Monday 22nd June
- Nursery & Reception Sports day

Tuesday 23rd June
9:00-3:00 Meet the teacher meeting for New to Reception parents

Wednesday 24th June
8:50 Y1 assembly

Monday 29th June
- Y1-Y6 Sports day

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

Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week:



Y3 Brentford Library

On Monday, Year 3 took a rainy walk to Brentford Library. There, the children met Hebe the librarian and were introduced to the children's library. The children enjoyed choosing books and reading the blurbs to decide whether the book appealed to them. They learned about how books are catalogued at the library, and who to ask for help should we need it. The children were encouraged to sign up to become a member, as Hebe talked us through the 'Reading Challenges' which children can take part in during the school holidays, as well as the weekly activities, offered for free, on a Saturday morning.

In Year 3, we know that being a great reader is it's own reward, but we also know that research shows that, children who read regularly and children who are read to, become the most successful adults in society. So what are you waiting for? Join this weekend!





Art exhibition

A huge thank you to everyone who came to the Art exhibition.
The children worked incredible hard to create their 'Beauty of God's World' designs. It was lovely to see all the work from Nursery to Year 6.

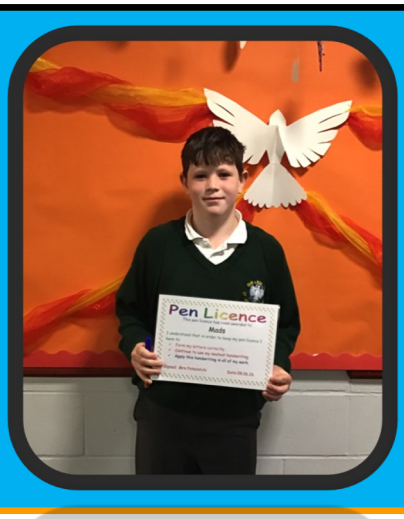
We raised over £500 in profit.

This money will go towards a whole school trip for the children next term.

Pen Licence

Congratulations to Mads on receiving his pen licence.







A huge thank you to everyone that bought ice lollies on the last day of term.
The School Council raised £127.61.
This is going to go towards our school trip

Science project winners

What a great week it has been for science at Our Lady & St John's! Children in the younger years have been carrying out mini investigations and experiments throughout the week, and the children in Key Stage Two have worked hard to research, resource and prepare science projects. Topics ranged from Space, Fossils & volcanoes in Lower Key Stage Two, to the circulatory system and Light in Upper Key Stage Two. As ever, science week has been eventful, informative and chaotic – and we have loved every minute of it. The children have demonstrated impressive research, skills of self-directed learning and topped it all off with confident, informative presentations. Parents then joined us on Thursday afternoon so that children could showcase their projects. We hope you enjoyed it! A huge well done to all of the children and a big thanks to all our parents who have supported the children with resources, knowledge, and arranging for children to get together outside of school over half term. It is very much appreciated.

A big well done to EVERYONE. The overall project winners were:

Year 6: Reina , Julietta & Julia

Year 5: Vicky & Emma

Year 4: Aatifah, Arnisa & Elma

Year 3: Pola, Eleanor & Helena

In Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2, teachers selected a 'super scientist' these were:

Year 2: Zainab

Year 1: Sam & Szofia

Reception: Tye & Marlon



Congratulations to all the winners

Nursery & Reception Sports Day

Nursery & Reception Sports day will be in the school playground on

Monday 22nd June at 9:00am

We look forward to welcoming you all to cheer your children on.

Please bring the children into school in a pair of shorts, t-shirt and trainers.

They can wear this for the whole day.

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.



Y5 Fulham Palace

On Thursday 11th Year 5 had a trip to Fulham Palace to support their learning about the Anglo-Saxons and Vikings in England. We took the train to Putney and had a picturesque walk across the Thames. All of a sudden, the majestic Palace came into view! We began our workshop by discussing where the Anglo-Saxons came from and how their lives changed when the Vikings came to invade. We then took part in an interactive archaeology demonstration to determine which artefacts archeologists would investigate and why. Then we took part in a range of different activities: from wearing traditional Anglo-Saxon clothes to translating Old English writing into language we understand today and investigating genuine Anglo Saxon artefacts- we had a busy morning! After lunch, we explored the Palace including its beautiful Chapel and library. A big thank you to all the adults who came to assist on the trip. A great day was had by all!



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Thank You for Supporting Our 50 to Read Project

We would like to extend a huge thank you to all our families for your incredibly generous donations towards books for our *50 to Read* project, which will launch in September.

Thanks to your support, we have been able to purchase almost all of the books needed to complete the class sets. We were only left with a shortfall of 23 books, and we are delighted that the PTA have kindly agreed to fund these remaining copies so that every set can be completed.

This project will provide our children with access to a rich and diverse collection of high-quality texts, helping to foster a lifelong love of reading and ensuring that all pupils can enjoy and discuss these wonderful books together.

Thank you once again for your generosity and continued support. We are excited to share more about the project with you in the new school year.

Y6 Barnes Festival

Last Friday morning, Year 6 visited the Questors Theatre in Ealing as part of the London Children's Literary Festival. The children enjoyed meeting author Ross Welford, who shared the story of how he became a writer and the inspiration behind his books. He also entertained the audience with some impressive magic tricks, making the event both informative and fun. It was a memorable experience that inspired many of our young readers and writers.

The visit was a wonderful introduction to the London Children's Literature Festival, which takes place in Barnes on 27–28 June 2026. The festival celebrates children's literature with a wide range of author events, workshops, performances and activities designed to inspire a lifelong love of reading.

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Hounslow quad kids

We've only gone and done it again! On Monday 8th June we competed in a very wet Hounslow quad kids final. After the competition had already been postponed the organisers had to go ahead with this one. Fortunately, we were able to complete the long jumps and vortex throws in the sports hall while avoiding the wettest parts of the day. We took a year 6 team and a year 5 team to this event hoping they would rival and push each other to their potential – which they definitely did.

We smashed the long jumps! 5 out of our 10 year 6 athletes jumped over 2 meters which is incredible and the rest weren't far off. The vortex throws were next. The hall was only 28 meters in length but we managed to hit the back wall on several occasions, out throwing the scoring markers from several of our team.

We managed to get outside shortly after as the rain had almost stopped. We began with the sprints and were some of the fastest runners in each race consistently finishing in the top 3 but t was all about the times.

We were incredible at the 600 meter races. All of our runners ignored the other children sprinting of at the start as they knew they would quickly tire – which they did. We ran smart, kept our pace and overtook them one at a time and had very high finishes whilst winning a lot of the races aswell.
It was a great although wet day, but I couldn't be more proud of how much energy and effort our teams put in. Our year 5s finished 7th but there were 60 points between 3rd and 7th which is incredibly close and a great bar carry on from for next year.
Our year 6s came 1st!!! we were 152 points ahead of second which is amazing, we also beat our score from last year.

Well done to everyone and a big thank you to James' and Vinnie's mums who helped with travel and support. Champions again!!!

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OLSJ has Talent

The children in Years 3-6 have been preparing for the OLSJ Talent Show.

The children have been told to tell their class teacher, by today, if they wish to audition for the Talent Show next week .

The top 3 acts from each class will take part in the finals on **Wednesday 1st July.**

Even if your child is not in the finals, please come and support the children. All money raised will go towards our whole school pantomime trip.

We look forward to seeing you there. **Tickets are on sale now!**

SAVE THE DATE!

🎤 OLSJ HAS TALENT 🎭

⭐ The Auditions are over the final is here.

Wednesday 1st July @6:00 PM



⭐ Our finalists will be performing for one night only

⭐ Bring your family and friends to watch this unforgettable night of talent

👫 Adults: £3

👧 Children: £2

(Payable on parentmail)



Don't miss this exciting event @ OLSJ

SMARTPHONE FREE CHILDHOOD

Let's reclaim childhood

Smartphones have fundamentally reshaped childhood. Not because this is what any of us want for our kids. Just because, until now, choosing another path has felt impossible.

That's why this movement exists. Not to judge or divide, but to *stand together.*

To say: maybe this isn't inevitable. Maybe we can pause. Maybe if we work together we can reset – and give our kids something better.

A new frontier of parenting

In little over 15 years, smartphones have changed the shape of childhood. And the evidence they're doing more harm than good has become impossible to ignore.

Yet we've been left to figure this out alone. There's no roadmap. No NHS guidance. No government policy. Just families everywhere trying to do their best, up against the most powerful and persuasive companies on the planet.

You can email your MP about raising the social media age to 16.The government is making its final decision in the next two weeks, and your MP can still influence the outcome. It only takes 60 seconds and the email is already written: https://smartphonefreechildhood.eaction.org.uk/final-push

The Smartphone Free Childhood Parent Pact is a way to band together with other parents in your area to agree to delay getting your child a smartphone until at least 14, and social media until 16.

It's all about strength in numbers – if your child knows that other kids in their class won't be getting a smartphone for a few years either, the peer pressure instantly dissolves.

It takes 30 seconds to sign the Parent Pact, and the more of us who do, the quicker we'll change the social norm.

https://www.smartphonefreechildhood.org/sign-the-parent-pact

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



Library Club

We are delighted to share that, after half term, we will be launching a Library Club at lunchtimes as part of our ongoing commitment to promoting a love of reading for pleasure.

Children from Year 1 through to Year 6 will be invited to visit the library during their lunchtime, where they can relax and enjoy books in a calm and welcoming space. They may choose to read independently, share a story with friends, or enjoy reading with a member of staff. To make the experience even more comfortable, children are welcome to bring in a small cushion to sit on.

We hope this will be a wonderful opportunity for children to develop a lifelong love of reading in an enjoyable and pressure-free environment. Please encourage your child to take full advantage of this exciting opportunity on their allocated day.

Library club timetable

	Years 1&2 12:00-12:20	Years 3-6 12:30-12:50
Monday		
Tues		Year 3&4
Weds	Year 1&2	
Thurs		
Fri		Year 5&6

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