Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

It has been a wonderful and busy time in school this week where the weather hasn't stopped our achievements. On Monday, our altar servers were celebrated in Achievement Assembly. We recognised those who have faithfully served for a year as well as those who have recently started, well done and thank you for your service to St John's Church.

We also enjoyed a lovely class Mass today lead by Year 6, which was a special and reflective occasion. Thank you to our readers, servers, Mrs Poterachi for playing the piano and Fr Gerard for his support.

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Y1 Phonics Workshop. Parents please note the change of date for the Reception Phonics Workshop.

We are also incredibly proud of the children who represented our school in the Year 3 and 4 Sports Hall competition this week, where they achieved a fantastic win. A special thank you to Mr Bovington for his time, dedication and encouragement.

A reminder that there is a PTA meeting on Thursday 29th January, online at 7.30pm please join to support the school. The link is shared on the next page.

Finally, thank you for supporting the class cake sales. The funds raised make a real difference by helping to provide valuable resources for our classrooms.

I hope you all have a wonderful weekend,
Mrs. Kelliher

Stars of the Week

19th January 2026

Rec : Oka & Yared
Yr1: Fatima & Dana
Yr2: Michal & Zavia
Yr3: Antoni & Pola
Yr4: Giorgio & Katia
Yr5: Ethan & Jas
Yr6: Maya & Tristan



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 their line manager Mrs Kelliher to seek further advice.



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.

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

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

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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	221
St Andrew	163
St George	181
St David	168
St John	236
Overall Winner	St John

Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	1	99.3	1
1st	4	99.3	1
3rd	2	98.3	1
4th	Rec	96.6	1
5th	6	95.7	3
6th	3	93.8	1
7th	5	93.5	0
8th	Nur	90.6	3







Congratulations to Years 1& 4 on their 99% attendance!

They will receive 10 minutes extra play

Important Dates

Monday 26th January
6:00 GB meeting

Thursday 29th January
7:30 PTA Meeting - online

Friday 30th January
2:45 Year 2 Celebration service

Tuesday 3rd February
9:00am Nursery Open morning for prospective parents.

Wednesday 4th February
9:00am Reception phonics workshop
- EYFS cake sale
- Young Voices concert

Monday 9th February
3:30-6:30 Parents evening N-Y6

Wednesday 11th February
3:30-6:30 Parents evening N-Y6

Friday 13th February
- Number day

End of Half term

PTA Meeting

Thursday 29th January 2026
7:30 PM - 8:30 PM

The meeting will be online to discuss the school PTA events for Spring and Summer. There is a hyper link to the meeting below:

PTA Meeting Thursday 29th January 2026 | Microsoft Teams | Meetup-Join

Our Lady & St John's Nursery September 2026

OLSJ Nursery

- Early Year Teacher led education and childcare
- Caring values-based ethos
- Excellent preparation for school readiness
- 15 or 30 Hours nursery to meet with childcare needs of working families

Government funded 15/30 hours available

Term time nursery up to 30 hours per week, 8.30am to 3pm.

All parents are entitled to 15 hours of Government funded childcare a week for children aged three and four years.

Eligible parents will receive an additional 15 hours of Government funding at OLSJ bringing the total number of Government funded hours to 30 per week.

We also offer breakfast and after school club for nursery children.

Next Steps

For more information visit our website or scan the QR code below.

School Tours - all start at 9am

2026

Monday 19th January, Wednesday 28th January, Tuesday 10th February, Tuesday 24th February







Tours can be booked by calling the school office on 020 8560 7477
or email admin@stjohnrc.hounslow.sch.uk

Please note that the deadline for applications is Friday 6th March.

On 13 February we will be having our own pancake day.
Your child will be able to have pancakes, they will get to chose their toppings (lemon sugar chocolate and honey) They can pick two topping for £2
Parents will be able to pay this on parent mail.
This money will help us pay for play ground games.
By Emily Rose

Raising money for Outdoor table top play equipment

Friday 13th February

Pancake sale

£2 donation via parentmail

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Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week:



Congratulations to Vivien, Otto and Amelia who were awarded their Bronze St Stephen's medals by Fr Gerard on St Stephens Day.
Kikiyrah, Gabriella, Katia, Pharez have started serving. Thank you for your service to our parish.



Year 1 Cake sale

A big thank you to all the children in Year 1 who brought in cakes for their cake sale.

Thank you also to all the children who brought in money to buy a cake.

Year 1 raised £ 130.30

Thank you to all the parents who attended our Year 1 Phonics workshop on Wednesday. We really appreciated your time and engagement as we explored the Phase 5 sounds and discussed how children are preparing for the Phonics Screening Check. It was lovely to share some of the fun, practical games and activities you can use at home to support phonics learning, helping children build confidence while keeping reading enjoyable and motivating. The presentation from the meeting is on Google Classroom and we will soon be uploading videos of the games we modelled. Your continued support makes a real difference to your child's progress, thank you for working in partnership with us.







Football has come home again!!

Y5&6 Girls football

On Friday 16th January we competed in the Hounslow borough year 5/6 girls football competition. Luckily the weather was a lot better than last year so we didn't all have to hide under a tarpaulin in between games.

We took a very excited group to represent us this year with abundances of talent in different areas. Some are great defenders, some were great shooters and some are tenacious as they didn't give our opponents a second of breathing space! We got off to a great start winning our first match 4-0 against a very nervous team which we took advantage of. Scoring some very quick goals and showcasing some amazing dribbling.

We drew the next couple of games 0-0 but that was enough to top our group and enter another group stage. We followed up with 2-0 wins in our next 2 games but did lose 1-0 to Belmont in our last group game. This was the first goal we conceded in 6 games which just shows how well they were playing.

Luckily the top 2 from this group stage progressed meaning we went through t a quarter final. Another 0-0 draw forced us into penalties, which usually is our weakness and a sign that the tournament is about to end for us. But not this time!! We scored 2 of our 3 penalties brilliantly as well as Lily saving 2 of theirs! The semi final was a very tense game but we were definitely the better team, but we found it very difficult to create many chances. Luckily this year in both boys and girls football they have introduced a rule that you can dribble on instead of taking a throw in, so while the other team were trying to organize themselves Lily tapped the ball forward and blasted a shot into the top corner from about the half way line!! 1-0 winners and through to the final.

The final was against Belmont, the only team to score against us. This time we were prepared and managed to prevent them from any good opportunities and create a few of our own. It was a very closely fought battle which finished in a draw, on to penalties again. And again, WE WON!! Not only winning 2 penalty shoot outs we are champions of the borough for the second time. Amazing efforts all day from the girls playing over 90 minutes of matches which was so tiring.

Shalom was superb up front and scored 4. Lily was outstanding in defense, saving us on so many occasions as well as showing great leadership skills and composure. Emily made crucial saves when she was in goal.

Kikiyrah, Matilda, Laura and Vivien were excellent everywhere, doing several different jobs and never giving up. Special shout out to Saskia who played the best she ever has, and stopped some very talented players from scoring and even from getting the ball!

Absolutely amazing girls, well done, such an incredible achievement. Thanks as well to Laura's mum who helped with travel and support as well.





Y3&4 Sportshall

A very long and frantic day with so much going on, however there wasn't much that was going to slow down our team. On Wednesday 21st January we took 24 Year 3 and 4 children to compete in the Hounslow Borough Sports Hall competition. Even though a few schools had dropped out, all of the top schools in athletics were there – 4 of whom were drawn in our group, which wasn't the nicest surprise awaiting us.

We begun with a couple of 1 lap relay races before the field events which we came in 4th and 1st, a very good start. After this while the next girls races continued, our first group of boys started their field events. These were speed bounce, long jump, vertical jump, 5 leaps, chest push and javelin. We set some of the top scores from the beginning show casing our talent as well as setting a marker for other schools to content with.

We were continuously in the top 4 for the races but managed to win about half of our heats. That consistency put us in a great place as at the half way stage we were told we were second, but the top 3 were separated by only 8 points. Luckily for us our strength has always been the field events, so as these continued we consistently hit high scores.

Luri, the competition organizer, was astonished at how good our change over was in the relays. We were the only school that was always taking the baton on the move and got the timings spot on. This gave us an extra half second and sometimes up to 5 meters every time the baton switched hands. This is all down to the training at lunch time and the eagerness our athletes have to improve, several of them wanted to continue training after we had finished – it paid off.

FIRST PLACE AGAIN!! Hounslow champions, another incredible achievement. Despite dropping the bean bag a few times, one child running into a wall and a couple getting a little lost during their races we still managed to hold off the rest of the competition. It just shows how far ahead we would have been at the end. But luckily there is plenty of time to learn from our mistakes and progress to even higher levels. Hopefully we will get the chance again and maybe even get to go up against the best from west London.

Absolutely amazing efforts from everyone, we are so proud of their achievement. Big thanks to Miss Ryan, Ray's mum, Theo's mum and Miki's mum for helping with travel and support.





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