Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Happy New Year to all our families! It has been wonderful welcoming everyone back and seeing the children settle so positively. On Tuesday, we began this new term with a spirit of hope and reflection as we celebrated Epiphany Mass with Fr Gerard. Thank you to Year 6 for leading the mass, to our altar servers and those who brought the offertory gifts.

It has been a very cold week and I am happy to see next week the weather becomes milder. This means everyone must be back in school coats and the bottle green scarves, hats and gloves.

We are also looking forward to our upcoming Inventors' Day lunch on Thursday, where children will have the opportunity to share their creative ideas and talk about what they would like to invent. This is an exciting chance to celebrate imagination and innovation.

This week I met with School Council members Emily Rose and Nathan to discuss how we can fundraise to support the school community, and it was encouraging to hear them share the School Council's thoughtful ideas.

Finally, please share with your friends and family that we offer both 15 and 30 hour Nursery places as we are open to receive applications for September 2026. Anyone interested is very welcome to visit the school and our Nursery open mornings are listed on the school website. Please let me know where in Brentford we could display our Nursery adverts. Have a wonderful weekend, **Mrs. Kelliher**

Important Dates

Wednesday 14th January
9:00 Y4 School journey meeting

Friday 16th January
9:00 Y6 SATS meeting
- School Council Mufti day

Wednesday 21st January
9:00 Y1 Phonics workshop
- Yr1 Cake sale

Friday 23rd January
- Y6 Class mass

Monday 26th January
6:00 GB meeting

Wednesday 28th January
9:00 Reception phonics workshop

Friday 30th January
2:45 Year 2 Celebration service

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

Wednesday 4th February
- EYFS cake sale
- Young Voices concert

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.

Hi everyone, we will be having a mufti day to raise money for playground games. This will be taking place on **Friday 16 January** . It is £1 parents will be able to pay on parent mail. Children will be able to wear there own clothes. **By Emily Rose**

School Council update

Friday 16th Jan

Mufti day





£1 donation via parentmail

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:



Year 2 Cake sale

A big thank you to all the children in Year 2 who brought in cakes for their cake sale.
Thank you also to all the children who brought in money to buy a cake.

Year 2 raised £ 115



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