Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

This morning we came together to celebrate our Harvest Mass, a truly special occasion of faith, gratitude, and giving. The children sang beautifully throughout the service, filling the church with joyful voices that reflected the spirit of thankfulness at the heart of this season.

A special thank you to our Mini Vinnies, who worked so thoughtfully to organise the collection of harvest donations. Thanks to their efforts and the generosity of our families. We were able to make a wonderful contribution to the Ealing Food Bank, helping to support those in need within our wider community. A lovely reminder of how our faith calls us to share what we have and to care for others.

As we move into the colder months, we would also be very grateful for donations of tissue boxes for your child's class. These small contributions make a big difference and help keep everyone comfortable and healthy during the term.

Finally, a few gentle reminders to help keep everyone safe and our school running smoothly:

- Please remind your child to not scoot or cycle up or down the path to and from school.
- Parents dropping or collecting children in Reception or Nursery should walk around the building to reach Year 1, rather than cutting through the closed gates by Year 1.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation in keeping our school a safe and welcoming place for all.

Mrs. Kelliher

Stars of the Week

6th October 2025

Rec : Lorca & Poppy
Yr1: Emeline & Mabel
Yr2: Modupeola & Bianca
Yr3: Posy & David
Yr4: Sophie
Yr5: Amelia & Sophie
Yr6: George & Bronagh



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

House point winners for this week

HOUSES	Score
St Patrick	217
St Andrew	131
St George	207
St David	236
St John	175
Overall Winner	St David's



Punctuality & Attendance

POSITION	YEAR	%	Lates
1st	2	100	1
2nd	4	99.3	1
2nd	5	99.3	0
3rd	6	99.2	2
4th	1	97.3	1
5th	Nur	95.5	0
6th	Rec	94.6	2
7th	3	93.3	2







Congratulations to Year 2, on their 100% attendance!

Important Dates

Monday 13th October
- Y6 trip to Gunnersbury Park

Tuesday 14th October
2:45 Y1 Celebration service

Thursday 16th October
9:00 Friends of Our Lady and St John's Meeting

Friday 17th October
8:50 Y6 Class mass
- Y2 trip to The National gallery

Monday 20th October
3:30-6:30 Parents evening

Wednesday 22nd October
3:30-6:30 Parents evening

Friday 24th October
8:50 Y4 class mass
- Y6 trip to Sky studios
- End of half term

Reception Stars of the Week



Year 5 and 6 football festival

On Monday 6th October we took part in the Hounslow West cluster football festival. This is aimed at giving people the opportunity to play who may be new to football or haven't had the chance to represent their school. So many of our children are fantastic in their P.E. and at lunch times but despite their love of the game they haven't had as many chances to play in a more competitive environment.

Even though this was football, it also incorporated different games like a netball match and a capture the flag game where we would attack, defend and dribble the footballs to our goals to score. We took 12 very eager girls this year and luckily for them, there weren't many teams in attendance so we split into 2 teams of 6 which gave everyone more time and experience.

We started off with our 2 Year 6 captains Julia and Bella leading a warm up but then got quickly into our games against the other schools. They were ready to go and got off to a great start both winning their first matches. Throughout the day we showed great character, resilience and game management. We battled for every ball and in certain matches we were able to change our game plan to ensure a win and save energy.



Results:

Football matches; 4-1 win, 3-2 win
Netball match; 2-2 draw, 17-0 win (the second highest score we have reached as a school in at least the last 10 years)
Capture the flag; 10-8 win, 15-3 win

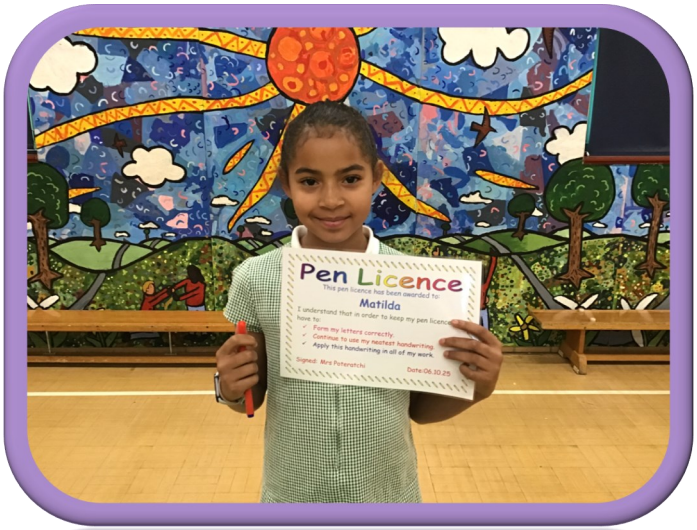
Overall it was a great afternoon with so many goals, smiles, wins and an unusual amount of cartwheels at a football competition – but everyone enjoyed it and played incredibly well.

Thanks to Maria's mum for helping walk with us to the competition and staying to support.

Congratulations to our Superstar swimmers this week



Congratulations to Matilda on receiving her pen licence



Phonics workshop for Year Reception

A huge thank you to all the parents that attended our phonics workshop on Wednesday.

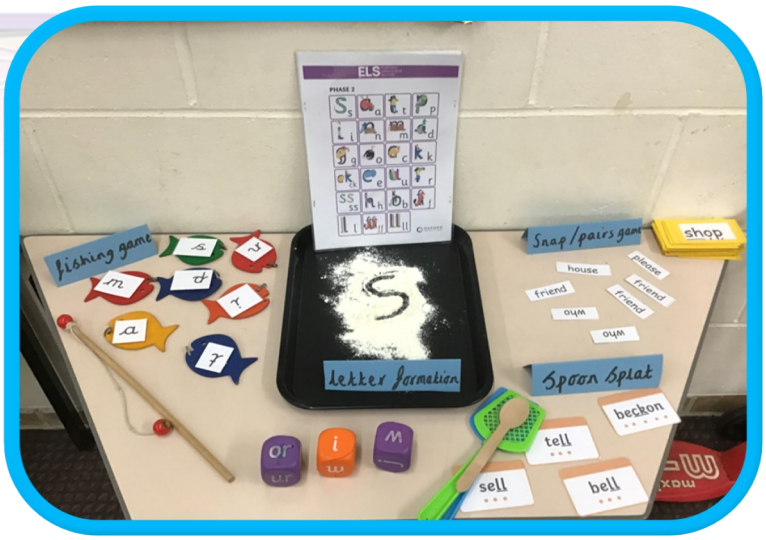
Mrs Whitehouse shared an invaluable insight into phonics and reading and gave the parents lots of tips and support with helping their child.

This information will be shared on Google classroom.













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HARVEST COLLECTION

Friends of Our Lady and St John's

Everyone is invited to our meeting on **Thursday 16th October in the Drama room and online ay 9am.**

An online link will be sent our early next week.

We need helpers so please come and share your ideas. If you are new to the school this will be a great way to make a difference and be part of the wonderful community.

There will be tea, coffee and biscuits!

Friends of Our Lady & St John's organise the school Christmas and Summer fetes, film nights and school discos to name but a few, all of which have been enjoyable and very successful. The Friends of Our Lady & St John's is made up of parents whose children attend the school. The main aim is to raise money that goes towards providing extra resources for the school. In the past they have raised money for an Interactive Whiteboard, a new sound system for the Hall and a set of IPADs for every class and the new laptops in our computing room.

We are very grateful for their support and assistance and trust that this interest and generosity will continue in the future.

All parents are invited and encouraged to attend the meetings and become actively involved in the school.

Together we can make a big difference to the children at Our Lady and St John's School.

London: City of languages competition

London is one of the most linguistically diverse cities in the world— there are more than 300 languages spoken in our capital.

London: city of languages is a new initiative to celebrate London's linguistic diversity, inspire people of all ages to learn a new language and engage communities to support language education.

London: city of languages is holding a competition for children to design their official logo. We at OLSJ are inviting all Key Stage Two children to create a hand-drawn logo for London: city of languages to be returned to Mrs Poteratchi by **Friday 25th October.** All children have been given a hard copy of the logo design template.

All entrants will receive a participation certificate and the winning entry will have their logo used on London: City of languages promotions such as their website, badges, posters and much more! They will also receive a framed poster of their logo.

Good luck and I can't wait to see your creative designs.

Mrs Poteratchi





Dear parents,

At OLSJ we use a platform/app called Google classroom to set homework, send pictures and to send messages/reminders to parents/carers.

You can access Google Classroom on your phone and/or a laptop/chrome book.

Once you have downloaded the app or searched for the website, you will be asked to login.

All children have a login for Google classroom - it will look something like this:

email: tfrmt671.313@gs.stjohnrc.hounslow.sch.uk

password: flower4

Children in Years 1-6 will have this login & password stuck into their reading record books. Children in Nursery & Reception will be given their login details from their class teacher.

Once you have logged in you will be asked to join or decline your child's class dashboard. Here you will see messages on the stream tab and homework instructions on the classwork tab.

Homework will be completed in your child's homework book

If you are having problems logging into Google classroom or you are experiencing any problems please let me know or speak with your child's class teacher.

Regards

Mrs. Sheehan