Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

The Month of October is dedicated to The Holy Rosary. Try to take some time during this month to pray a decade of the Rosary together as a family. Mark 10 Mission have a wonderful Rosary Challenge you may like to try https://www.themark10mission.co.uk/rosary-challenge

We had a wonderful celebration worship lead by the Mini Vinnies this morning. They shared with the whole school how we can help others at this time of Harvest. They reminded the children that even giving a little can help a lot. The Mini Vinnies will be excited to greet you all next week with your donations.

Thank you to the parents who attended our Y1 Phonics Workshop it was great to see so many of you. We have another one next week for our Reception parents. You will also see in the dates that Parents evening is in a few weeks. You will be able to book an appointment from Monday at 9.30am. If you have any problems please speak to Mrs Pecar in the office.

I would really like to establish a team of parents who can lead the Friends of Our Lady and St John's. As parents of children at this school you are automatically a friend so what we need now is a team of parents who will lead and drive the future events. These events are not only fun for the children but help buy resources for the school which is very much appreciated and needed. There will be a meeting on the **16th October at 9am** in school and there will also be the option to join online too. I hope that lots of you can make it.

Mrs. Kelliher

Stars of the Week
29th September 2025

Rec : Gabrielle & Frank
Yr1: Miles & Nardos
Yr2: Delilah & Kerri
Yr3: Diana & Pola
Yr4 Finlay & Diar
Yr5: Artin & Albie
Yr6 Laurence & Ahmed



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 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 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	1	100	1
1st	2	100	4
1st	4	100	1
1st	6	100	4
2nd	Rec	99.3	2
3rd	3	97.7	0
4th	5	95.4	0
5th	Nur	95	0







Congratulations to Year's 1, 2, 4 & 6 on their 100% attendance!

Important Dates

Tuesday 7th October
2:45 Y2 Celebration service

Wednesday 8th October
9:00am Reception Reading & Phonics work-shop

Friday 10th October
9:00 Harvest Mass in Church

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

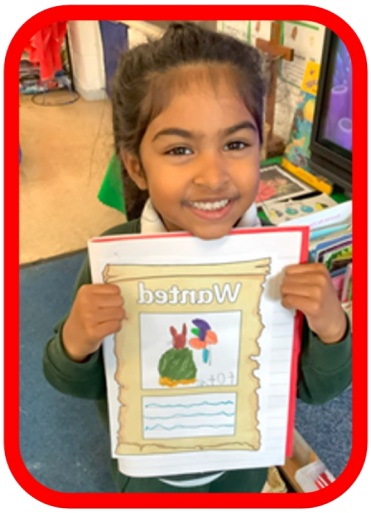
Reception Stars of the Week



Writer of the month
29th September 2025

Rec : Diana
Yr1: Soliana
Yr2: Sophia
Yr3: Rebecca
Yr4 Francis
Yr5: Sophie
Yr6 Reina





School Council

We had our first school council meeting on Tuesday, where we welcomed all the class councillors.

We discussed the different jobs that they will need to apply for, as part of the school council.

The children will also write a person spec introducing themselves - these will be available, alongside their photos, to read in the reception foyer.

Miss Ryan & I are really looking forward to working with this new school council.

Year 6 Cake sale

A big thank you to everyone in year 6 who brought in cakes to sell at the year 6 cake sale.

The children managed to raise £172.60

Thank you to everyone who brought in money to spend.





Poetry by heart

During assembly this week we launched the Poetry by Heart competition for Years 3 to 6. The children have the option to either learn either one poem from the Poetry by Heart website and enter the freestyle challenge to learn and perform a poem **or** to take up the 'classic' challenge of learning two poems (one has to be pre 1914 and one after).

The website has a wide selection of poetry for the 7+ category which you can look at with you children and help them select and learn a poem/s to perform.

https://poetrybyheart.org.uk/

After half-term, all the children will be asked to tell their teacher whether they are going to take part in the freestyle event **or** the Classic competition. They will then have until January to learn and perfect their performances - tips to aid their performances are on the website. In January, they will all share their poems in front of their classes - the top three for classic and freestyle from each class will then perform to the school in a poetry assembly in February. We will then send videos of the top four performances for each category to Poetry by Heart who then judge them and send them certificates. If they are judged to be outstanding they will be asked to perform at Shakespeare's Globe theatre on the Southbank. The freestyle children, if picked by the judges, have the opportunity to celebrate poetry on the stage, whereas the children in the Classic category are entered into a competition competing with children all over the country in the KS2 category.

We hope that you will encourage and support this opportunity with your children to develop their confidence in public speaking, as well as instill a love of poetry.

POETRY BY HEART

Phonics workshop for Year 1

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

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

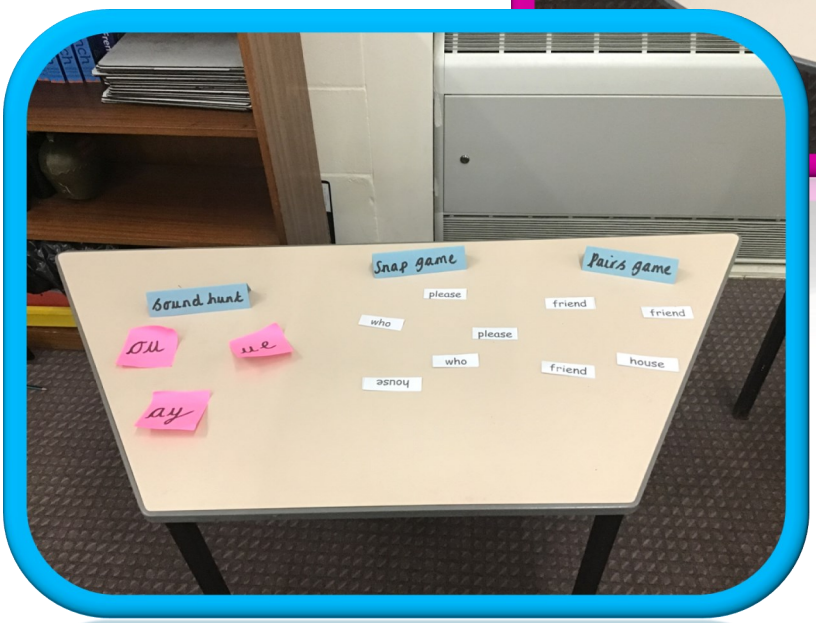
This information will be shared on Google classroom.













The Mini Vinnies need your help…

We have been very busy discussing how we, as a school community, can reach out to help others.

We felt it would a good idea to turn our concern into an action and continue to support our local Foodbank. This is a wonderful way to show our faith in action.

We are asking everyone, if they are able, to donate some of the following items:

Tinned veggie main meals
Tinned chick peas
Tinned vegetables
Tinned fruit
Tinned chunky soups
Jam
Marmalade
Instant coffee
Savoury biscuits
Savoury snacks

The Mini Vinnies will be collecting any items you have:

Monday 6th October – Wednesday 8th October

Parish Centre (8.20am-8.45am)

Thank you very much

'Not all of us can do great things. But we can do small things with great love.'
St. Teresa of Calcutta.'



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