Our Lady & St John's Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

I would like to wish you all a very 'Happy New Year' and a warm welcome back after the Christmas holidays. A huge thank you to for all the cards and gifts at Christmas time, your generosity is very much appreciated.

On Thursday, we celebrated the beginning of the Spring term with Mass in the church – thanks to Fr Gerard, Ms Grimshaw and Mrs O'Connor for their help with our celebration. Well done to Year 5 for leading our readings and to our altar servers from Y5 and our new altar servers from Y4 – you all did a great job. I would also like to congratulate all the children for their prayerful participation. It was the first time our Reception class joined us for Mass and they all behaved beautifully, ably supported by their Y6 'buddies'.

We have had a cold start to the term, with more cold weather on the way. Please ensure your child has their school coat and that all coats, hats and gloves are labelled. You can buy school hats and gloves at the office.

We look forward to continuing to work in partnership with you this term. Please look at the diary for upcoming events.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mrs. Cunningham

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.

Important Dates January

Wednesday 17th January
- Reception hearing tests

Thursday 18th January
- School Panto

Friday 19th January
9:00am Yr6 SATS meeting
- Yr3/4 Girls football competition

Monday 22nd January
- Yr5/6 Sportshall finals

Wednesday 24th January
- Yr5 cake sale

Monday 29th January
- Yr1/2 Sportshall Athletics
- GB meeting

Thursday 1st February
- Young voices concert

Friday 2nd February
- Number day
- Yr5/6 Best football competition

Monday 5th February
3:30-6:30 Parents evening

Tuesday 6th February
9:30 School tour for prospective nursery parents

Wednesday 7th February
3:30-6:30 Parents evening
- Yr2 Cake sale
- Yr5/6 Netball tournament

Thursday 8th February
9:00 Yr6 class mass
2;45 Yr2 Celebration service

Friday 9th February
- End of half term

Yr1 cake sale

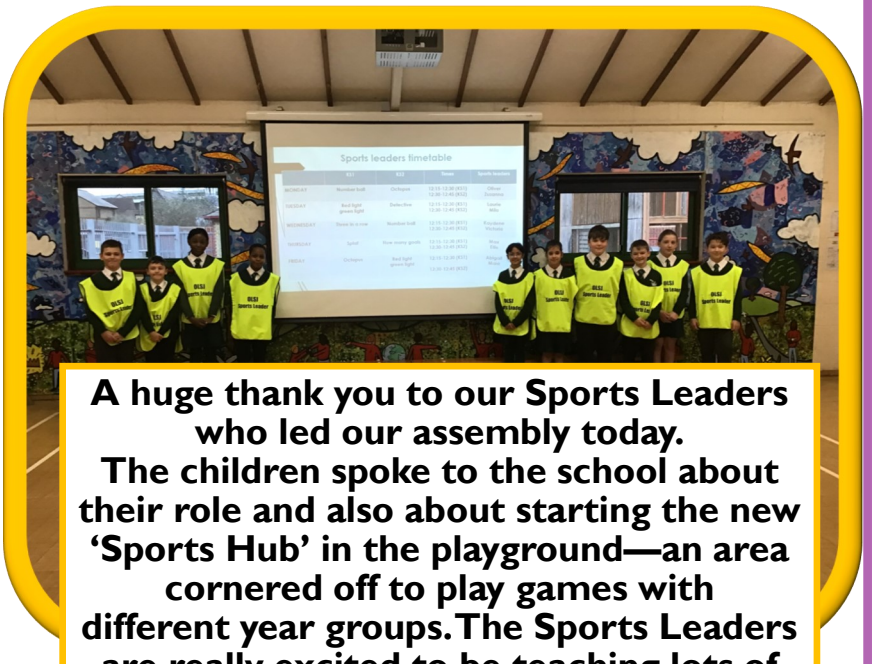
A big thank you to everyone in year 1 who brought cakes in to sell at the year 1 cake sale. The children have managed to raise £136 so far. Thank you to everyone who brought in money to spend.





Transport for London

On Wednesday this week TFL came in to talk to Year 6 about travelling safely across London using public transport. The children watched short videos, listened to an interesting talk and were quizzed about safety. They learnt where to stand when waiting for a bus and tube, where not to stand on a bus and how to manage journeys to their destinations. In all, the children were engaged and were able to feed-



A huge thank you to our Sports Leaders who led our assembly today.
The children spoke to the school about their role and also about starting the new 'Sports Hub' in the playground—an area cornered off to play games with different year groups. The Sports Leaders are really excited to be teaching lots of new games at lunch times.

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 Cunningham 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 Cunningham to seek further advice.