



# St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Friday 8th November 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back. I hope you had a lovely half-term and feel rested. It was wonderful to walk around the school this week and see how quickly the children have settled back into routine.

Thank you to all the children who created wonderful pictures of the key concepts from the Biblical timeline. I would love some parent volunteers to help me choose winners. Your child has until the end of next week to submit their designs. Please refer to the October homework for support.

## **Rights and Respecting award**

What are Rights and Respecting schools?

"Rights Respecting School Award" (RRSA), is a program developed by UNICEF UK that aims to embed children's rights into a school's ethos and culture. By participating, schools commit to promoting respect, dignity, and equality within their community. This award is rooted in the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) and encourages schools to make children aware of their rights and to practise respecting others' rights.

The award has different levels, usually starting with a "Recognition of Commitment" and progressing through "Bronze," "Silver," and "Gold" stages, each indicating a deeper integration of the principles of children's rights and respect within school practices and policies.

I am so pleased to say that this week we have been awarded **silver**. To achieve this award we (the staff and children) have demonstrated that our school is based on mutual respect, inclusion, and understanding. Pupils feel valued and safe, leading to a more harmonious school atmosphere.

## **Christmas Fair - art competition**

Our Christmas Fair is on December 8th, and we are looking for a creative artwork to promote the event in our community. The winning design will be displayed on billboards around the local area.

If you would like to enter the competition, please create a picture inspired by the theme of Christmas and submit it to the school office by November 13th. The winner will be announced at our celebration assembly on November 15th. We look forward to seeing your festive creations!





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## Trips and outings

We have a number of trips and outings planned for this half term. School trips play a crucial role in children's development, offering unique learning experiences outside the classroom that contribute to their personal, social, and academic growth. While most of these trips involve some costs, the school covers a significant portion whenever possible. We kindly ask parents to contribute if they can. If you are unable to contribute, please come and speak to me. This helps the school to budget our trips and outings.

## How to safeguard children and young people online.

Gabriel Anstis, Vicar & Senior Pastor from St Augustine's Church has kindly shared with us an upcoming online meeting where discussions about how to protect young children from online threats, including cyberbullying, predators and inappropriate content. You will be given practical advice on how you can safeguard your children's online activities and foster a safe, secure environment for their digital interactions.

The session will be led by a member of St Paul's Church in Ealing. To book your free place, please email: [gabriel@stac.org.uk](mailto:gabriel@stac.org.uk)

## Coffee Mornings Update

Some parents have asked whether coffee mornings will still be held this half-term for classes that have not yet had theirs. The answer is yes—these events will take place on the dates we previously shared. Here's a reminder of the upcoming coffee morning dates:

- **15th November** - Year 2
- **22nd November** - Year 1
- **29th November** - Reception

All sessions will begin at 9 am in Maberly Hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

## Anxiety workshop

Thank you to all the parents and carers who attended this workshop. I hope you found it helpful. Once I receive the handouts you put up on the website on the well-being section.

## Children in Need

Friday, 15th November is Children in Need. We encourage children to come in wearing something **spotty and make a £1 donation**. Thank you for your support!





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## Key dates for this half-term

**Come Celebrate With Me (9 am to 9.45am) Please can I ask you kindly to make your contribution towards the event.**

Reception: Wednesday, 27th November

Year 1: Thursday, 28th November

Year 2: Friday, 29th November

Year 4: Tuesday, 3rd December

Year 3: Wednesday, 4th December

Year 5: Thursday, 5th December

Year 6: Friday, 6th December

## School photos

Monday 11th November

## Children in Need

Friday 15th November

## Neurodiversity coffee morning (9:00 am)

Thursday 21st November. This is open to all parents.

**FOSJ Christmas Fair** - Sunday, 8th December 2pm to 4pm

## **NEW Date**

**Sunday 8th December - choir performing at Christ Church (11:00 am)**

**Sunday 15th December - Choir performing at St Augustine's (10:30am)**

## **KS1 Nativity**

Tuesday 10th December (10 am)

Wednesday 11th December (2 pm)

## **NEW DATE**

## **Christmas jumper and lunch**

Thursday 12th December





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## **NEW DATE**

### **Music concert - KS2 only**

Monday 16th December - 9:30 am - 10:30 am

### **Christmas service**

Tuesday 17th December - 2 pm at **St Thomas**

### **Christmas parties**

KS1 Wednesday 18th December

KS2 Thursday 19th December

Thank you for your ongoing support. I hope you have a lovely weekend.

With warm regards,  
Ms. H. Khan  
Head of School

