



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Thursday, 24th October 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a wonderful half-term we have had! We have accomplished so much during this time. Some of the highlights include Year 5 preparing for their Macbeth production; our Harvest celebration; activities throughout October in honour of Black History Month; the music club at Highbury Grove; parent volunteers supporting reading and maths sessions; coffee mornings; a variety of after-school clubs; representing our school in various competitions and events; the development of our back garden, and many more events.

Christmas events

Next half term we will be getting ready for various Christmas events. We will have our traditional events including our church service, nativity and carols around the tree. We will also have a music concert for KS2 and an exciting event, 'Come Celebrate With Me'. The admin team sent out the details earlier in the week. We would love to see you there. If you have any questions please do let me know.

Black History Month

On Wednesday, we had a delightful Black History Month lunch, which was thoroughly enjoyed by both children and staff. Please see the photos in this week's newsletter! A big thank you to our amazing catering team for making the meal so special.

At St. John's, we are committed to fostering an inclusive community that recognises and appreciates the contributions of all its members. Throughout October, we reflect on the many Black individuals who have made meaningful contributions to our country across various fields, including the arts, sciences, politics, and civil rights. Black History Month offers us an opportunity to honour and celebrate these achievements, ensuring they are highlighted and not forgotten in the broader narrative.

Thank you

As the half term comes to an end, I want to extend our deepest gratitude for the incredible support you provide to our school community. Your dedication, involvement, and encouragement make such a positive difference in the lives of our pupils. Whether it's volunteering your time, supporting school events, or simply being there for your children, your contributions create a nurturing and enriching environment where our pupils can thrive. Thank you for being such an integral part of our school's success—we truly appreciate everything you do.





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30 years at St John's

Today, we held a special assembly where some parents and governors joined the children and staff to celebrate and congratulate Ruth for her dedicated service to the school. Ruth extends her heartfelt thanks to all the parents and carers for their contributions toward her gift. It was a wonderful celebration, and we appreciate the parents and governors for taking the time out of their busy schedules to join us.

Key Dates

Friday 25th - INSET day (school will be closed to children)

Wednesday 6th November 2pm - Managing anxiety and building confidence in your child. All parents are welcome.

Monday 11th November - Individual school photos

Thursday 21st November - neurodiversity coffee morning (9:00 am). This is open to all parents.

Come Celebrate With Me (9 am to 9.45)

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

FOSJ Christmas Fair

Sunday, 8th December 2 pm to 4pm

KS1 Nativity

Tuesday 10th December (10 am)

Wednesday 11th December (2 pm)

Christmas service

Tuesday 17th December - 2 pm

Christmas parties

KS1 18th December

KS2 19th December





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20th December Carol's Round the Tree - 9.15 am

20th December end of term - 1:30 pm

I hope you have a wonderful half-term break. For those travelling, I wish you a safe journey. For those staying local, enjoy the last of the long daylight hours and the mild weather! I look forward to welcoming everyone back on **November 4th at 8:45 am**. Breakfast club will be open from 7:45 am as usual. Kids club will run from 4th November and after school activity clubs will run from 11th November.

With warm regards,

Ms. H. Khan
Head of School

