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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another incredibly busy and exciting week at St John's! I know I say this often, but our school truly embraces every opportunity to enrich and expand children's learning experiences. We are committed to fostering curiosity, encouraging a love for learning, and helping our pupils develop the skills and knowledge they need to become confident, well-rounded global citizens.

From engaging lessons to special events and extracurricular activities, we continue to provide a broad and stimulating curriculum that nurtures both academic achievement and personal growth.

Holocaust memorial day

On Monday, during our assembly, children in Year 2, Year 3, Year 4, Year 5, and Year 6 reflected on Holocaust Memorial Day. Together, we considered the important lessons history teaches us and discussed the actions we can take to build a more compassionate and inclusive future. Meanwhile, our Reception and Year 1 children engaged in a creative activity, drawing pictures to express their vision of a better world. To conclude the assembly, we came together to read this prayer, reinforcing our commitment to peace, kindness, and respect for all.

Dear God,

We gather today to remember the millions of lives lost, stolen, and shattered during the Holocaust.

We honor the men, women, and children who faced unimaginable suffering,

And we stand in awe of their strength, courage, and resilience.

Let their memory forever be a blessing,

A light guiding us to reject hatred, prejudice, and cruelty in all its forms.

Grant comfort to the survivors who carry the weight of the past,

And bless them with peace in their hearts and dignity in their lives.

May we learn from this dark chapter in human history,

So that we never allow such evil to rise again.

Help us build a world of understanding, tolerance, and love,

Where justice and compassion prevail.

O God of all people, may we unite in our shared humanity,

And work together to create a future free of hate,





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One where every life is cherished,
And every voice is heard.

Amen

London Fire Brigade Workshops Y2 and Y5

Year 2 and Year 5 took part in an engaging and informative workshop led by the London Fire Brigade. The purpose of the workshop was to educate children about fire safety, the role of firefighters in our community, and the importance of knowing how to respond to an emergency.

Attendance

Thank you to all the parents who support the school in ensuring their child's attendance remains above 96%. We understand that children do fall ill and that sometimes unforeseen circumstances arise that are beyond our control. However, as a school, we are committed to doing everything possible to ensure that your child attends regularly, as consistent attendance is vital for their learning and development.

As part of our duty of care, we closely monitor attendance and communicate with parents when a child's attendance falls below 95%. Some of you may have received letters or text messages regarding this. Please know that this is not a punitive measure but rather a way to open up a dialogue so that we can work together and offer any support you may need.

I am sure you will agree that attending school regularly is in the best interest of your child—not only academically but also socially and emotionally. Thank you for your continued support in helping us prioritise the well-being and success of every child at our school.

Rights Respecting

As you are aware, this academic year we have achieved the Silver Rights Award. Of course, we are very proud of this achievement. However, we are always looking for ways to make our school an even better place. With this in mind, we are now working towards our Gold Rights Respecting Award.

We strive to foster positive relationships based on dignity and mutual respect for children's rights. Our goal is for children to understand the concept of dignity through their lived experiences.

Please ask your children if they can think of examples of dignity at school and at home. I would love for you to email the office with the children's responses.





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Key dates for next week:

- 5th February 2025 - Year 2 Reading Breakfast - 8.30 am - 9.00 am (All Y2 parents are welcome)
- 7th February 2024 - Year 5 Class Assembly - 2.50 pm
- 7th February - NSPCC Number Day - **Dress Up as Digits** (all children) **Children must not wear football T-shirts.**

An important date for the following week

Thursday 13 February - Online Safety Parent Workshop 9:00 - 9:30 (all parents)

As always, thank you for your continued support and partnership in your child's education. Your involvement and encouragement play a crucial role in their learning journey, and we truly appreciate the time and effort you dedicate to working alongside us.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

With warm regards,

Ms. H. Khan

Head of School

