



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Friday 7th March 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

What a busy and exciting week we have had at St John's! As well as continuing with our normal curriculum, we have enjoyed a variety of enriching events and activities that have provided our children with fantastic opportunities to learn, grow, and experience new things. I wanted to take a moment to share some of the key highlights from this week:

Monday:

- Our Year 2 and Year 3 children had the wonderful opportunity to sing alongside many other schools at Islington Assembly Hall.
- A storytelling workshop was enjoyed by children from Year 1 to Year 6, bringing stories to life engagingly and interactively.
- Digital leaders went to BT headquarters for a workshop, where they learned how to repair a retro game console. Only 60 children from 3 London boroughs were invited.

Tuesday:

- Some children from Years 3, 4, 5, and 6 represented the school at a Volleyball competition, demonstrating great teamwork and sportsmanship.

Wednesday:

- We relaunched our reading breakfast for Year 4, encouraging a love for reading in a relaxed environment.
- Teachers swapped classrooms to read stories to different classes, fostering a shared enjoyment of literature across the school.

Thursday:

- World Book Day was celebrated in full spirit with children dressing up as their favourite book characters, reading with peers from different classes, and attending a special assembly.
- Our girls' football team took part in a tournament, showing determination and teamwork on the field.
- We welcomed our new anti-bullying ambassadors, who are from Years 4 and 5. They spent the day undertaking training to equip them with the skills to support their peers and promote kindness and respect throughout the school.





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- Year 5 had an exciting morning participating in a sports event with Arsenal, enjoying physical activity and teamwork.
- Some of our pupils went through to the final round at the swimming gala.

It has been a truly fantastic week, full of enriching activities that support our children's personal and academic development. Thank you, as always, for your continued support in making these experiences possible.

British Science Week

Next week will be no different – we like to keep things exciting at STJHV! British Science Week starts on Friday, 7th March, and runs until 14th March.

We will be having a special assembly on Monday, led by one of our wonderful parents, who is a neuroscientist. Throughout the week, we will be engaging in various activities to promote STEM.

We have invited you to join your child's Science lesson, and I hope you are able to come. Apologies for the short notice.

You have also received a letter explaining the self-propelling car challenge competition. Again, apologies for adding to your workload! It would be wonderful to have as many children taking part as possible.

If any parents are physicists and would like to help with the judging, please let me know.

Thank you

I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Valerio's parents, Angela and Guido, for their generous donation to the school. Your kindness and support make a significant difference to our school community.

I would also like to express my gratitude to all the families who make monthly donations to **FOSJ**. Your contributions enable us to enhance various aspects of school life, particularly in supporting the personal development of our pupils. These funds help us provide enriching experiences, from extracurricular activities and workshops to resources that inspire creativity, teamwork, and a love for learning.

With your support, we can offer children opportunities beyond the standard curriculum, fostering their confidence, resilience, and curiosity. Whether it's through science projects, arts initiatives, outdoor learning, or well-being programs, every contribution helps create a well-rounded, engaging education for our pupils.





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Thank you for being a vital part of our school community and for helping us provide the very best for our children.

Key dates for next week.

Monday 10th - Science week assembly

Wednesday 12th - Y5 reading breakfast 8.30 - 9.00

Wednesday 12th - Y5 parents are invited to Science lesson - 1.30 - 2.30

Friday 14th - Reception, Y1, Y2, Y3, Y4 and Y6 are invited to Science lesson - 1.30 to 2.30

Friday 14th - Y5 Macbeth production at the Shaw theatre

Friday 14th - Self-propelling car challenge competition due

Friday 14th - Y2 class assembly.

As always, thank you for your support and for trusting the school to provide your child with a quality education, along with the care and nurturing they need to become the best version of themselves.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes,

Ms Khan

Head of School

