



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

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*Friday 14th March 2025*

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a wonderful week and feel that you have achieved great things. Once again, we had a productive and engaging week, filled with new knowledge and skills.

## **British Science week**

This week, we have been exploring the theme of change and adaptation as part of British Science Week. The children shared some fantastic examples of changes they have experienced in their own lives and the adaptations they have made in response. Through thoughtful discussions, they reflected on how we all adapt to new situations, challenges, and environments, linking these ideas to both science and everyday life.

We had a wonderfully informative assembly on Monday, led by Hana (Felix's mum), about our brains. The children and staff were absolutely mesmerised by some of the fascinating concepts she introduced, particularly how the brain can adapt, change, and even trick us. Everyone was thoroughly engaged throughout the session.

A huge thank you to Hana for sharing her time, knowledge, and passion with us, and for being an excellent teacher of neuroscience. It was a truly inspiring session that left us all with a deeper appreciation of the power of our brains!

## **Self-propelling car challenge**

It was lovely to see so many children taking part in the competition. I was particularly impressed to see how many KS1 and Reception pupils took part. Thank you for supporting your children to make the cars.

I would like to say a huge thank you to Alok—Remy and Amelie's dad—for being our resident physicist and for taking the time to come in and support us. His passion for science and clear, engaging explanations truly inspired our pupils. Alok not only shared fascinating insights into the role of a physicist, but he also made complex concepts accessible and exciting. His enthusiasm sparked curiosity among the children, and several even expressed a newfound interest in pursuing a career in physics!

We are incredibly grateful for his time, knowledge, and the inspiration he provided. It is moments like these that make learning truly memorable, and we hope to welcome him back again soon.





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Thank you to all the parents who were able to come and take part in the science lessons. Your enthusiasm, support, and engagement made the sessions even more exciting and meaningful for the children. We truly appreciate the opportunity to welcome parents into school, as it strengthens our sense of community and allows children to share their learning experiences with their families. It was wonderful to see everyone exploring, experimenting, and discovering together, and we hope to have many more opportunities like this in the future!

## Fundraiser

Two wonderful and kind-hearted children from Year 6 went above and beyond by organising a bake sale outside their house to raise money for the school. Their generosity, thoughtfulness, and commitment to helping others truly reflect the caring and compassionate spirit we cherish in our school community. It is incredibly heartwarming to see our pupils take initiative, show empathy, and work selflessly for the benefit of others. We are immensely proud to have such kind, responsible, and thoughtful children as part of our school, demonstrating values that will make a difference in the world. Thank you, **Milly** and **Holly**.

## Breakfast and Kidz Club Bookings

Another reminder that bookings should be made via the SchoolGateway app - Breakfast club should be booked **by midday the day before** and KidzClub should be booked **by midday on the day**.

**We always do our best to accommodate last minute bookings , but the large number of late bookings is becoming unsustainable. The kitchen staff need numbers of children attending by midday to enable them to prepare sufficient food for all the children. We also need to ensure we have the correct staff to children ratio to ensure we can safeguard the children in our care.**

Please also ensure that you select the correct time needed for KidzClub - from 3.30pm if needed directly after school, or from 4.30pm if needed after After School Club - please also select the correct finish time if your child needs to be taken by KidzClub staff to another club. Selecting the correct time slots helps us to ensure the children are where they are supposed to be at the correct time.





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## Key dates for next week

Tuesday 18th March **FOSJ coffee morning** - 9 am - Maberly Hall

Wednesday 19th March - **Year 6 Reading Breakfast** - 8.30am - 9.00am ( All Y6 parents are welcome)

Friday 21st March - **Year 1 Class Assembly** - 2.50pm - 3.30pm

I hope you have a wonderful and relaxing weekend, filled with rest, joy, and quality time with loved ones. I also hope the weather warms up, bringing some sunshine and brighter days so that we can all enjoy the outdoors a little more!

As always, thank you for your support in making our school a wonderful place for the children and the community.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

