



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Friday 4th April 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and having a wonderful week. It definitely feels like spring now—the sun is shining, and the weather is warmer!

We have had a lovely final week filled with Easter-related activities. I was especially touched by a beautiful booklet made by Aurélie in Reception class about the Easter story. I will most definitely cherish it. It is wonderful to see our younger children explaining the Easter story so thoughtfully and confidently.

This term has been very busy, filled with exciting learning opportunities and a wide range of activities. The children and the staff have worked extremely hard, showing great resilience, enthusiasm, and dedication throughout.

Spring highlights

Here are just a few of the highlights from the spring term: Year 5's brilliant performance of *Macbeth*, the incredible class assemblies, Year 4's visit to Neasden Temple, our reading breakfasts, Mothering Sunday lunches and British Science Week. Choir performing with Sing for freedom choir. Egg roll. There were many more wonderful outings and activities that we took part in, making this a truly memorable term.

Assessment

This week you would have received your child's report and you will have the opportunity to discuss it with the class teacher. If your child has dropped a grade in maths please try not to worry, this is due to curriculum coverage. At the end of the spring term, children will have covered approximately 60% of the maths curriculum. According to our assessment system, children working at the expected level will have achieved 30 - 80% of the national curriculum statements. Children working at greater depth will have achieved more than 80% of the national curriculum statements. Considering that only 60% of the maths curriculum has been covered at this time, it is possible that children who were at greater depth in the autumn term are now as expected in the spring term.





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Key dates

The office staff have updated the school website with key dates for next term. Please have a look at the calendar. Parents evening is on the **29th and 30th April** for Reception to Y5. Y6 will have their parents evening a little later in the term.

FOSJ

I would like to say a big thank you to the members of FOSJ for everything you have done so far this year. You are an incredibly dedicated group of people who truly support the school in so many ways.

Your hard work, generosity, and commitment do not go unnoticed—you are a vital part of our school community, and we are incredibly lucky to have you. I hope you know just how much I value and appreciate all that you do.

A big thank you as well to the class reps for sharing key information and important dates within your year groups—your support is greatly appreciated.

Kidz Club - Changes to Booking System

After the Easter holidays, we will be updating our booking procedure for KidzClub to support the safety and smooth running of our end-of-day arrangements. From this point onwards, the deadline for booking KidzClub will be 2:00pm on the day of attendance. If your child is not booked in through SchoolGateway by this time, unfortunately, they will not be able to attend KidzClub that day. This change is being made for safeguarding reasons. It is essential that we know exactly which children are attending the after-school provision in advance, so that we can ensure a safe, well-managed, and secure transition at the end of the school day. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in supporting us to keep all children safe.

Silent Auction

The winner of the silent auction for tickets to the ballet is Nikolina Glamoclija (mother of Nina Y3).





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Goodbye

We would like to say farewell to Mr Goldie-Scott and wish him all the very best for the future. We thank him for his hard work and the commitment he has shown during his time at the school.

As we come to the end of the spring term, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our families a joyful and restful Easter break.

This term has been full of wonderful learning, creativity, and community spirit, and I am incredibly proud of all that our children have achieved. Thank you, as always, for your continued support—it truly makes a difference.

Whether you are celebrating Easter or simply enjoying some time together as a family, I hope the holiday brings you peace, happiness, and a well-deserved rest.

Dear God,
As we celebrate the joy of Easter,
we thank You for the hope, love, and new life that this season brings.

Bless our school community – our children, parents, families, and staff –
with peace in their hearts, kindness in their actions,
and gratitude for the blessings in their lives.

May this special time be filled with laughter, rest, and time together.
Help us to remember the true meaning of Easter:
love, forgiveness, and the promise of new beginnings.

Amen.

Happy Easter!

See you on the 22nd April at 8.45 am.

With thanks,

Ms H. Khan

Head of School





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Tuesday 22nd April – Return to school

Thursday 24th April – 9.00am – KS2 SATs parents meeting

Tuesday 29th April – 3.00 – 6.00 – Parent's evening (Reception to Y6)

Wednesday 30th April - 3.00 – 6.00 – Parent's evening (Reception to Y6)

Monday 5th May – Bank Holiday – School closed

Monday 12th May – Thursday 15th May – KS2 SATs

Friday 16th May – 9.00am – Multiplication check meeting for Y4 parents

Monday 19th May – 9.00 – RSE Parents meeting (Y1 and Y2)

Tuesday 20th May - 9.00 – RSE Parents meeting (Y3)

Wednesday 21st May – 9.00 - RSE Parents meeting (Y4)

Thursday 22nd May - 9.00 - RSE Parents meeting (Y5)

Friday 23rd May - 9.00 - RSE Parents meeting (Y6)

Friday 23rd May – 3.30 - Break up for Half term

Monday 2nd June – 9.00 – Back to School

Wednesday 4th June – Year 4, Y5 and Y6 trip to St. Augustine's for Pentecost

Thursday 12th June – 10am – Y6 Deanery Leaver's Service

Friday 13th June - KS2 Father's day breakfast (8.30 -9.15)

Monday 16th June – Reception and KS1 father's day breakfast (8.30 – 9.15)

Monday 16th June – Refugee week





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Monday 16th June – Bikeability for Reception and Year 1

Friday 20th June – 3.00pm – International evening Celebration.

Tuesday 17th June – Sports Day

Tuesday 24th June – 9.00am – Transition into KS1 workshop

Friday 27th June – Art exhibition

Friday 4th July – Friends of St. John's Summer Social

Wednesday 9th July – 9.30am – Year 6 Performance

Thursday 10th July – 5.00pm – Year 6 Performance

Friday 18th July – 9.00am – Year 6 Leaver's Assembly

Friday 18th July – 1.30pm – End of the summer term

