



St John's Highbury Vale C of E Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been another busy and productive week at St John's. I make a point of visiting every class each day, and it is always a pleasure to see the positive attitudes to learning, the high levels of engagement, and the way pupils support and encourage one another. The enthusiasm for learning is evident across the school, whether it is in focused lessons, creative activities, or collaborative group work.

Year 6 SATs preparation

Year 6 have been working extremely hard in preparation for their SATs. They have shown incredible resilience and determination throughout the year, and especially over the past few weeks with the transition to a new teacher. We are so proud of their efforts and know they will do brilliantly next week.

To support your child during SATs week, we kindly ask all Year 6 parents to ensure their children arrive at school on time each day. Alternatively, they are welcome to attend our SATs Breakfast Club, which will begin at **8:30AM** each morning. This is a great opportunity for the children to settle in, enjoy a light breakfast, and feel calm and ready for the day ahead.

Please enter the school through the **main office**, and note that **Breakfast Club will be held in the Year 6 classroom**, not in the hall.

Thank you for your continued support – we are wishing all our Year 6 pupils the very best of luck!

Healthy snacks

We have recently noticed a number of unhealthy snack wrappers being discarded in the school bins. As a Healthy School, we are committed to promoting the physical and emotional well-being of all our pupils, and healthy eating plays an important role in this.

We kindly remind all parents and carers to support our healthy eating policy by ensuring that snacks brought into school are nutritious and balanced. Ideal choices include fresh fruit, vegetables, plain rice cakes, or wholegrain crackers. These options help children maintain their energy levels, improve concentration, and support positive behaviour throughout the day.





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Morning fitness club

It has been wonderful to see so many children enjoying our early morning fitness club. A reminder that the club runs from 8:30 am each morning and designated days for each year group are as follows:

- Monday – Reception
- Tuesday – Year 1 and Year 2
- Wednesday – Year 3 and Year 4
- Thursday – Year 5 and Year 6
- Friday - optional for any children attending breakfast club

St Andrew's School

St Andrew's Primary School in Barnsbury is new to our Partnership. Mrs Read wrote to you about this before the Easter holidays. This week, all the teachers attended a staff training session there on Wednesday. The staff at St Andrew's were very welcoming. It was lovely to see so many teachers working together to improve the quality of education your children receive. If any of you know members of the St Andrew's community, please take a moment to welcome them to ours.

Pitch Reopening Ceremony

Next Friday, we are hosting a special ceremony to formally reopen the pitch following its recent renovation. We are honoured to welcome **Ken Friar OBE**—former board member, managing director, and secretary of Arsenal Football Club—who was a pupil at St John's from 1930 to 1945. The pitch will be named in his honour as a lasting tribute to his connection with our school and his remarkable contribution to football.

We will also welcome several special guests to mark this occasion. We are very much looking forward to what promises to be a memorable and meaningful event for our school community.

Kidz Club - 26th June

On Thursday 26th June **Kidz Club will finish at 5:00 PM**. This is due to a Deanery event taking place at the school. Parents who require after-school care beyond this time are kindly asked to make alternative arrangements.





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Key dates for next week

Monday 12th May - Thursday 15th May - **Year 6 SATs**

Friday 16th May - Y4 Multiplication Check parent meeting - Y3 and Y4 parents are invited - at 9:00 AM in Maberley Hall.

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. I hope you have the opportunity to spend quality time with your loved ones, enjoy some well-deserved rest, and also carve out a little time just for yourself to recharge and do something that makes you happy.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

