



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

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*Friday, 13th June 2025*

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been a lovely week at St John's, and I hope you have had a wonderful week as well.

## Self and peer assessment

This year, we have been focusing on self and peer assessment. This half term, it will be something we do daily. Our aim is to help pupils become more reflective and independent learners. Teachers will provide regular opportunities for children to assess their own work and offer constructive feedback to their peers. After receiving feedback, children will revisit their work to consider whether the suggestions were helpful and make improvements where necessary.

We believe this approach encourages a deeper understanding of learning objectives and helps children take greater ownership of their progress. You can support this at home by encouraging your child to talk about what they are learning, what they think they did well, and what they might do differently next time.

## Refuge/International week

Next week, we will be learning about **Refugee Week**, which is a valuable opportunity for children to develop empathy, understanding, and respect for others. It helps them learn about the experiences of people who have had to leave their homes and start again in a new country, and encourages kindness and inclusion. The theme for **Refugee Week 2025** is "**Our Community Superpower**", which celebrates the strength and support that communities can offer, especially in times of challenge. Children will have the chance to explore how we can all contribute to welcoming others and creating a sense of belonging through class discussions, stories, and creative activities.

We will be taking part in a range of activities to learn about different heritages, and the children will participate in a number of workshops throughout the week. We look forward to showcasing their work at our **International Evening on Friday 20th** – we hope to see you there! Please complete the Google Form, linked again [HERE](#) for your convenience, if you are planning to attend the event. We would love for the children to wear their traditional clothes for the evening.





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Make sure to wear your dancing shoes, as you'll be joining in with some flamenco and bhangra dancing! There will even be a prize for the best parent dancer – just let your child know in advance that you're ready to embarrass them!

A sincere thank you to all the parents who have kindly made donations towards the event – your support is greatly appreciated.

For those who are contributing food, please make sure that all items are vegetarian and free from nuts and sesame seeds. We kindly ask that you label each dish clearly, including a list of ingredients and the country or culture it represents.

Food donations can be brought in on Friday morning or after school on the 20th, so we have time to prepare and ensure everything is ready for everyone to enjoy after the showcase.

Thank you again for your generosity and support.

### **Father's Day breakfast**

This is the first time we have hosted a father's day breakfast, and I think it was a success. It was wonderful to see so many of you and the wonderful interaction between the children and the dads/mums/carers/uncles/grandparents. Thank you for attending. I would like to hear your thoughts to see if you would like this event to take place again next year, or whether you would rather a lunch instead.

Thank you to our wonderful staff for helping to organise this event, and a special thank you to Emily, Clare and Richard – my superstars – for always supporting me in bringing these ideas to life. I feel very lucky to work in a school where everyone pulls together and lends a hand.

Thank you to all the dads who stayed behind to help with the cleanup.

### **Sports day**

We hope to see as many of you as possible at Sports Day! Please complete this [Google Form](#) if you plan to take your child home after the event. Kidz Club and other after-school clubs will still be running as usual on the day.





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## Sunscreen

As the weather looks to be very hot next week, please ensure your child comes to school with a sun hat and a bottle of water each day. Children are welcome to bring sunscreen into school, but it must be clearly labelled with their name and class. For safety reasons, children **must not** share their sunscreen with others. Staff are unable to apply sunscreen to children, so we ask that you apply it before school and support your child to apply it independently if needed during the day. Please find links below for some sunscreen options that are easy for children to apply themselves. Thank you for your support in keeping everyone safe in the sun.

[Soltan sunstick](#)

[Soltan roll on](#)

## Parent questionnaires

At this time of year, we send out a questionnaire for you to complete to help us prioritise what we need to do next year to ensure our school continues to improve. The questionnaire was sent to parents by email earlier in the week, please take five minutes to complete it.

As always, thank you for your continued support and the commitment you show to our school. Your involvement makes a real difference, and we truly value the partnership we have with our families.

## Key dates for next week

16th - 20th June - Refugee Week

16th June - Bikeability for Rec and Year 1

17th June - Sports Day - Finsbury Park Athletics Track - 10am - 12.30pm

19th June - Daily Mile and Dance Festival for Year 1 and Year 2 - Highbury Fields

20th June - International Evening - 5pm - 7pm





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Have a lovely weekend and look forward to seeing you all on Monday.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

