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Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you have had a lovely week – it has certainly been a hot one!

This week, the children have enjoyed a range of wonderful activities as part of our International Week, celebrating what it means to be a global citizen. Every class has taken part in exciting opportunities to explore and share their heritage, as well as to learn about the cultures and traditions of others. From cooking traditional English, Welsh, Scottish and Irish dishes to learning songs, dances, and customs from around the world, the week has been a fantastic celebration of diversity and togetherness. I hope you will have a chance to sample some of the delicious food the children helped prepare!

International Week has provided a powerful platform for building a shared understanding, respect and appreciation for different backgrounds and experiences. We are incredibly proud of how thoughtfully and enthusiastically the children have engaged with every aspect of the week. You will be able to see some of the highlights during our celebration event this evening – we can't wait to share it with you.

Sports day

We had another fantastic Sports Day this week! I have received some lovely feedback from both parents and children – it is wonderful to hear how much everyone enjoyed the event.

A big thank you to all the parents who were able to attend and cheer the children on. For those who were not able to join us, don't worry – we took plenty of photos and would be very happy to share them with you. Please come and see me.

A big thank you to Sarah for everything you do to make sport such a valued and inclusive part of our school. Your commitment to ensuring every child can take part and enjoy being active is truly appreciated. Thank you also to Pabel for your support in helping Sarah set up and run the day so smoothly.

Run St John's Run!

We are excited to be taking part once again in Run Kids Run, which takes place this year on **Sunday 6th July**. This event is a wonderful opportunity for our school to raise funds and for our whole community to come together and enjoy a fun-filled day.

We have the chance to raise a significant amount of money for our school, as the organisers match all funds raised. To make the most of this, we would love to have as many people as possible sign up and take part. We





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also understand that Sunday is an important day of worship for many of our families. Please be assured that we fully respect and value this. We did speak to the organisers about the possibility of moving the event to Saturday, but unfortunately, this was not possible.

Andy from Christ Church has kindly offered to hold a special service at **9:00 am on Sunday**, so that families who would like to attend both church and the event can do so. I am looking forward to seeing many of you at the service, and then we can all head over to the run together!

Please see the newsletter for details of how to sign up for the run.

Assessment week

Next week, we will be carrying out our end-of-term and end-of-year assessments across Reception to Year 6. As part of this, children will be completing some tests under test conditions. Please be assured that we will approach this with compassion and care, making reasonable adjustments where needed to ensure every child feels supported.

These assessments are an important tool for helping us understand each child's strengths and identify any areas where additional support may be helpful as we plan for next year. You will have the opportunity to view your child's results as part of their end-of-year report.

SEND coffee morning

You will have received information from Miss Slater regarding our coffee morning on Monday 23rd June at 9 am. The session will be led by our Educational Psychologist and will focus on literacy difficulties, particularly dyslexia.

If you are able to attend, we highly encourage you to come along. You will leave with helpful information, practical strategies, and the chance to connect with others who may be experiencing similar challenges.

Kidz clubs

A while ago, I informed you that Kidz Club will finish at 5:00pm on Thursday 26th June. Please make alternative arrangements if you require childcare until 6:00pm. Thank you for your support.





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Key dates for next week.

Monday 23rd June - SEND coffee morning - 9am

Tuesday 24th - Y5 out to St Mary's Church, Upper Street (Interfaith day)

Wednesday 25th June - Reception transition to Y1 meeting - 9am

Thursday 26th June - Y4 and Y5 girls STEM day at Highbury Fields

Thursday 26th June - Kidz Club finishes at 5pm

I hope you have a wonderful weekend—enjoy the sunshine! As always, thank you for everything you do for our school community. I feel very lucky to be part of the STJHV family and truly appreciate the support, care, and positivity that make our school such a special place.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

