



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

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Friday, 16th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you had a good week and were able to stay dry and warm. We have had a lovely week at school. This week, we had an RE review by our LDBS School Effectiveness Partner. We observed RE lessons throughout the school, where the children were highly engaged and demonstrated strong knowledge of the RE curriculum. Our School Effectiveness Partner was very impressed with the quality of teaching across the school, and during pupil voice sessions, the children shared some truly profound insights.

## Reading for pleasure

Thank you to all the parents who have completed the [Google Form](#) and shared the book they are currently reading and their favourite book. The form will remain open all term. We will use this information during our storytelling week.

## Kidz club

This is a reminder that Kidz Club will be closed on Wednesday 21st January due to our whole-school trauma-informed practice training. If you have any serious issues with childcare, please let me know by Monday.

## Speech and Language Parents' Workshop

Parent Information Session: Speech, Language and Oracy, taking place on Wednesday 21st January from 9.00 - 9.45am in Maberly Hall. Led by a specialist speech and language therapist, the session will explore how spoken language supports children's learning, confidence and social development and how communication skills underpin learning across the curriculum at every age. You will come away with practical ideas to use at home. We really hope to see many of you there.

## Welcome back service

On Monday, we will be going to St Augustine's Church for our welcome-back service. You are very welcome to join us. The service will be at 2 pm. You will be able to take your child home from the service, please complete the Google form linked [here](#) with your pick-up preference.

## Wisdom

This half term, our value is **wisdom**, which we are exploring in our collective worship. When you are doing home learning with your child this weekend, if you can, please explore this passage from the Bible:

"If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you." (*James 1:5*)





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I will talk about this with the children in our collective worship next week.

## **Phonics teaching - R, Y1 and Y2**

On Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2 parents are invited to come and see how we teach phonics in our school. The session will start at 9:05 am and will last for 15 minutes.

## **Key dates for next week**

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January – Y4 Parents meeting day

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January Church service @ St Augustine's - 2:00pm

Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January – Y5 Parents meeting day

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Y6 Parents meeting day

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Speech and Language/Oracy workshop – 9.00 am

Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> January – Reception Come Dine with me event – 11.45 pm - 12.30 pm

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> January – Phonics lesson drop-ins for parents YR – Y1 – 9.05 am

Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Y3 Class Assembly – 2.50 pm

I hope you have a wonderful weekend. I hope to see you on Monday at the Church service.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

