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Friday, 30th January 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you are all well and have had a good week. I really enjoy writing my weekly letter to you and hope that you have time to read it. I especially love it when parents and staff come and say, "We read this in your letter" – thank you.

Stay and Play

From 27th February, there will be a *Stay and Play* session in Maberley Hall from 9:15am to 11:00am. The session will be led by Alisha White (Y3 mum). Alisha and her family run children's activities in Enfield, which are very successful. Alisha would like to support our school community and has offered to run Stay and Play at a reasonable price.

Please look at the school newsletter for more information. It would be wonderful to see many STJHV families with children under the age of five come and join in the fun.

This is another great opportunity for the local community to talk about our school and consider it as their number one choice for Reception.

FOSJ AGM

On February 4th at 9:15am, Friends of St John's will be holding their Annual General Meeting in Maberley Hall. If you are able to attend, please do. We would like to share with you all the wonderful things we did last year to raise money for the school, as well as how you can get involved and support the school.

Tea, coffee, and treats will be provided. It will be a great opportunity for us all to be in the same place and share ideas to help our school community.

National Year of Reading (Storytelling Week)

The National Year of Reading 2026 is a campaign to address the steep decline in reading amongst children, young people, and adults. The National Year of Reading is a Department for Education initiative, delivered by the National Literacy Trust. Next week, we will be hosting a number of activities to promote reading.

On Monday, children will come to school wearing their pyjamas, and teachers will read a range of bedtime stories. We will read a few stories throughout the day to show how wonderful bedtime stories can be, creating a calm, enjoyable atmosphere and celebrating the joy of reading together.





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NSPCC Number Day

Friday 6th February is Number Day. We will be 'Dressing up as Digits' to fundraise for the NSPCC. Children and staff can wear an item of clothing with a number on it. Please make a donation through School Gateway or cash on the gate. Try and be creative - design a unique t-shirt, hat or even become a human-sized calculator or dice! No sports tops please.

Key dates for next week:

Wednesday 4th February – Y2 Come Dine with me event – 11:45am

Friday 6th February – Y5 Class Assembly – 2.50pm

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I hope you have a wonderful weekend.

With thanks,

Ms Khan

Head of School

