

St John's Catholic Primary School

Newsletter

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Issue: Summer 1 2025

The children returned to school in their summer uniforms and thankfully the weather has been very kind to us. The dedication of Fr Peter and Fr Jude has been praised by many of our parents. They have been regular visitors to school, delivering the Sacrament of Reconciliation to some of our year 4 children, who then received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion in Church. The children were beautifully prepared and were a real credit to our school community. All of our children have been enjoying many wonderful, positive and fun activities as well as quality learning this term. As always, I would like to thank you all for your continued support and cooperation and I look forward to welcoming you all back to school for the remainder of the Summer Term.

Miss Maudsley

Early Years have been busy again!!!



This half term we have had lots of fun in our garden as well as learning all about growing through the story 'Jasper's Beanstalk'. We planted our own beans and watched them grow with care, water and sunlight. We have also been exploring minibeasts in our environment and learning all about the life cycle of a butterfly through the story 'The Very Hungry Caterpillar'.



We are holding a meeting at St John's on the **18th of June** to welcome all of our new parents and carers for **September 2025**. We will be delighted to meet you all.

CONGRATS YEAR 6

SATS ARE OVER!

Y6 enjoyed their special breakfast club last week during SATS week. It was a lovely opportunity for them to come into school and relax with their friends and the year 6 staff before their tests. They enjoyed many tasty breakfast treats!

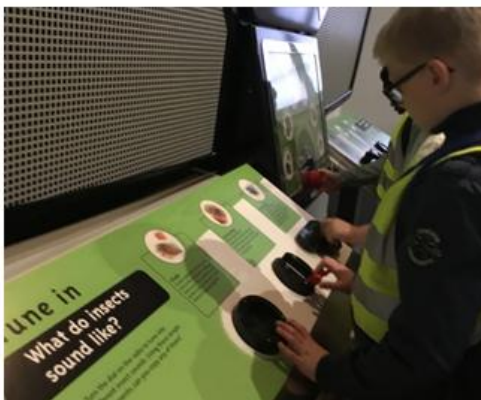


Year 6 had ice lollies on the playground each day after their SATS. They celebrated completing their SATS with a 'Celebratory Brunch' and a 'Treat Party'.



Well done Year 6 on completing your SATS last week! You were so resilient and showed such determination throughout the week. You should be so proud of yourselves - we are extremely proud of each and everyone of you!

Year 5 Museum Trip



Year 5 visited the World Museum this half term. We primarily focussed on enhancing our space topic by visiting the planetarium and learning all about the race to the moon! We also explored the other areas in the museum such as the world civilisations floor where we revisited our knowledge on Ancient Egypt, the aquarium where we discovered lots of different marine species and our favourite floor - the dinosaur exhibition, where we were amazed by the real dinosaur skeletons! We had a fantastic day!

First Holy Communion



Some of our Year 4 children celebrated their First Holy Communion with their families and staff in Church this Term.
All of our Year 4 celebrated at our party the following week. The children enjoyed cake, party sweets and drinks.



Year 1 had a jungle party after reading Giraffe's Can't Dance. We made our own masks and enjoyed dancing like Gerald the giraffe.



Year 3



Year 3 children took advantage of the sunny weather and completed a Science Investigation discovering that the size of a shadow changes depending on the distance from the light source.



The children have also been enjoying the sunshine taking part in athletics lessons. Throwing, running and jumping.



Stay & Play

Our year 1 and year 4 invited their parents into school this half term.



Year 1 parents were invited to a phonics workshop where they looked at some phonics games and activities that could be used to further support the children in preparation for the phonics screening in June



We were so happy to welcome our Year 4 parents and carers into school this half term. Year 4 teachers met separately with our parents and provided information about our upcoming Multiplication Check. Afterwards we had the opportunity to play times tables games together giving us ideas so we can best support the children at home and in school.



In **Year 1** we have been learning about plants in science. We went on a walk around our school grounds looking at the different trees we could see. We have learnt the difference between deciduous and evergreen trees and used a tree identification kit to identify the trees on our playground.



Sports Afterschool Clubs



Our afterschool sports clubs this half term have included gymnastics, cross country and multi sports.

Young Marketeers



Young Marketeers Project has been planting working with the Eco-Warriors and School Council to plant some vegetables to sell at a market this July.

This work encourages the children to learn about the importance of a healthy diet as well as the key elements to make plants grow. In May we welcomed a visitor from the project and held a whole school assembly explaining this important work.



Reception Children have been making the most of our Early Years Playground!



Year 2 children planted sunflowers as part of their science topic. They are incredibly excited to watch them growing from seed to flower.

Making Creative Bracelets in After School Art Club



School finishes on
Friday the 23rd of May at normal time
Children return to school on
Monday the 9th of June