

# St John's Catholic Primary School

## Newsletter

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Issue: Spring 2 2026

Firstly, and most importantly, thank you so very much for your continued support for all that we do. Ensuring that each and every child does their best each term is a real team effort between home and school. Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended our parents evening. This term, we held longer parent meetings, meaning that our parents had quality time to discuss the progress of their child.

Also, a huge thank you for your generosity in helping us raise much needed funds for Red Nose Day, Walk for Lent Day and the Good Shepherd Appeal. I have sent a more detailed end of term letter to our parents and carers which you will have received by text/ email ([or please click on this link](#)).

So, once again, thank you all, have a lovely holiday and I look forward to seeing you again on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April when school reopens for summer term.

Mr Davey

## Spring has Sprung!



As part of their science topic, Seasonal Change, our Reception children went on a Spring walk and looked for signs of spring around our school yard and forestry area. The children did a wonderful job recording their findings.



# Attendance Assembly

What a successful Spring Term attendance assembly we had! We had 250 pupils who received an award and a special Easter prize.

*Well done everyone! Keep up the super attendance.*



# Sports Competitions

The children have attended a number of sports competitions this half term, and have made us all incredibly proud. Some events were non-competitive, and other events were competitive, encouraging the children to have a desire to win. These events are designed through 'Aspire' and aim to develop specific sports skills. They are designed to challenge the children and increase their motivation and teamwork.



We are delighted to share the fantastic achievement of our year 5 and 6 pupils, who recently competed in a **swimming gala**. Through their hard work, determination and teamwork, they secured an impressive **1st place in the North of the city and an outstanding 5th place school in all of Liverpool**. This is an incredible accomplishment, and we are extremely proud of their dedication and the way they represented our school. Well done!



We are very proud of our Year 5/6 pupils who have represented our school this term. Our footballers played in the LSSP World Cup and competed until last 16 out of 45 schools - only conceding 1 goal in the whole tournament!!



Our Year 5 Children took part in an Aspire Showcase run by the Royal Ballet at North Liverpool Academy. The children created the dance themselves and thoroughly enjoyed participating in the event.



Our y4 children have been working hard in gymnastics completing the **British Gymnastics Rise Program**. 13 of our children represented St John's at an inter school competition held in Norte Dame school.

# Holy Week

In the lead up to Easter we have been sharing the stories of what happened to Jesus during Holy Week, the last week of his life. This begun with Year 2 retelling the events of Palm Sunday and Year 5 telling us about when Jesus visited the temple later in the week. Year 3 and 4 shared the stories of Maundy Thursday when Jesus shared the Last supper with his friends and afterwards visited the Garden of Gethsemane where he was arrested. Year 6 retold the events of Good Friday when we remember the story of Jesus' crucifixion. We ended the week listening to the Good News from year 1 about Jesus' resurrection.



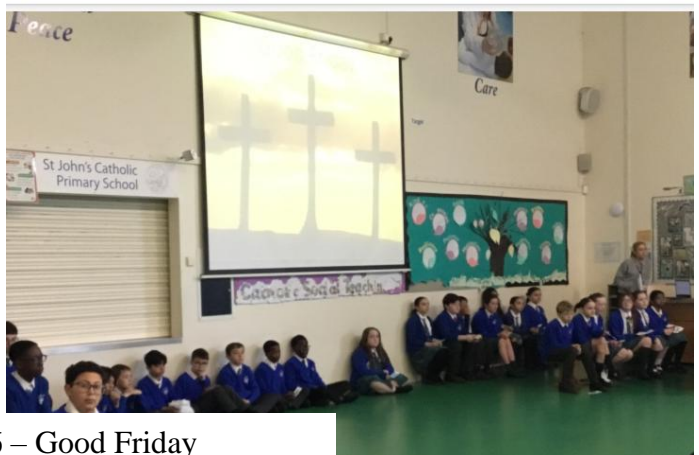
Year 2 – Palm Sunday



Year 3 & 4 – Maundy Thursday



Year 6 – Good Friday



Thank you to all of our parents and carers who attended our Parents Evening this half term.

# LFC -v- West Ham



As part of the **LFC Initiative**, some of our lucky children went to watch the Liverpool -v- West Ham match.

The children were delighted at the final score **(5-2)**.

They fully enjoyed the atmosphere and the experience.



This Spring Term we held our annual Pop Up Scholastic Book Fair (run by our own staff). It was a huge success. Thank you to all those who came along.

# Neuro Diversity Week



We began Neuro Diversity Week with **Be Happy Day**. Children came to school in their own favourite clothes that make them feel happy and comfortable.

The children were also encouraged to do something that makes themselves and others happy too.

We also held a whole school assembly celebrating neuro diversity within our school and discussed dyslexia, ADHD, dyspraxia, Autism etc.

# Summer Uniform

The children may return to school in their Winter Uniform or **Summer Uniform** in April if they wish.

**Please note: No trainers/ No Jellies/ No opened toe shoes.**

## Infant Boys

- Grey school shorts or trousers
- White polo shirt
- St John's tank top or jumper
- Black Shoes

## Junior Boys

- Grey school shorts or trousers
- White shirt with school tie
- St John's tank top or jumper
- Black School Shoes

*(Logo optional on jumpers/ tank tops)*

## Girls

### Normal Winter Uniform

- (School Tartan Kilt or Tartan Pinafore white Shirt and a School Tie - *white polo shirt for Infants, they do not wear a tie*)

### Girls Summer Uniform

- Yellow gingham summer dress
- St John's cardigan
- White socks may be worn
- Black School Shoes

*(Logo optional on cardigans)*

**Wearing the correct school uniform is a vital part of school life. Our uniform is more than just clothing; it is a symbol of belonging, equality and pride. When children wear their uniform correctly, they demonstrate respect for themselves, their school and the community they are part of.**

**We therefore expect that all pupils arrive at school each day wearing the full, correct uniform.**

**This also includes wearing appropriate footwear (plain black school shoes – NOT trainers), and a reminder that items such as jewellery also comply with our school policy (*no hooped or 'dangly' earrings – small retainers are allowed – but not on a day when the children go swimming as the staff at the pool will not allow a child to enter the water with any type of earring in*).**

**When parents and carers support us with this, it massively helps to maintain consistency, reduces distractions and reinforces a strong sense of St John's identity and pride.**

# Science Week

As part of Science Week we invited Science Boffins into school to do a whole school assembly and then individual year group workshops. Children in infants had lots of fun making **slime** and our junior children learnt about the different components needed for **fire** to occur and took part in lots of fun experiments!



*Making Science Fun!*




# Balance Bikes

A specialist trainer came to St John's throughout the term to help our **reception children** to build their confidence in cycling. The children learned balance, co-ordination, improved their gross motor skills, and most important... they had lots of fun!




To celebrate Mother's Day our Year 1 Children presented a special assembly in school for their Mums, Nans and carers.

Mr Davey would like to share a wonderful and quite unique opportunity for our school to access wonderful support through Family Hubs. They are a new initiative that both St John's and Blessed Sacrament have been invited to be a part of, and at the moment, the 2 schools are 2 out of only 3 in the whole city who are part of this initial offer. Please enjoy having a read of the booklet ([please click here](#)) and when we return after the Easter break, I will be reaching out to families to see if you would like to be involved in what I believe is a superb opportunity.



# Family Help in Liverpool


Every family can face challenging times.  
Family Help means working with you and your family  
so that any small problems don't become bigger.



If you would like more information about how to get supported through  
Family Help in this setting please contact Mrs O'Connell (0151 922 1924 / 0151 922 3106)

Or call the Family Help Support Team on 0151 233 1359

[fisd.liverpool.gov.uk](http://fisd.liverpool.gov.uk)



[Please click here to read the Family Help Leaflet](#)



# Red Nose Day



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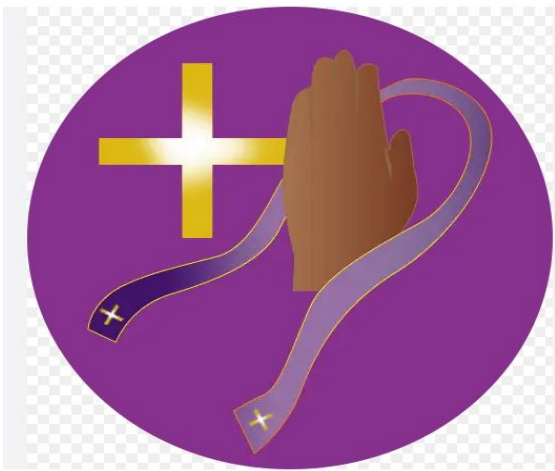
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Children were welcomed to wear Red for Comic Relief this term. Once again your generosity has amazed us and you have managed to raise a whopping **£267.20** for charity. **Thank you all!**



### [Communion Letter 2](#)

Some of our children in **Year 4** took part in the **Sacrament of Reconciliation** in preparation for their First Holy Communion in May. Many thanks to Father Jude, Father Peter and Father Dennis who came to school to deliver this Sacrament. A reminder that there will be a meeting in school on the **28<sup>th</sup> of April** to share with you final information regarding your role on the day and give you the opportunity to ask any questions you may have in advance.

## *Congratulations Miss Davies/ Mrs McKenna*

*A huge congratulations to our year 3 teacher, Miss Davies who is getting married over the Easter Break. Miss Davies will be returning as Mrs McKenna.*

## *Were going CASHLESS!!!*



St John's will be cashless when we return after the Easter Break. Children who attend Breakfast Club and pay for their Dinners will begin to receive their passwords over the Easter Holiday.

[Click for more information](#)



Please be reminded that **school starts at 8.45am**. Punctuality is important to start your child's day in the right way!

# We completed

# THE BIG LENT WALK

St John's took part in Cafod's 'Big Lent Walk'. Children came to school in their own sports clothes and walked around the school's playground (despite the weather!) raising **£120.64** for Cafod.

Many thanks for your generosity.



# Farm Visit



**Our Early Years Children loved the recent visit from Acorn Farm Animobile. Children got to pet and feed a variety of animals, whilst listening carefully to the farmer who told us interesting facts about each farm animal.**

You may remember, at the start of Spring Term, we introduced new school rules.

Exceptional behaviour and attitudes are not "extras"; they are fundamental to our children's success, happiness and safety. When pupils show kindness, self-discipline and respect for others, they create a learning environment where everyone can thrive. These values also prepare children for life beyond St John's, helping them to grow into confident, considerate and resilient young people.

**We really do appreciate your shared commitment in helping every child flourish.**

## Our School Rules

**S**how respect to everyone and everything

**J**oin together in faith and with kindness

**C**are for each other and our community

**P**ride in myself and all that I do

**S**trive to do my best every day

'Christ is the Centre of our School Community where we live, love and learn together'

# HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY

St John's was full of excitement as World Book Day celebrations took over the school!

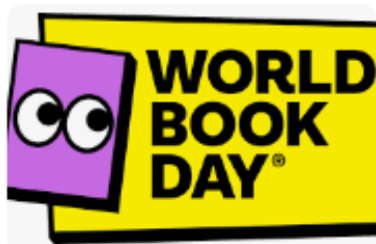
Pupils dressed up as characters from their favourite books to mark the occasion. We spent the day sharing stories and discussing our favourite books.



# HAPPY WORLD BOOK DAY



After reading some of our much loved books, our Nursery children used Arts and Crafts to create the characters from their favourite stories.



...was a huge success  
at St John's 2026



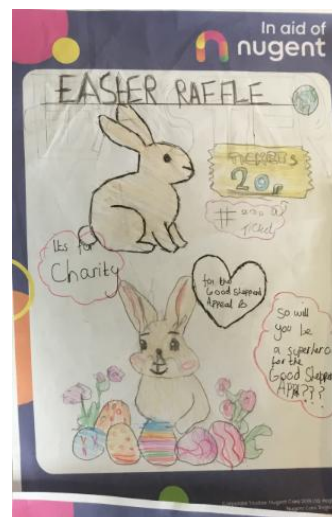
St John's was a sea of creativity with all of the Wonderful **Easter Bonnets** and eggcellent **Decorate an Egg** ideas. Well done everybody!



Our infant children treated our junior children to an Easter Bonnet Parade in our School Hall ...



**School finishes on**  
**Tuesday the 31<sup>st</sup> of March**  
**at normal time**  
**Children return to**  
**school on**  
**Monday the 13<sup>th</sup> of April**



Thank you  
*Faith Friends*  
for making  
posters  
and selling  
tickets for our  
Easter Raffle  
for with all  
donations  
going to  
*The Good  
Shepherd  
Appeal.*