



St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

01 April 2026

Prayer

Dear God,

Thank you for the joy and hope that Easter brings. Help us to remember the message of new life, kindness and love as we spend time together over the holiday. May we return refreshed and ready to learn and continue to care for one another.

Amen

Message from Mrs Miles



As I continue to settle into my role, I am quickly learning that the job of a headteacher is so varied with no two days ever the same! Last week alone has reminded me just how fortunate our children are, not only to receive such high-quality teaching, but also to experience such a rich range of opportunities.

On Monday, I had the pleasure of watching a group of girls perform at the Stag Theatre in *Love to Dance*. They were absolutely amazing and danced their socks off, clearly enjoying every moment.

On Wednesday, I joined Key Stage 2 for their trip to see *The Lion King* in London. Their behaviour was excellent and they were a real credit to the school.

By Friday, it was time for me to put on my dancing shoes at the Key Stage 1 and 2 discos. There were plenty of smiles, some impressive moves and a lot of fun had by all.

Then on Saturday, it was lovely to see so many kind families come together for our Big Spring Clean, helping to make our school grounds tidy, fresh and more inviting. I have also been struck by how incredibly generous our parents and wider school community are, giving up their time and resources to support these events and opportunities.

Thank you all, you really do make our school such a special place. I hope you all have a restful, joyful and overall egg-cellent Easter holiday.

Mrs Miles

A big thank you



Big Spring Clean

Our Big Spring Clean was a wonderful success, with parents and children coming together on Saturday to help spruce up the school grounds. It was lovely to see such a mix of current pupils, former pupils and even some of our future pupils working side by side to weed, tidy, litter pick, trim and sweep the playground and meadow, leaving everything looking neat, fresh and ready to be enjoyed.

A very special thank you goes to Max in Reception's Pops for designing, making and generously donating the fantastic new mud kitchens for the meadow and Reception outdoor area. They are truly impressive and are sure to be a big hit with all the children at playtime!







Sports roundup



Love 2 Dance

On Monday 23rd March, Dance Club had the exciting opportunity to perform at The Stag Theatre. Pupils had spent many hours after school rehearsing and perfecting their two routines, showing great dedication and enthusiasm. They performed to an audience of over 1,000 people across two shows, which was an incredible experience for everyone involved. We opened Act 2 with a glittery, high-energy dance called I Wonder What's Up There? which immediately captured the audience's attention. We then closed Act 2 with our enchanting fairy tale dance, Happily Ever After, bringing the performance to a magical finish. The girls did an amazing job and thoroughly enjoyed the experience of performing on a professional stage, complete with official sound and lighting. It was a truly memorable event, and we are very proud of them all!



Football match vs Horton Kirby - Girls

The **girls' football team** took on Horton Kirby in an exciting match on Friday 20th March. The team worked hard throughout the game, showing great determination and teamwork against strong opposition.

Betty scored a fantastic goal for the team, giving everyone something to cheer about. Melina started the match in goal and made some important saves in the first half, before Romilly took over goalkeeping duties in the second half and continued the team's strong defensive effort.

Although the final score was 4–1 to Horton Kirby, the girls should be proud of their performance and positive attitude from start to finish.

Football match vs Horton Kirby - Boys

On Friday 27th March, the Year 5 and 6 **boys' football team** played against Horton Kirby. It was a tough match, and despite a strong effort from the team, the game ended in a 4–2 loss.

There were some great moments to celebrate. Freddie got on the scoresheet with a well-taken goal, while Brody scored an absolute screamer with his right foot—easily one of the highlights of the match.

The team showed determination throughout and kept fighting until the final whistle. Plenty of positives to take into the next game!

Basketball

On Wednesday 18th March, pupils from Year 5 and Year 6 attended an exciting indoor basketball tournament at Sevenoaks School, where they competed against six other schools.

The team got off to a strong start with an end-to-end game against Weald, finishing in a 4–4 draw. They then faced a challenging match against Lady Boswells, resulting in a 5–1 loss. Ide Hill, who went on to become the overall winners, proved to be tough opponents, with our team narrowly losing 6–3.

The competition continued with a 3–1 loss to Anthony Roper, but the team showed great determination to secure their first win against Amherst with a 4–2 victory. In their final match against Shoreham, the pupils held their nerve in a very tight game, clinching a thrilling 4–3 win in the dying seconds.

The team demonstrated excellent teamwork, resilience and sportsmanship throughout the tournament. They should be extremely proud of their efforts: Betty, Daniel, Moses, Brody, Mia, Nia, Noah and Taylor.

Sevenoaks Partnership Netball Tournament

On Saturday 14th March, the netball team competed in the annual Sevenoaks Partnership Netball Tournament. Two leagues were running side by side, and our team was drawn against Amherst, St Thomas', St Katherine's and Kemsing.

After a tough opening match against Amherst, the team responded brilliantly. They secured a 4–0 victory over St Thomas' and followed this with another strong performance, beating St Katherine's 5–0.

Our final league match was against Kemsing, who had remained unbeaten throughout the tournament. It was a very close and exciting game. The team defended superbly and fought hard to bring the score back to 4–4, but Kemsing narrowly took the win 5–4.

Finishing third in our league meant we progressed to the 5th/6th place play-off against St George's. Despite a determined effort, St George's won the match 7–1 with some excellent shooting.

Overall, the team finished in 6th place in the tournament. Amber, Betty, Mia, Megan, Eden and Sam should all be extremely proud of their effort, teamwork and determination throughout the morning.



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School activities



Classics Festival - Walthamstow Hall

Ten children from Years 5 and 6 were selected to attend this exciting Classics Festival, where they joined other students for a day full of creativity, learning and fun.

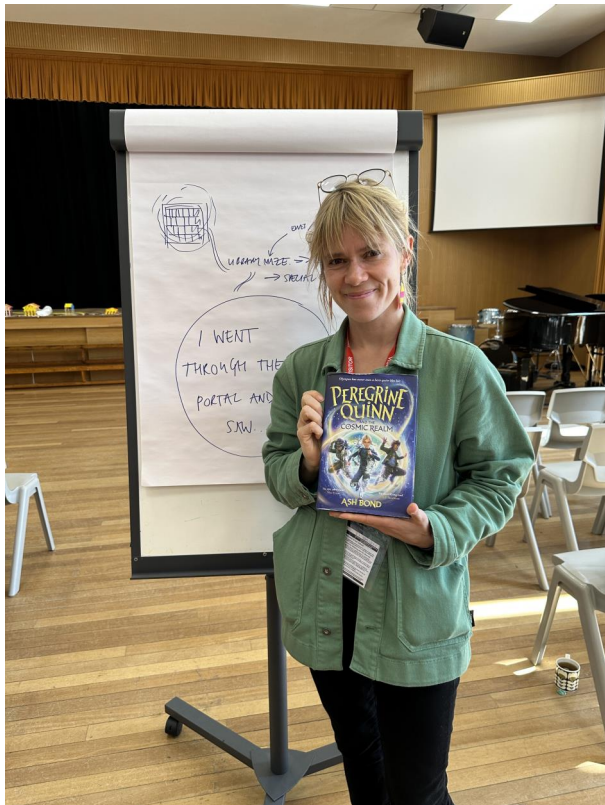
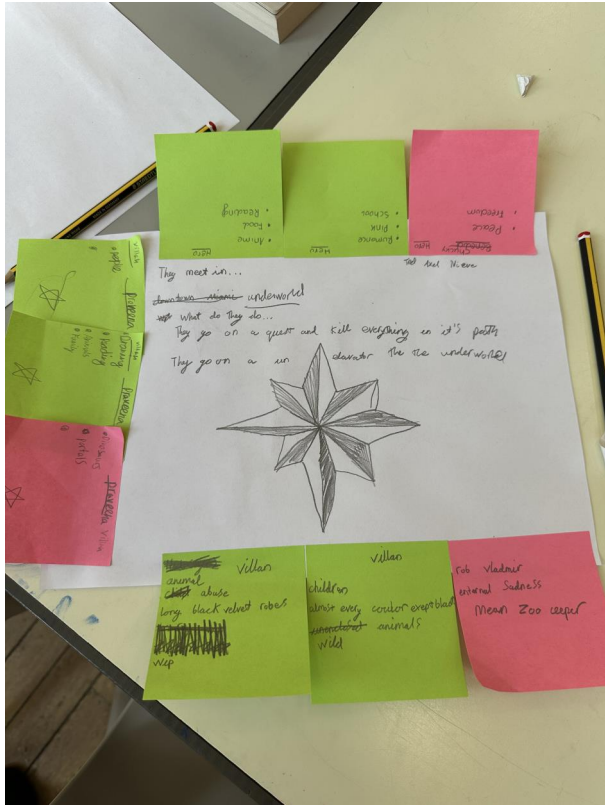
The children took part in a variety of engaging activities, including creative workshops, discussions and hands-on experiences exploring the ancient world. They also enjoyed a special talk from a visiting author, Ash Bond who led a creative writing workshop. In the afternoon, the children participated in a lively musical theatre session based on *Hercules*.

The day was packed with interesting opportunities, and the children showed great enthusiasm and curiosity throughout. They had such a fantastic time that they couldn't choose a favourite activity — they loved them all! (Although they did say the food and ice-cream was amazing too!)

Praise from Wally Hall staff : "It was truly a pleasure to have them with us, all were engaged, enthusiastic and got involved at all opportunities, they represented your school so so well."







Special mentions



RECEPTION

Harry, for amazing improvement in his writing! We are so impressed with how well you are sounding out and focussing on letter formation!

Franny, for being such a superstar in the mornings! You are starting your day so nice and calmly - well done!

YEAR 1

Lucy, for her great success in blending sounds together in her phonics lessons!

Skye, for her persistence in improving her phonic knowledge and reading skills.

YEAR 2

Emily, for always working hard and trying her best and helping others when they need it.

Baxter, for working hard in his activities with Miss Jeffery.

YEAR 3

Noah, for being kind to others and helping explain a maths challenges to his peers!

Eva, for working very hard with her timetables. You are very helpful and show kindness and support in the classroom.

YEAR 4

Jake, for working hard in all lessons with a particular effort with handwriting - keep it up!

Freya, for the amazing shape poem you wrote about 'Snow' this week - it was fantastic!

YEAR 5

Felix, what a great improvement in concentration this week and fantastic work in handwriting - keep it up!

Nieve, what amazing improvement in presentation and handwriting. You have shown perseverance and determination - well done!

YEAR 6

Jemima, for a thoughtful diary entry about being an evacuee in WWII

Sadie, Megan, Iris, Matilda C and Sofia, for representing the school so well at Love2 Dance.

Fundraising



National Autistic Society

Ellis (year 2) and his mum are fundraising for the National Autistic Society by organising their own 5k walk during World Autism Acceptance Month, April 2026.

[Ellis and Mummy walking 5k this April for the National Autistic Society is fundraising for National Autistic Society](#)



Easter Egg Donations

Following the incredible generosity shown during our non-uniform day, the PTA were delighted to receive so many Easter egg donations. With lots remaining after making up raffle prizes, we were able to share these with **MTW Hospital** and the **Loaves and Fishes food bank** - thank you to everyone for your kindness and support.



Celebrating our children's success



Sunny (Year 6) won a competition and planted a tree on Brittain's Common a few weeks ago to celebrate the Stag's green initiative. Great work Sunny!





Casper (year 2) recently took part in a karate competition, where he proudly won a bronze medal. In addition, he successfully completed his grading and was awarded his red belt. We are very proud of his dedication and progress in martial arts.



Felix (year 5) and Sam (year 4) came second in the Kent Cup Finals in hockey and will therefore be going to the regional championship. They both played amazingly well!



Alexander and Luka (year 2) completed Shakespeare Week with Drama Kids - well done boys!



Notices



School Clubs

High quality clubs and activities are an essential part of school life. They provide opportunities to enrich children's experiences beyond the curriculum and are an excellent medium to foster good relationships between staff, pupils and parents.

They develop children's social skills by providing a forum of interaction between children across different ages and schools. Clubs and activities are matched to our staff's expertise and interest and make the most of the resources we have in school.

Bookings for school run clubs for next term, can be made from **19:00 on Tuesday 21st April** and close on Monday 27th April at 09:00.

Bookings for external clubs are available to book immediately.

Please note the dates that your chosen clubs start and finish and any dates that they are not running. All these details are on the club schedule.

[Please visit School Cloud](#) before the 21st to ensure that you can log on. Log-in details should exactly match the details that you provided to the school, or the system will not let you log-in.

If you experience problems logging on please contact the school office (office@stjohnssevenoaks.co.uk) before the 21st April.



Diary Dates



Please check Parentmail/[school website calendar](#) for full details.

Please note that for some future events, details may not have been sent out yet and are to follow.

April

02.04.26—PTA Easter Egg Hunt

02.04.26—Last day of Term 4 (**13.30 finish**)

20.04.26—First day of Term 5

21.04.26—Year 5 start swimming

21.04.26—14.30 Year 6 SATs and Normandy meeting

21.04.26—19.00 Club bookings open

23.04.26—Year 5 Quebec House

24.04.26— Year 4 start Forest School

24.04.26—Year 5 Fairy Cake Friday

25.04.26—Mini Marathon

30.04.26—Year R and 6 Visual and Hearing screening

May

04.05.26—Bank Holiday

08.05.26—09.15 Year 1 Class Assembly

11.05.26—Year 6 SATs week (08.30 breakfast)

13.05.26—15.05.26—Year 5 PGL

20.05.26—19.900 PTA Sip and Paint

22.05.26—14.30 Sharing Afternoon

22.05.26—Last day of Term 5

June

01.06.26—INSET Day

02.06.26—First day of Term 6

03.06.26—KS2 Interhouse Games

05.06.26—Year R start Forest School

08.06.26—12.06.26—Year 6 Normandy residential

16.06.26—Sports Day

19.06.26—Father's Day Games (except year 6)

19.06.26—Year 6 Rochester Cathedral

July

02.07.26—09.15 Reception Class Assembly

02.07.26—Year 6 Secondary School Transition Day

02.07.26—03.07.26—Year 4 Residential

08.07.26—District Sports

08.07.26—Wimbledon

09.07.26—RESERVE Sports Day

10.07.26—09.15 Year 4 Class Assembly

16.07.26—Disability Sports morning

16.07.26—14.00 and 18.00 Year 6 Production

17.07.26—Year 6 Disco

20.07.26—Year 6 Horton Kirby Leavers Activity

21.07.26—Leavers Service, At John's Church

21.07.26—Last day of Term (**13.30 finish**)

