



St John's CE Primary School Newsletter

08 May 2026

Prayer

Dear God

Thank you for our school community, for the joy of learning and friendship and for the opportunities we share together each day. Bless our children, families and staff and help us to continue to grow in kindness, confidence and love.

Message from Mrs Miles



It has been a wonderful term in school and there has been such a lovely atmosphere across all year groups. The new sandpit in the playground has been a huge success with children of all ages (and some of the teachers!) enjoying imaginative play and spending time together outdoors.

With the Key Stage 2 SATs next week, I wanted to say how incredibly proud we are of our Year 6 pupils. They have worked so hard throughout the year and shown great determination in their learning. After SATs, they can look forward to exciting celebrations ahead, including their summer show and a trip to France.

A couple of weeks ago I joined some parents outside Buckingham Palace to watch their children take part in the London Mini Marathon. Their enthusiasm, perseverance and sporting spirit were truly impressive.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone at our Sharing Afternoon next week when families will have the opportunity to see and celebrate all of the wonderful learning the children have completed this term.

Mrs Miles

Sports roundup



Hockey

After Kent Cup celebrations, Felix and Sam went on to play in the Regional Championships where they won 3rd place! Super well done!



Mini Marathon

On Saturday 26th April, our pupils proudly took part in the TSC London Mini Marathon, and what an incredible experience it was!

The day began with an energetic and inspiring warm-up led by Gladiator Fury, which got everyone moving and ready for the challenge ahead. The children thoroughly enjoyed the session and were full of excitement as they made their way to the start.

Once underway, pupils ran the course with determination, resilience, and fantastic team spirit. It was wonderful to see them supporting one another and pushing themselves to reach the finish line.

At the end of the race, every participant was rewarded with their medal, a well-deserved recognition of their effort and achievement. The smiles said it all!

We are so proud of all the children who took part—they represented the school brilliantly and should feel very proud of their accomplishment.







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Special mentions



RECEPTION

Jayden, for being such an enthusiastic learner in the classroom. You are always keen to try new tasks which is great to see!

Woody, for making such a positive effort to sit nicely and concentrate on the carpet. You're a superstar!

YEAR 1

Margot, for her amazing written story based on 'The Storm Whale' showing off her phonics knowledge and reading skills.

Alyssa, for making a big effort in all of her learning and having a positive attitude in all new challenges.

YEAR 2

Phoebe, for working hard on her writing and producing a wonderful poem!

Charlie, for writing a wonderful poem about penguins, which was also very informative!

YEAR 3

Jude, for settling back into the new term really well, listening carefully and working hard.

Eva, for her kind, helpful nature and working hard in lessons.

YEAR 4

Seren, for always working hard and being such a polite and kind member of our class.

Olivia G, for writing an amazing letter of encouragement in English about people we admire.

YEAR 5

Whole class - Quebec House behaviour was outstanding: respectful and sensible.

Whole class - Mrs Hollands was so proud of your work preparing ingredients for a delicious spaghetti bolognaise!

Maddie, for your excellent effort constructing sentences with varied openers. Your enthusiasm was wonderful!

YEAR 6

Harry, for always working hard in class and putting in 100% effort.

Hayley, for being a good role model and always doing the right thing and making the right choices.

Fundraising



Child Bereavement UK

Fiona (mum of Ruby (year 1), Noah (year 5) and Harry (year 6)), ran the London Marathon on 26 April to raise funds for Child Bereavement UK.

If you would like to support this very deserving cause, you can [donate here](#).

Congratulations Fiona!



Celebrating our children's success



Ruby and Polly (year 2) who play for the Otford Spitfires won the Kent Girls and Ladies football league Under 8 Red Spring Shield! Out of all the cup games, they won 4 of them and drew the last game.

This is a huge achievement, especially as they play a year up. Great work girls!



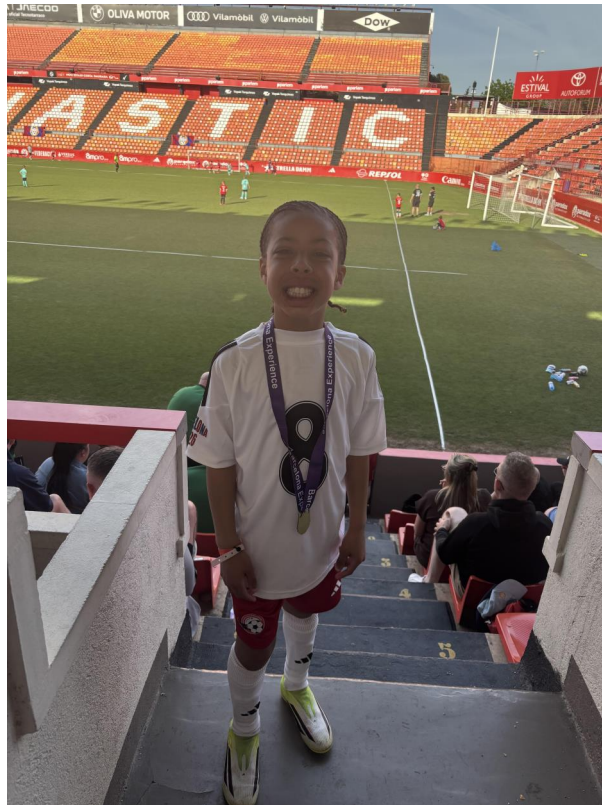
Noah (year 5) **Jack** (year 4), **Eden** (year 4), **Jake** (year 4) and siblings' **Huey** (year 6) and **Effie** (year 3) represented U11s, U10s, U9s and U8s at a 2 day Rugby Festival in Chichester.

This was Effie's first "tag" rugby tournament representing the girls and holding her own with the boys .The boys all played amazing contact rugby. Well done!



Noah (year 3) travelled to Spain during the Easter holidays to play in the Tarragona Cup, representing Kent Elite. His team topped the group stage on day 1 to go through to the semi finals and then final on day 2 against the top Spanish teams.

His team won every match they played and didn't concede any goals all tournament, lifting the U8 cup. Congratulations Noah!



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.

May

11.05.26—Year 6 SATs week (08.30 breakfast)

13.05.26—15.05.26—Year 5 PGL

19.05.26—Year 2 Pizza Express

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
09.06.26—Class photos
16.06.26—Sports Day
17.06.26—Year 5 Tunbridge Wells Mosque visit
19.06.26—Non-uniform Day
19.06.26—Father's Day Games (except year 6)
19.06.26—Year 6 Rochester Cathedral
20.06.26—PTA Summer Social
25.06.26—Year R London Aquarium
26.06.26—Year 4 Fairy Cake Friday
29.06.26—Second-hand uniform sale

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**)

