



Final Newsletter

Wednesday 16th July 2025

Dear parents and carers,

It's hard to believe that another school year is nearly over. It has been a very busy but productive school year and we are all now ready for a break from the school routine.

Today the children met the new staff who will be teaching and supporting them next year. You will find the staffing list on page 4 of this newsletter.

On Friday we shall be saying a fond farewell to our Year 6 children and lots of families who have been associated with the school for many years. We wish these children every success and happiness for their futures and I hope they come to visit in their smart new uniforms in the Autumn term.

As always, running a school is being part of a bigger team, so I would like to say thank you to the following staff and community members for their hard work and support this year:

The school staff have been amazing – willing to go above and beyond what is expected of them in order for us to respond to the various new requirements thrown on us. It has made this challenge more manageable knowing I have a good team behind me.

The governing body have provided both challenge and support for the school's leadership team. This has been no easy task as it is a voluntary role, and so like you, they have been required to add this to their list of things to do, often unexpectedly at the last minute!

Finally, to you the parents – who have been nothing short of phenomenal. In all we have asked (and there have been numerous requests), you have all done everything in your power to support us. I really hope that you can enjoy a long well-deserved summer break. I look forward to September when we shall once again be well-equipped with a dedicated and highly able team, working together to empower all of our children to achieve their fullest potential.

Kind regards,

Clare Campbell



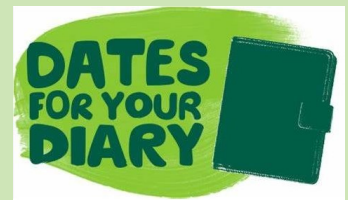


Year 6 Disco

Wednesday 16th July 6.00-8.00pm—

All children must be collected by an adult.

USE NORTHOLME ROAD ENTRANCE



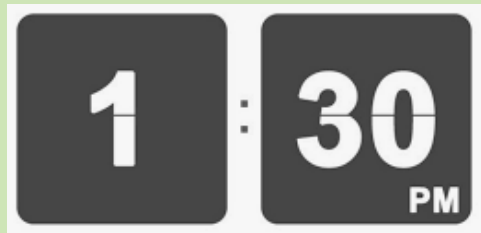
Year 6 end of year Mass

Friday 18th July 9.00am—Year 6 parents/carers invited. Seats will be reserved at the front for Year 6 parents / carers.

Last day of term—early finish times

Friday 18th July –1.30pm.

Extended schools closes on Thursday.



READING BOOKS

Over the past few years we have invested thousands of pounds in high quality reading books to help support the children's love of reading. We want these books to be read and enjoyed and so we have always encouraged the children to take the books home. The vast majority are returned for other children to read. However, as we approach the end of the year, it is clear that we are missing lots of books from all across the school.

Please have a look at home and send any school books into school during this week. All St Joan of Arc books have a stamp on the inside cover or a colourful sticker on the back or the spine. The books could be from our Read Write Inc. phonics scheme or from the Oxford Reading Scheme and so will be easy to identify. However, most of our book corner books will look similar to the books you own at home so could have easily become mixed up with your own stocks.

If we want to continue allowing children to take these books home in future, we need as many as possible returned before the end of the term. Thank you in advance for your help.



Summer Reading Challenge

This year's summer reading challenge is a wonderful way to encourage your children to read over the summer. Children can participate either through the online portal <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/> or through visiting Islington libraries over the summer holidays. Please encourage your child to continue reading over the holidays- the reading challenge is a great way to help them do this.

Staffing News:

It's that time of year whereby we will be saying goodbye to some staff members who are off to new challenges. This year we will be saying goodbye to Ms King and Ms M Kelly who have been covering various maternity vacancies over the last few years.

Both have done a tremendous job teaching our children in Year 3 and the Nursery. Their enthusiasm and smiles will be missed but we wish them well in their future endeavours.

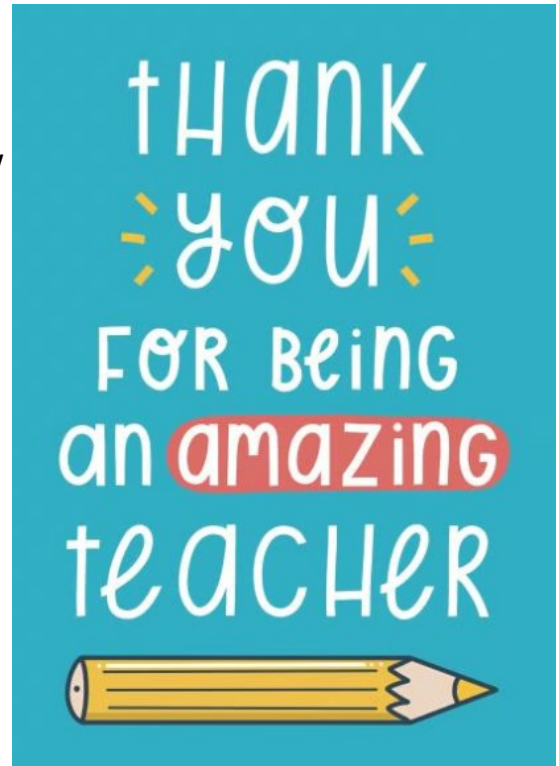
We will be welcoming Ms Newman back from her maternity leave in September, we are looking forward to having her back with us again.

Ms Madden, who has been working as a teaching assistant, is returning to her original profession as a Teacher in September. Luckily she is remaining with us and will be teaching two classes, who have part-time teachers.

Many schools are losing their teaching assistant team due to budgetary pressures, however, the Governing Body's Finance team have done an incredible job in ensuring that the school's budget covers these essential posts. You will know that teaching assistants provide a crucial role in supporting all of our pupils, both in the classroom and within the extended schools service and the school would not be able to function effectively without them. Teaching assistants have been allocated to classes depending on the need of the pupils within that class.

We have recruited three new TA's who will start with us in the Autumn term. I will do a full introduction to these staff in September's newsletter.

We will miss the staff leaving us but look forward to working alongside our new members of staff in the new academic year.



Children Meeting Their Teacher

Children had the opportunity to meet their teacher and class this morning ahead of the September start.

Class splits are carried out so that the classes have equal strengths and are equally diverse in all ways.

We are very conscious of organising classes so that children have the opportunity to develop further friendships across the year but also maintain links with some of their existing strong friendships. In some cases, we organise the classes so that some children may be separated if their previous learning behaviours had a negative impact on their own or others' learning. In planning the classes, teachers want every child to be happy in their new classroom environment, alongside having a settled and focused learning environment. Teachers have given this a huge amount of time and attention. We strongly believe the class splits will work well for your child/children. While some children can sometimes be nervous at first around the new class mixes, it is always the case that come September the children settle quickly and happily into their new classes with new friendships quickly established.

Classes September 2025	Teaching Staff	Support Staff
Nursery	Ms Decsi	Ms Kollia
RA	Ms Susko	Ms Gibbs
RB	Ms Petch	Ms Nell
1C	Ms O'Connor	Ms O'Neale & Ms Carty
1D	Ms O'Brien(Mon to Wed) Mr Barreto (Thurs/ Friday)	Ms Guy & Ms Carty
2E	Ms Rowley	Ms Bowden
2F	Ms S Tibbs	Ms Laszcziw
3G	Ms Madden (Monday) Ms Newman (Tues-Friday)	Ms Convey
3H	Ms Williams	Ms Mullen
4I	Ms Newson	Ms Francis
4J	Mr Fuiava	Ms Mitchell
5K	Ms Gyles (Mon to Thurs) Ms Madden (Friday)	Ms O'Donovan
5L	Ms Vassallo	Ms Barnett
6M	Mr McCormick	Ms Long
6N	Mr Shreeves	Ms Ryan
Deputy Head		Mr Heneghan
Inclusion Manager		Mr Vallejo
PPA Cover Mr Venus		Extended Schools Ms Cumpste / Ms Squire
Welfare Assistant Ms Doogan		Music Teachers Mr Owen/ Ms Gallagher

SUMMER FAIR

A massive thank you to everyone who made last Saturday's fete possible. It was lovely to see so many families there and equally lovely to see lots of new families, as well as pupils who are now at secondary school. On Monday, there was a real buzz around the school with the children all talking about what a great day they had. They loved the face painting, balloon stall and not to mention the freedom to spend their pocket money on lots of sweet treats too. The summer fete really is a day for the children to enjoy.



The Year 6 children did an amazing job on their stall which had a constant queue, as well as helping to tidy up at the end of the day (never a popular job).

I will reiterate what I said in my text sent on Monday; a big thank you to all of the parents/caregivers who were part of the PA or who gave of their time to help out on the day. Your support and help were greatly appreciated. Special thanks also go to our Site Manager, Mr Campana, for going that extra mile to ensure the day went smoothly. We also had an ex-pupil, Albie who gave of his services to help Mr Campana. This is really living one of our values of service!

A massive thank you to our kind and generous sponsors; Knight Frank for supplying hot refreshments from the coffee cart as well as sponsoring the fete and to Panificioitaliano for the delectable bread rolls.



INTERNATIONAL
EVENING

FRIDAY 26th
September
6.30pm



School Uniform

In preparation for the children's return to school in September, it is essential that **everyone** follows the school uniform guidelines. A reminder to ensure that all uniform is labelled to reduce the valuable time lost in reuniting children and items of uniform! There is one recent change, there is no longer a requirement for the PE shirt to have the school logo. This should now be a plain white short sleeved polo shirt.



Please read the guidance on footwear and hair styles which is also part of our uniform policy.
<https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

The website address required for ordering the one item of uniform with a school logo (the sweat shirt) is:
www.YourSchoolUniform.com

We are very fortunate to have an excellent used uniform service which will be available on the playground in September. I have been asked by a number of parents about children returning to school in September in summer uniform. In a climate where we are being rightly so asked to maximise clothing use, this makes perfect sense and is of course permitted.

We will be continuing to allow children to come to school dressed in their PE kits on their PE day in September. We have found this year that this system allowed for maximum time in the lesson to be spent on participation rather than changing. It has also cut down on items left in the lost property.

I will inform you of your child's PE days in September.



Let us finish this year off with a prayer.

God of wisdom,
We thank you
for all the gifts you have given us throughout this school year.

As we come to the end of this school year, we voice our gratitude
for the good things you have done in us, and we praise you for
strengthening us during times of strife and challenge.

We ask you to bless the community of St Joan of Arc School in
your love and give us refreshment and peace.

We praise you, God,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

**School Reopens for all children on
TUESDAY 2nd SEPTEMBER**

