

Newsletter No. 14

Thursday 26th March 2026



Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the end of this term, I wanted to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you for your unwavering support and hard work throughout these past few weeks. It's been a short term, but undoubtedly packed with activities and commitments and unforeseen absences—I am truly impressed by the understanding and support shown by our school community.

I also wanted to extend a special thank you to the children in Year 5 for their incredible performance in the Easter Passion play. Their dedication and hard work truly shone through, and it was a joy to witness their talents on stage. They are a testament to the creativity and passion fostered within our school community.

Thank you also to the Year 4 staff and pupils who, through their assembly, showcased the wonderful and varied curriculum they experience.

As Easter draws near, I know that everyone is eagerly anticipating a well-deserved break. It's no surprise that we're all looking forward to some rest and relaxation over the holiday period. I hope that you can take this time to recharge, spend quality moments with your loved ones, and enjoy the festivities of the season.

Once again, thank you all for your continued support and dedication. Wishing you a peaceful and rejuvenating Easter holiday.

Warm regards,

Claire Campbell



Parent Consultations

Thank you to all the caregivers/parents who attended the consultations. We hope you are proud of your child's achievements, have an understanding of how well your child is doing and what they need to work on next.

Easter Passion

Today Year 5 performed The Passion for the school and their families. Through skilled and talented performances, they demonstrated Jesus' sacrifice with reverence and respect. Thank you to all caregivers who attended; your support is always appreciated. Many thanks to Ms. Vassallo, Ms. Gyles, Ms. Barnett, Ms. O'Donovan and Mr Williams for their hard work and dedication.



RESCHEDULED

Due to unforeseen circumstances, the parent/caregiver consultations for 4J, 5K and 5L have had to be rescheduled to a date after Easter. Dates and times have been sent out. Apologies for any inconvenience this has caused.

LUNCH CLUBS



Lunchtime helpers

Thank you to all the caregivers/parents who generously give up some of their time to help with lunchtime clubs. Your support and expertise enhances the children's lunchtimes



End of Term Mass

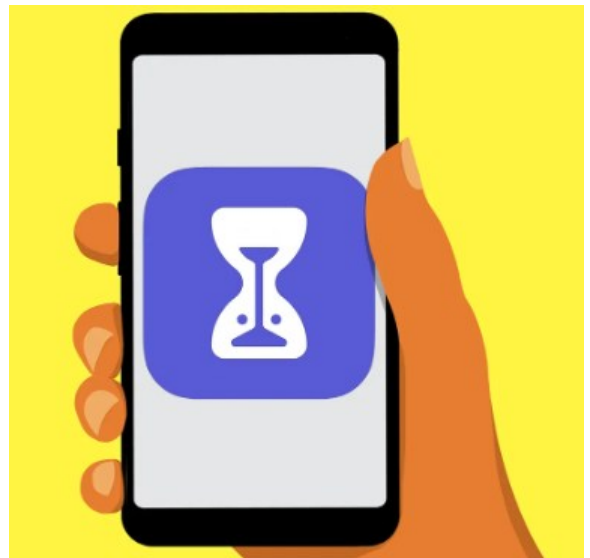
On Friday 27 March at 9am, there will be an end of Term Mass in the church. This Mass will be lead by 3H. All family and loved ones of the children in 3H are warmly invited.





Online Safety: Focus 2: The "Front Door" (Parental Controls)

Setting boundaries.



Think of parental controls as the "front door" to your digital home. If your child uses an iPhone or iPad, explore [Apple Screen Time](#); for Android, use [Google Family Link](#). These allow you to approve every app download before it happens and set "downtime" where the device automatically locks for sleep.

With Apple Screen Time, you can see how much time your child spends on their device, including which apps and websites they use the most. You can also schedule daily app limits, block content that isn't age appropriate and more.

Google Family Link is a parental control app that allows parents to manage their children's digital habits on Android devices and Chromebooks. Key features include tracking screen time, setting daily limits, remotely locking devices (e.g., for bedtime), monitoring app activity, approving app downloads, locating devices and filtering content on Google services.

ONLINE AUCTION UPDATE

St Joan of Arc Online Auction – Offers Needed by 18 April!

Our biggest fundraiser of the year is nearly here. The **St Joan of Arc Online Auction** will run from **24–30 April**, and we're now gathering prizes, experiences, and creative offers from our wonderful school community. Whether it's a skill you can share, a service you can offer, or a fun idea we haven't thought of yet, **we'd love to include it**. Every contribution—big or small—helps support our children and enrich school life.

Please submit your offers by Thursday 18 April using this quick form:

<https://forms.gle/ixPxRdk2xcfy46b6>

or email autionsja@gmail.com.

Thank you for your generosity and for helping make this year's auction our best yet.



SEND FAMILY SWIM PROGRAMME

CALLY POOL & GYM

Eight-week inclusive sessions for children aged 4 years and over with SEND and their families. Enjoy supported lessons, and free play with qualified teachers. Just £40 per family.

When: Saturdays

Time: 1.15pm - 2:15pm

Scan the QR code
to find out more



Irish History Month—Y4 Arsenal Hub

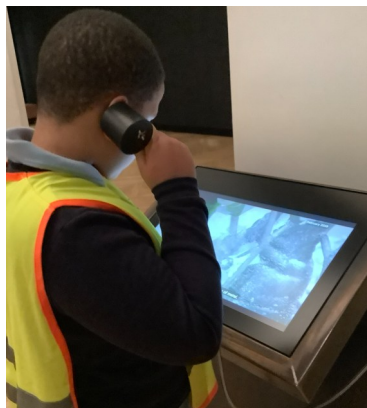
To celebrate St Patrick's day, Year 4 were lucky enough to visit the Arsenal Hub for an Irish History event. The children took part in three activities, the first being a tour of the Arsenal stadium, focusing on Irish influences in the club. The second a workshop focusing on local history and Irish influences in both North London and Arsenal football club. And finally, a firm favourite by many of the children, a Gaelic football coaching session and short competitive games. A great morning was had by all and the children displayed LSRC throughout.



Year 4 trip to the science museum

On Thursday, Year 4 had a fantastic day out at the Science museum. They explored the medicine gallery where they looked at how people, inventions and events have shaped medicine as we know it today.

Along with the technician's gallery, where they had hands on experiences based around DNA, world population and health science. Finally, they learnt about our gut health and the workings of the human digestive system through an interactive presentation. The children had a wonderful day; they displayed LSRC and worked positively across all activities.



Easter Holiday Recommendation

Nigerian Modernism at Tate Modern

London offers a vast range of cultural and artistic experiences that families can enjoy together. The Easter Holidays are the perfect time to explore what London has to offer.

Ifeoma, one of our Year One pupils has recently visited the Tate Modern's exhibition on Nigerian Modernism. She and her father wanted to share with the school community their experience of the exhibition and suggest it as a possible Easter holidays visit.

Art appreciation instils empathy and a unique way to view the world, the Tate Modern's 'Nigerian Modernism' is a once in a generation event which brings an expanded view to the history of modernity.

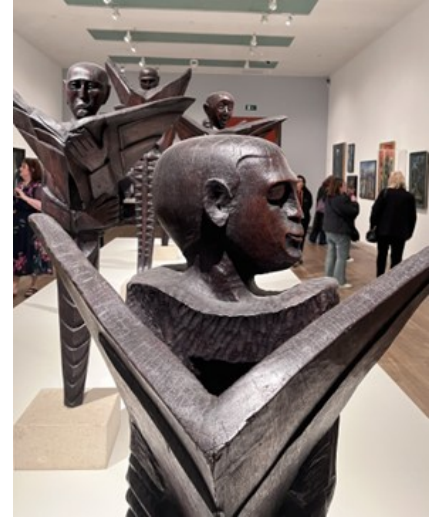
Ifeanyi, Ifeoma's father, shared; I was really struck by the incredible questions and observations she shared. Seeing the show through her fresh eyes, offered me a new way to view and understand artworks I thought I was very familiar with.

Ifeoma's lasting impression of the show -

"Cool exhibition, really enjoyed the dedicated gift shop..."

The exhibition is on at the Tate Modern until May 10th and comes with a glowing recommendation from Ifeoma.

<https://www.tate.org.uk/whats-on/tate-modern/nigerian-modernism>



Detail of Sculptural Installation by Ben Enwonwu, Nigerian Modernism Exhibition, Tate Modern

Extended School Childcare & Clubs



Extended School Places for the Summer Term

Childcare spaces are still available for Summer Term 2026 get in touch to make a booking

Please call 07949 406543 or email;

extendedday@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk



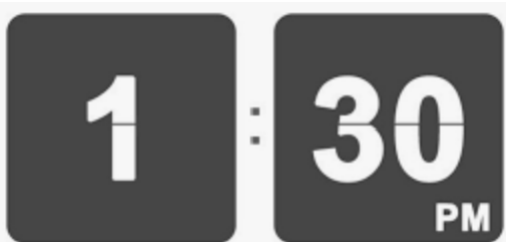
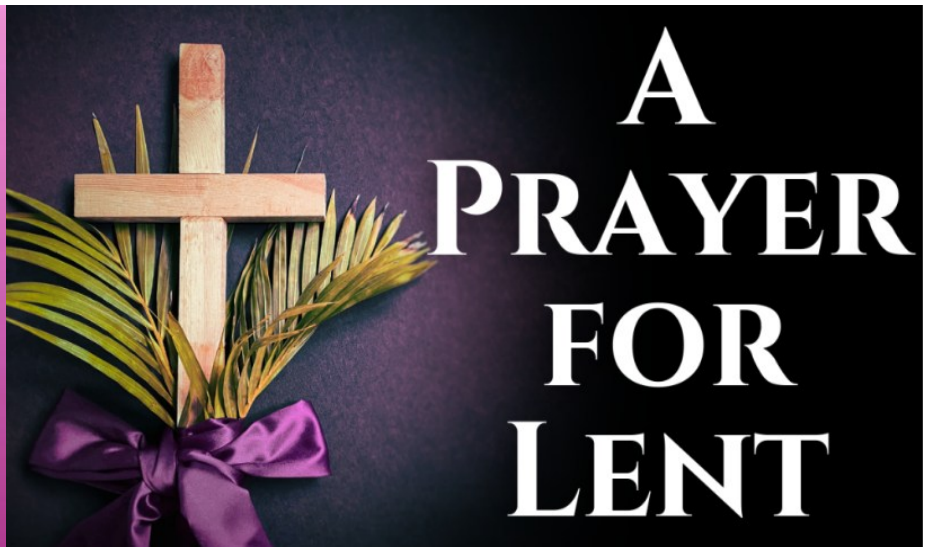
HOLY WEEK 2026 DATES

-  Palm Sunday – March 29
-  Holy Monday – March 30
-  Holy Tuesday – March 31
-  Holy Wednesday – April 1
-  Maundy Thursday – April 2
-  Good Friday – April 3
-  Holy Saturday – April 4
-  Easter Sunday – April 5



Dear God, During Lent help us to keep our eyes on Jesus. Help us to spend more time talking and listening to you. Help us to share what we have with others and be sorry for times we have done wrong.

Amen



School closure

A reminder that the school closes at 1.30pm on Fri 27th March for the Easter break.

Week Beginning Monday 13th April

- 13th - Return to School 8.15 for 8.30am
- 17th - 9am School Mass led by Class 3G - Parents invited

Week Beginning Monday 20th April

- 21st - Year 5 trip to the Unicorn Theatre
- 23rd - Year 1 trip to the Little Angel Theatre
- 24th - PA On-line Auction begins

Week Beginning Monday 27th April

- 30th - PA On-line Auction Ends
- Dance Challenge - Islington Arts College
- 1st May - 8.30-10am Parent open/coffee morning

Week Beginning Monday 4th May

- 4th - Early May Bank Holiday - School closed
- 5th - Years 1 and 2 Gymnastics, Sobell Centre

Week Beginning Monday 11th May

Year 6 SATS Week

- 12th - Parent Support Network Meeting
- Treeroots Multi-sports, Sobell Centre
- 14th - 9am Ascension Day Mass led by class 4I, St Joan of Arc Church - Parents invited

Week beginning Monday 18th May

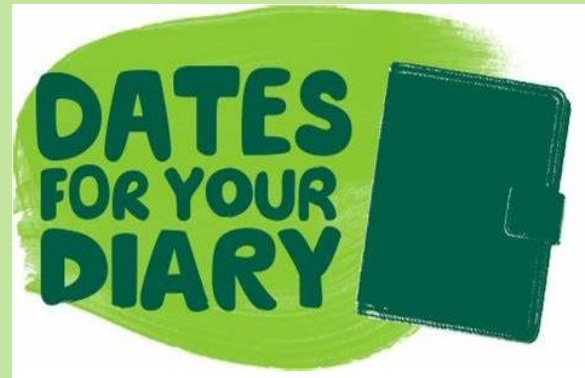
- 19th - 9am New Reception Parent meeting
- Years 5 and 6 Cricket, Tufnell Park
- 20th - 8.45am Nursery transfer to Reception Parent Meeting
- 21st - 8.45am Assembly led by Year 3 - Parents invited
- 22nd - 9am St Joan of Arc Day Mass led by 4J, St Joan of Arc Church - Parents invited
- Children to wear House colours
- Pm Years 5&6 Cricket Final, Tufnell Park

Week beginning Monday 25th May

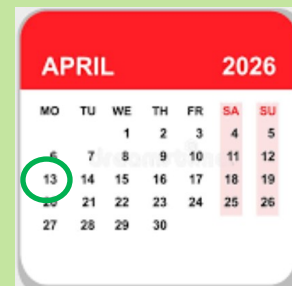
Half Term

Week beginning Monday 1st June

- 1st - INSET Day - School closed
- 2nd - Return to School 8.15 for 8.30am



School Opens For
Summer Term
8.30am



Forward dates to note:

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| 11th June - Sports Day - Finsbury Park | 9th July - Parent Forum Meeting |
| 19th June Year 1 Father's Day assembly | 15th July - 9am Year 6 End of term Play - Year 6 parents invited |
| 15th -26th June Class 5L Swimming Lessons | 6.30-8.30pm Year 6 Disco |
| 29th June - 10th July Class 5K Swimming Lessons | 17th July - 9am Leavers Mass, St Joan of Arc Church - Parents invited |
| 29th June - 3rd July - Year 6 activity week | |
| 4th July - Summer Fete | |