



## Newsletter No. 13

Friday 13th March 2026

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We had a wonderful week last week with lots of excitement around World Book Day which really showcased the children's love of reading.

It was lovely to see the children dressed in their cosy pyjamas enjoying sharing a book with their buddy classes.

We all had so much fun and have hopefully created school day memories for your child. A big thank you is extended to Mr Shreeves, who is in charge of English and organised all of the activities for the week.

As usual the newsletter has lots of news and reminders for events that are taking place over the next two weeks.

The final newsletter for this term will be published on Thursday 26th March.

*Clare Campbell*



### Reception Mothers' Day Tea Party

Today we held our much loved Mothers' Day tea party for our reception mums. This was a lovely opportunity for the mums to gather and hear how much they are loved by their precious children! Thanks to all the Reception staff for their organisation which made this a lovely celebration.



# MOTHER'S DAY Tea Party





### Parent Consultations

These are taking place after school next Tuesday and Wednesday with your child's class teacher. Please ensure you have booked your appointment as the booking system will close on Monday. Booking slots are 10 minutes per child so to help them to run to time, please knock on the classroom door when your time slot is due. Entry and exit for all appointments is via the main entrance on Northolme Road.

### Preloved Book Sale!

Our recent **Preloved Book Sale** was a huge hit with all the children! The school hall was filled with excitement as students explored the huge variety of "new" stories. The children absolutely loved the experience of browsing the stalls and picking out their own books to take home. It was wonderful to see them so excited about reading and sharing their finds with their friends.

### A Big Thank You

We couldn't have done this without our amazing school community:

- **To our Parents:** Thank you so much for your generous donations. The books were of such high quality, and the children were thrilled with the selection.

**To our Volunteers:** A special thank you to the parents who stayed to help us sort the books and run the sale. Your hard work made the whole event possible!

The money raised will go right back into buying new resources for our school library.

### Happy reading!



## What a run-tastic Sunday for Team SJA!

On Sunday 8th March, some of our amazing parents and our **superstar Head Teacher Miss Campbell** laced up their trainers and took on a **10K challenge at Victoria Park** as part of the **RunThrough UK 10K Series!**

All those early mornings, training sessions and park runs really paid off – and we couldn't be prouder of **Team SJA!**



A huge **thank you to our fantastic cheer squad** who came along to shout, clap and wave from the sidelines, as well as everyone who sent messages of encouragement.

Your support kept the team going every step of the way!

And the best part... thanks to the incredible generosity of our community, we have raised an amazing **£1,130 for our school and resources!**

**Brilliant effort from everyone involved.**

## Holy Week



During Lent, the pupils in years 4—6 have had the opportunity to attend confession with Fr Alex at SJA Church. The children have been very reverent during these sessions.

During the final week of the term, KS2 will be at the church everyday to say the Angelus prayer and to reflect on the Stations of the Cross. Each year group will take it in turns to reflect on certain stations.

Year 5 will perform their Passion play on Thursday 26th at 8.45am-parents of year 5 children are welcome to attend.

## Bikes and scooters

It is great to see so many of our children using bikes and scooters to travel to school. With us now being in Spring, I'm sure there will be more scooters coming to school in the weeks ahead. If your child is bringing a scooter or bike to school, please remember to collect it that evening rather than leaving it on the school site. When Arsenal play at home, the playground is used for car parking and Mr Campana is having to store away up to 15 scooters on these evenings (this is why parents often report scooters missing when they have been left behind and then stored away). It would be of great help if all scooters and bikes could be collected every night. Please also remember that any bikes or scooters left on site are left at the owner's risk.

Thank you for your support with this.



# WORLD BOOK DAY

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## World Book Week

St Joan of Arc has been buzzing about books last week as we celebrated World Book Day. It has been wonderful to see the children so excited about reading.

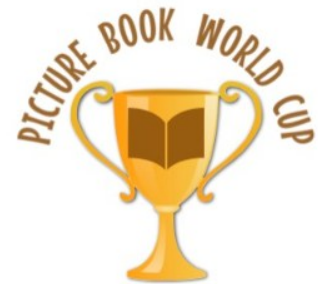
Here are some of the highlights of our week:

### Snuggle Up and Share: World Book Day

On Thursday, we swapped our school uniforms for cozy pyjamas! There was an excited atmosphere across the school as children (and staff!) settled down to share their most-loved stories. From classic fairytales to modern adventures, it was heartwarming to see the older pupils reading to their younger "reading buddies" and discussing why their chosen books are so special. It reminded us all that there is nothing quite like getting lost in a good book.

### The World Cup of Books

The competition was fierce in our "World Cup of Books!" Each class held a series of "knockout rounds" where famous titles went head-to-head. After listening to two books each day, the children cast their votes before the winning books faced off in Friday's final. The winning books will be announced this week.



### Drop Everything and Read (D.E.A.R)

At various times throughout the week, a special "D.E.A.R" klaxon rang out across the school. No matter what we were doing—whether it was long division, Science or Art —everyone had to "Drop Everything And Read!" It was a fantastic way to show the children that you can find a moment for a story anywhere and anytime.

### Our Pre-Loved Book Sale

On Tuesday, we held our "Pre-Loved Book Sale." Thanks to your incredibly generous donations, hundreds of books found new homes. It was wonderful to see the children browsing the stalls, excited to discover a "new-to-them" treasure. Not only did this promote a love for reading, but it also taught our students a great lesson about recycling and sharing within our community.

A huge thank you to all the parents and carers for supporting these events. Whether it was finding the right pyjamas or helping your child pick a book to donate, your support helps us foster a lifelong love of reading in every child.



# PA UPDATES

## Save the Dates:

Uniform Sale - Thursday 19th March

Cake Sale on Friday 20th March

Save the date Summer fete - Saturday 4th July



## We Need You for our SJA Online Auction - 24th - 30th April

Our St Joan of Arc Online Auction is just around the corner — and this year we're asking parents and carers to donate the most exciting lots of all: **your time, talents, and unique experiences.**

These “money can't buy” prizes are always the biggest hits. They raise fantastic funds *and* bring our community closer together.

### What could you offer?

A few ideas to get you thinking:

- A baking, crafting, or football session
- A behind the scenes experience linked to your job or hobby
- A nature walk, treasure hunt, or park adventure
- An hour of your skills — DIY, gardening, music, art, tech help
- A voucher or experience from your work or network
- Second hand items

If it's fun, useful, or a little bit special, it can be an auction lot.

### 🎯 Ready to donate?

Whether you have a fully formed idea or just a spark, we'd love to hear from you via email on [auctionsja@gmail.com](mailto:auctionsja@gmail.com). Your contribution — big or small — helps us raise vital funds for our children.

This year, we're focusing our fundraising on **enhancing music, reading, and outdoor learning across the school**, ensuring every child benefits from richer, more inspiring resources.

Let's make this year's auction our most creative and community powered yet.



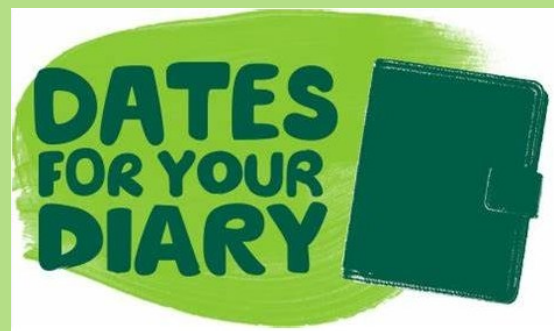
# MARCH

## Week Beginning Monday 16th

- 17th - 3.15 - 5.45pm Parent Consultation
- Year 4-6 Orienteering Barnard Park
- 18th - 3.15 - 5.45pm Parent Consultation
- 19th - 8.30am Uniform Stall
- 8.45am Parent Forum Meeting
- 8.45am Yr 4 Assembly - Parents invited
- London Youth Games - Netball Finals
- 20th - Year 4 trip to The Arsenal Hub - Irish History Month
- 3pm Cake Stall

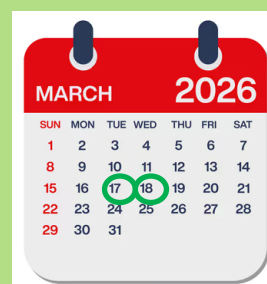
## Week Beginning Monday 23rd

- 23rd - 27th Reconciliation
- 24th - 8.30am Parent Support Network
- 26th - 8.45am Easter Passion Play - Y5 parents invited
- 27th - 9am End of Term Mass led by 3H - parents invited

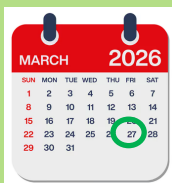


## PARENTS EVENING

Tuesday 17th and  
Wednesday 18th March



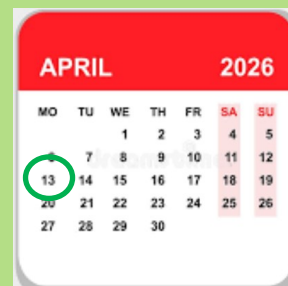
School Closes For  
Easter Holiday  
1.30pm



Save the date  
Summer Fair



School Opens For  
Summer Term  
8.30am



## Lenten prayer

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

