

# Newsletter No. 15

Friday 24th April 2026



Dear Parents and Caregivers.

I hope you all managed to have a lovely Easter break. The children and staff certainly looked refreshed on their return to school last Monday. We started the summer term off with a lovely whole school assembly, where we discussed the events that took place in the Church during Holy Week, culminating in the Easter story.

Class G led the first Mass of this term last Friday and did really well with their readings and singing.

The summer term is always busy with lots of school events, in addition to what is always a busy time for families. This term we have a number of assemblies, sports day and the summer fair.

We had a lovely Mother's Day assembly for our Year R parents last term so, to ensure equality, Year 1 Dads (or other special person in our Year 1's lives ) will get their turn this term.

All assemblies / special year group events are listed in today's issue.

A reminder that we have our Parents Coffee morning on Friday 1st May in the Large Hall @ 8.30am with an opportunity to visit your child's class from 9am.

Finally, many congratulations are extended to Maya and Neva from classes 6M and 6N, who were last term's worthy winners of the Citizenship Award.

I look forward to seeing you over the next few weeks at the gate and like you all, I am hoping that the sunny weather continues.

Warm regards,

*Clare Campbell*



## Parent Consultations

It was lovely to see so many parents coming to meet their child's class teacher before the Easter break. The children have all been working hard and so I am hoping that was reflected in the conversations that you had together. A big thank you to the parents of 4J, 5K and 5L for being so accommodating and changing your diaries to attend your meetings last week.

## PA NEWS

**We are officially live!! Our SJA 2026 Online Auction is live - as well as our Class lots!!**

### **Auction**

There are over 90 auction lots to bid on! Thanks to all of our parents & carers who've kindly donated! All proceeds go directly to make SJA even better for our kids so please bid generously.

### **How do I participate?**

Visit the auction site <https://www.jumblebee.co.uk/SJAuction2026>

You will be prompted to register first if you don't already have an account.

Please feel free to share the auction with friends and family. This is a brilliant opportunity to get our wider community involved in supporting our school

### **Class lots**

This year the children have been involved in picking their treats! If a class reaches the treat amount for the reward they'll enjoy it during Summer term!

Each class has an online fundraising page [Class donations 2026](#) so you can easily donate, plus if you prefer cash you can do this each day at pick up & drop off by the office!



## BABY NEWS



Many congratulations are extended to Ms Newson (41) who had a baby boy called Miles. Both mum and baby are doing well.

### Welcome to our new Music Teacher

Ms Montague is our new permanent music teacher who started with us this last week, working Wednesday to Friday. She has been very impressed with the children's attitude and commitment to music as well as their knowledge.

Ms Montague is very much looking forward to further strengthening our music offer as well as bringing in some new initiatives.



### Pupils with injuries

If your child sustains an injury or they have a medical procedure which means that they have a body part in plaster, please ensure you have seen the school's

Welfare Officer, Ms Doogan  
before your child returns to school.

## EVENTS TAKING PLACE THIS TERM

### School Masses

All at **St Joan of Arc Church** – starting at 9.00am

Thursday 14th May – Ascension Day Mass led by Class 4I

Friday 22nd May – St Joan of Arc Day Mass led by Class 4J

Friday 26th June - St Peter and St Paul Feast Day Mass led by Year 2

Friday 17th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass



### Year Group Assemblies

All in the **large hall** – starting at 9.00am

Thursday 21st May— Year 3 Special Assembly

Friday 19th June – Year 1—Fathers' Day

### Cake Stalls

All on the **top playground** 3pm, led by parents/caregivers  
in allocated year groups

Friday 15th May – Years 2 and 3 parents



### Recycled Uniform Stalls

Thursday 1st May - 8.30am Northolme Road entrance

Saturday 4th July-12-3pm @ the Summer Fete

### Sports Day

Thursday 11th June

Finsbury Park Athletics Track ----- 9.15am - 12.00pm



### PA Events

Friday 24th to Thursday 30th April – Online auction

Friday 15th May 8.30pm—PA Meeting

Friday 5th June 8.30am—PA Meeting

Saturday 4th July 12-3pm – Summer Fete



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**Year 5 Trip – New date set**

Due to the tube strikes this week, we had to postpone the Year 5 trip to the Unicorn Theatre. Thank you to parents who had offered to help on this day, and I am sorry that we needed to postpone at such late notice.

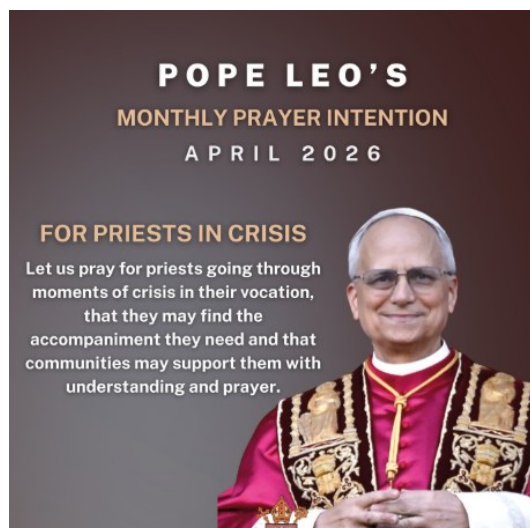
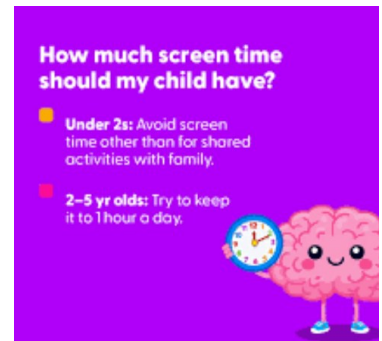
We held on until Monday morning, hoping that the strikes would be cancelled. The trip has been rescheduled to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May. The year 5 teachers will be asking for help on that day, if you are available that would be great.

**Top tips for parents!**

Attached is new guidance for parents regarding screen time for the under 5's. Although it is aimed at this age range, lots of it is very relevant to all children.

Here are other suggestions to consider as parents:

- Send them outside at every opportunity
- Eat out without screentime (even if you question your life choices halfway through!)
- Let them be bored (and trust something will come of it)
- Encourage independent play with friends (and saying yes to a bit more risk)
- Books, comics and magazines instead of scrolling
- Give them real responsibility – helping, exploring, figuring things out without us adults
- Board games, crafts and making things – not just consuming
- Check food ingredients for the following additives - E102, E104, E110, E122, E124, and E129 as they may have an adverse effect on activity and attention in children.



**Prayer and Reflection**

Let us reflect on how we can put our Catholic Social Teaching principle of dignity of workers into practice and become peacemakers in our community

## Dates for your diary

### 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
- 8th - Year 5 trip to the Unicorn Theatre

### 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
- 15th - 8.30am PA Meeting in Staff Room  
3.pm Cake Sale run by Year 2 and 3 Parents

### 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 to Friday 29th—Half Term

### Week beginning Monday 1st June

- 1st - INSET Day - School closed
- 2nd - Return to School 8.15 for 8.30am
- 5th - 8.30am PA Meeting in Staff Room

### Week beginning Monday 8th June

- 9th - Year Group Photographs
- 11th - Sports Day, Finsbury Park Athletics Track

### Week Beginning Monday 15th June

- 15th to 26th - Class 5L Swimming Lessons at Highbury Pool
- 19th - 8.45am Father's Day Assembly for Year 1

### Week beginning Monday 29th June

- 29th to 3rd July - Year 6 Activity Week
- 29th to 10th July - Class 5K Swimming Lessons at Highbury Pool

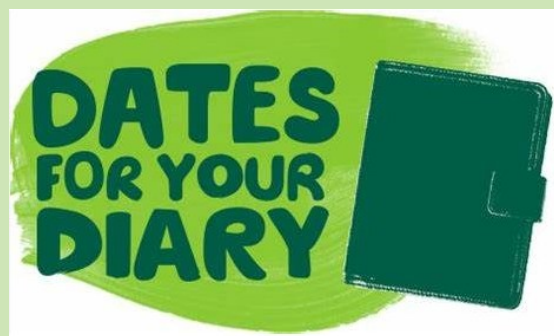
### \*Saturday 4th July 12-3pm Summer Fete\*

### Week beginning Monday 6th July

- 9th July - 8.30am Parent Forum Meeting

### Week beginning Monday 13th July

- 15th - 9am Year 6 End of Term Play - Year 6 parents invited  
6.30 - 8.30pm Year 6 Disco
- 17th - 9am Leavers Mass, St Joan of Arc Church - All parents invited  
1.30pm School breaks up for the Summer Holiday



### St Joan of Arc Day

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