



Newsletter No. 16

Fri 23rd May 2025

Dear Parents and Caregivers

Well done to our Year 6 children who worked very hard last week on completing their statutory SATs papers. There is huge national debate about whether or not our children should have to go through testing at primary school, but I can say with confidence that all our children know that they are more than a score!

Elsewhere years, R, 1 and 5 have been on school trips this week. Thank you to all of the parents who helped accompanying the children and on any other trips which have taken place so far this school year.

As half term approaches, I hope you all have a lovely break. You can really tell this week that the children are tired so let's hope that we get continued sunshine next week to aid their recuperation.

Claire Campbell



A New Pope

Over the last few weeks, we have been following the developments in the Vatican City whilst the election of a new Pope has been taking place.

Sunday marked

Pope Leo XIV's official inauguration at St Peter's.

We pray that Pope Leo XIV can continue the work of Pope Francis and contribute positively to issues such as world peace, global poverty and taking care of our environment.



Thank you to the PA and all Parent Helpers

A huge thank you to all Parents Association members and parents who have organised and helped the numerous fundraising activities this term. Giving up your time and sharing your talents is something wonderful for your children to see. I know how difficult it is to balance all the various 'hats' that you are wearing so thank you on behalf of all the children and staff. I really am in awe of you all and the way that you support our school community so that we can continue to provide the very best for your children.

Parents Association



The Readathon was a huge success. The final amount raised from this event is being finalised and will be announced after half term. The auction last week broke all fundraising records, see below for a message from the PA



A reminder that funds raised help to cover the cost of our specialised music teachers, Mr Owen and Ms Gallagher, who teach music to all of the classes across the school. Having being in primary education for many years, I can not tell you what an asset having a music teacher is. The children absolutely love their music lessons and are really benefitting from this expert-led provision.

We are also hoping to improve our Digital strategy across the curriculum from September so, the remaining funds will be put towards the purchase of new touch-screen Chrome Books to benefit all pupils with use across the curriculum



Watches in school

Please note that *only a simple watch that tells the time is allowed in school. Watches that have cameras or access to the internet are not allowed.*



CHILDREN'S ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is extremely important that you let us know. You can inform us by telephone (0207 226 3920) during school hours or leave a message at any time by choosing option 1. You can also email us at - absence@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk



Years 4, 5 and 6 Cross Country



Before the Easter holidays, our Year 4, 5 and 6 children competed in the Islington Cross Country competition.

It was great to finally compete in this event which was postponed from the autumn term due to poor weather.

On the day, we enjoyed a mixture of individual and team success. In Year 4, Dominic came first in the boys' race, whilst in the girls' race, Milan came second and Cara came third. In the Year 6 boys' race Ify came second. These were wonderful individual achievements.

We also experienced great success with our team results. The Year 4 and 5 teams secured bronze, coming in third place. Whilst the Year 6 team won gold, finishing in first place.

Well done to all children who competed in this event. It was a really enjoyable day.





A Huge Success: Auction and Class Donations!

We are thrilled to announce that our recent auction and class donations were a tremendous success, raising an impressive £12.5k, surpassing our goal of £10k!

Thank you so much for your generous donations and enthusiastic bidding. It's wonderful to see the community come together, and because of your support, every child in the school will be receiving a special treat!

If you're one of the lucky winners, you can collect your items starting Monday, 2nd June.

Thank you once again for making this event such a success!

Preparation for Warmer Weather After Half Term

As we head into the warmer months, I want to mention a few matters regarding sun safety and hydration. Firstly, please ensure your child applies sunscreen before coming to school. Protecting their skin from the Sun's rays makes a big difference in preventing sunburn and long-term damage. Secondly, please ensure your child has a refillable water bottle in school. Staying hydrated is essential, especially during hot weather.



Additionally, I recommend that your child has a sun hat which covers their head, neck, and ears. This will offer extra protection from the Sun's heat and help prevent heat-related issues.

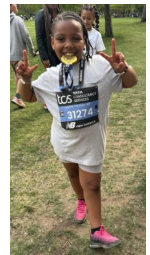


SJA At The London Mini Marathon



On Saturday 26th April, 21 students from SJA made themselves proud by running in the London Mini Marathon. We met at 2:45 at Horse Guards Parade near Buckingham Palace to get ready for our race which began at 3:15. I was feeling a wide range of feelings on the starting line: nervous, happy and excited. The race began with a loud blow horn from Joe Wicks and we were off. The atmosphere was loud and encouraging with lots of people from around England cheering for the runners. At first, there were so many people it was hard to run into space, but in the middle of the race, it was a lot easier to get ahead. It was really exciting to run past Buckingham Palace, and it felt amazing to cross the finish line. At the end, we got a gold medal and a water bottle, and we all had a great time.

By Liam Dodds



Well done to all the children who completed the London Mini Marathon. By competing in this event you have helped to raise £210 for new sports equipment for our school. The money will help us to buy new netball posts for our playground.



Nursery Class Activities



Nursery Class have been busy doing lots of outdoor activities this week. We helped with digging, raking the grass and learnt about different plants in the school garden. We also went on a mini-beast hunt around the playground. We then made lots of different mini-beasts.



We are currently accepting applications for
full or part time nursery places
to start from September 2025

To apply or arrange a visit

Email: admissions@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk

Call: 020 7226-3920

Nursery Hours 8.15am – 3.00pm Childcare Available - 3:00-5:45pm

www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning Monday 2nd June

Monday 2nd Year group Photographs-All children to wear uniform

Friday 6th 8.30am PA Meeting staff room

Week Beginning Monday 9th June

Monday 9th Football Tournament years 3/4 and 5/6

Wednesday 11th Netball tournament

Gymnastics years 5/6

Friday 13th 8.45am-Fathers' Day Assembly-Year 1

Sunday 15th June 8pm Bookings open for Autumn Extended School

Week Beginning Monday 16th June

Tuesday 17th 9am Nursery new Parent meeting

Friday 20th 8.30am Parent Support Network Meeting

Week beginning Monday 23rd June

Tuesday 24th Tennis years 5/6

Thursday 26th 9.15-12pm Sports Day-Finsbury Park

Friday 27th 3pm PA Ice Lolly Sale-Reception Parents

Week beginning Monday 30th June

Year 6 Activity Week

Thursday 3rd July 9am Parent/Caregiver Forum

Saturday 5th 12-3pm SUMMER FETE

Week beginning Monday 7th July

Friday 11th - Reports go home

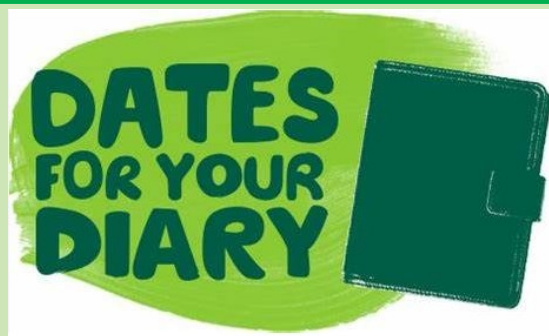
Week beginning Monday 14th July

Wednesday 16th 9am Year 6 Production

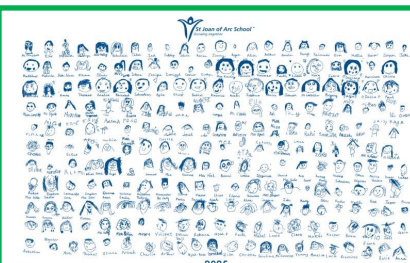
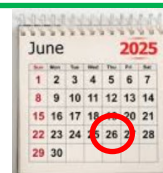
6-8pm Year 6 Disco

Friday 18th 9am School Mass—Year 6 leavers

1.30pm School closes for the summer holidays



Sports Day
Thursday 26th June
Finsbury Park Running Track



See attached poster -
orders for tea towels by
Wednesday 4th June



Don't forget save the date
Saturday 5th July 12-3pm