



Newsletter No.17

Fri 13th June 2025

Dear parents/caregivers

It is unbelievable to think that we are in the final half term of the school year. I hope you all had a lovely half term and you managed to make the most of the limited sunshine.

Someone asked me if I was looking forward to winding down this term! I spent at least ten minutes explaining to them that this half term is one of the busiest of the year, so we're ramping up not winding down here! It's going to be a very busy few weeks with lots of exciting trips and events happening in school. Keep regularly checking the diary dates so you don't miss anything.

You should have received an e-mail regarding Extended Day provision for September earlier in the week and attached is a Sports Day letter as well.

Have a lovely Father's Day on Sunday to all our wonderful dads.

Clare Campbell



Holy Communion

Congratulations to all of the children from Year 3 and 4 who will be making their Holy Communion at various Churches over the coming weeks. We hope they a lovely Day and enjoy this special occasion with their family.



Sports Day

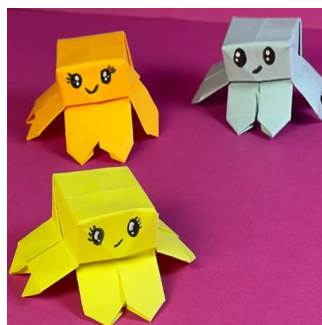
Sports Day for the whole school including nursery, is on Thursday 26th June. Advanced warning – children need to be taken to Finsbury Park running track for 9.15am.

Please see the attached more detailed letter for your attention.



Thank You to Our Wonderful Lunchtime Club Volunteers!

A heartfelt thank you to all the parents who are generously giving their time to lead our lunchtime clubs which started this week. Your help in the Gardening, Origami, and Arts & Crafts clubs made these sessions extra special for our children who all had a great time. It was lovely to see their happy, smiling faces as they skipped out of their clubs. Thank you for your creativity, enthusiasm, and dedication.



So many children wanted to sign up for the clubs that we are planning to keep them going well into the next academic year.



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



Cricket Tournament

Before half term, Year 6 took part in a cricket tournament. Both the boys and girls teams played well, winning two of their four games.



There were two star players who deserve a special mention: Oscar and Hosanna. Oscar was an excellent leader and played very



well. For the girls' team, Hosanna displayed some excellent fielding abilities, making lots of catches. To

get to the next stage of the tournament, we had to win our group. Unfortunately, we did not manage to do this but we all really enjoyed the tournament.

Report by:

Tom, 6M



Maamulaha Netball Tournament

On Monday, Years 4, 5 and 6 took part in the Mam-mulaha netball tournament at Highbury Fields.

Both the Year 5/6 team and the Year 4 team, each played three group games against St John's, Har-grave Park and Robert Blair. Both teams did really well in the group stages which meant they qualified for the final.

In the Year 4 final, it was a really close final finishing 0-0. Unfortunately, Year 4 lost on a shootout meaning they finished in second place. The team played really well but Antonio was the star player, scoring back-to-back hat-tricks in the group stage.



Our Year 4 team who were runners up:
Darragh, Dominic, Antonio, Milan, Ella, Ella-Rae,
Valentina and Vadim.

The Year 5/6 team went undefeated during the group stage and reaching the final against Hargrave Park. Hargrave Park went 1-0 up just after half time. The team then played really well and thanks to Patrick scoring twice, they went on to win 2-1. Written by: Patrick, 6M

Well done to Aldana, Blanche, Alexa, Cecilia, Eislah-Rose, David, Tom and Patrick who won the Year 5 and 6 competition.



Ride to School Week – A Wheel-y Great Success!

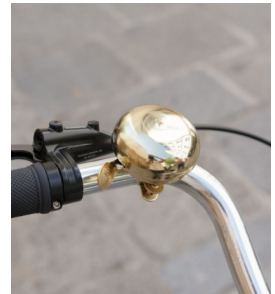
We're thrilled to share that

Ride to School Week

was a *pedal-powered triumph*! Thank you to all the children who rode or scooted to school this week. You helped us to show that cycling and scooting are fun, healthy, and sustainable ways to start the day. Throughout the week, our bike racks were bursting, and the school grounds were alive with the buzz of spinning wheels and smiling riders. It was wonderful to see so many students choosing active travel and encouraging their peers to join in.

Golden Bell Competition Winners!

As part of the celebration, we held our **Golden Bell Competition**—a chance to reward students who showed outstanding enthusiasm, safe riding, and great cycling spirit. Each day, we chose a bike that had been parked neatly in our bike parks. The winning bike received a *shiny golden bicycle bell* to keep. Well done to all our winners!



Year 6 – Bikeability Stars!

A special shoutout goes to our amazing **Year 6 pupils**, who successfully completed their **Level 2 Bikeability course** last week. Despite facing some challenging weather conditions, they showed great resilience and determination. They've now got the skills and confidence to cycle more safely on the roads — a huge achievement!

We also wanted to alert parents to lots of exciting opportunities available to encourage you and your children to cycle. Organisations like 'Bike Club' are excellent for renting bikes rather than buying your own. When your child outgrows the bike, you can replace it with a bigger size.

<https://bikeclub.com/>

Islington Council Website has lots of information and support for people looking to get cycling.

<https://islington.coordinate.cloud/>

Bikeability also have lots of information about where you and your children can learn to cycle safely.

<https://www.bikeability.org.uk/>

Sustrans is also a great place for people looking to be adventurous on bikes.

<https://www.sustrans.org.uk/>

Dr Bike also help out with repairing bike that are in need of a little TLC.

<https://islington.coordinate.cloud/courses/dr-bike-sessions/>



Let's keep the momentum going—whether you're biking, scooting, or walking, every trip to school counts. Stay safe, stay active, and keep those wheels turning! Happy cycling!



This term is always busy with lots of community events including our wonderful Summer Fair, which is on Saturday 5th July 12-3pm. As part of the school's Christian 'Service' value, the Year 6 children will be running their own stall at the Summer Fair. It is called 'SWEET JAR HOOPLA'.



The House Captains explained in Monday's assembly that they would like each child to recycle an old jam, pasta of coffee jar and fill it with sweets (please make sure these jars are really clean, including the lids). These will then be used as part of their stall. Any support with this would be much appreciated. The Summer Fair is usually a lovely opportunity for the school to come together on an informal day so please put the date in your diary.

CONGRATULATIONS

The winner of the Summer Fair Poster Competition

Blossom 4J

The two runners up are

Milan 4I

Noah 5K



MESSAGE FROM THE PA -

Our Summer Fete is a party for everyone. Tell your family, friends, and community groups!

We need many volunteers to help. If everyone helps, we can all enjoy time with our kids! We ask for at least one volunteer per family this year.

We also need donations and bakers for our "Around the World Bake Off" (children and adults).

See posters attached for more information.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Warmer Weather

Just as a reminder that during hot spells of weather please ensure your child applies sunscreen before coming to school.

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. (whatever you have at home is fine)





SUMMER FETE



Our Summer fete is on the 5th July from 12-3pm! It's a great opportunity to invite our local community to support our school with our fundraising efforts!

We need **everyone** to help!

WE'D LOVE DONATIONS OF:

- Preloved Toys – in great condition or board games with all pieces included.
No bric a brac this year.
- Books (adults and children)
- Washed teddies for Teddy tombola
- Arts and crafts
- Bake off – Cakes – there will be a theme this year – "Around the world in a Cake" (*day only*)
- Recycle an old jam, pasta or coffee jar and fill it with sweets for the Year 6 stall
- Clothes donations for Merrygoround (size 4-12)

DONATE

Scan me!



TO THE OFFICE BY 4TH JULY

SET UP/ON THE DAY SUPPORT

- 3-7pm on Friday 4th July (or any time within this)
- From 9am on Saturday 5th July – help set up
- Over 150 more opportunities to volunteer (Sign up use QR code)
- Fancy painting some faces or helping with the raffle?
- Support your year groups assigned stalls (ask Class rep)

You can bring your child/ren with you!

JULY
5th 2025

12:00-3:00

St Joan of Arc School
Growing Together



£2 per adult
Barbecue

Sweet stall



Bouncy castle



Face paints



HAPPY
Father's
DAY



Dudes with Doughnuts

Thank you all for making this morning such a success! We were thrilled with the fantastic turnout, and both the children and staff truly appreciated everyone who took time out of their day to join us.



The children especially enjoyed a longer P.E. session afterwards – the perfect way to burn off some of

that extra doughnut-fueled energy!

Extended School Childcare & Clubs



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You will have received a letter with all of the booking information for our Extended Day provision starting in September 2025 earlier this week. As detailed in the pack, you now have an option of booking a club only and collecting at 4.00pm for infant children or if you have a junior child, for them to go home and then return for a club to start at 4.00pm.

Childcare still remains at the forefront of this service as we know how important this is for working parents. I am hoping that this change to our provision will enable more families to book childcare on the nights that they require which has been the biggest area of dissatisfaction amongst parents.

As a school, we need to ensure that this service is self-funding and we, like all households are feeling the effects of substantial external financial pressures. The extended school's food bill has tripled over the last two years and on top of that all external companies who offer clubs have increased their prices significantly. This is no different to the current cost of swimming lessons, outside of school, which have also seen price increases.

I acknowledge the cost for those parents who want both a club and a childcare space have increased substantially, but we have actively tried to keep the price rise for childcare to a minimum to maintain this service for you. I will take this feedback to our next finance meeting, alongside the numbers of children who are attending clubs only, for further discussion.

This is one area of school life that everyone has an opinion on regarding what is on offer/ how it is offered and the cost of it. I want to reassure you that the Extended Schools staff and governors have been working tirelessly behind the scenes to try and get the best offer for the majority of families.

Finally, a reminder that booking for both clubs and childcare go live on **Sunday 15th June at 8pm**. I am encouraging you to be patient with the booking system and reminding you that if you are booking for more than one child, only press the **SUBMIT BUTTON** when you have completed **ALL** bookings. As reiterated in the information pack, we will not be responding to any booking issues until the week beginning the 23rd June so persistence is key.

Happy
Maternity
Leave!

Ms Nicou started her maternity leave on earlier this week, so we send her good wishes with hopefully some rest before her new addition arrives.

We welcome Ms Dean who will be teaching Class 1C until the end of term.

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



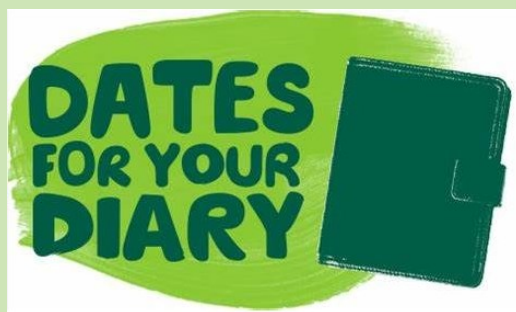
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Dates For Your Diary

Week Beginning Monday 16th June

Tuesday 17th	9am Nursery new Parent meeting
Friday 20th	8.30am Parent Support Network Meeting
	8.30am Parent's Association Meeting



Week beginning Monday 23rd June

Tuesday 24th	Tennis years 5/6
Thursday 26th	9.15-12pm Sports Day - Finsbury Park
Friday 27th	8.45am Year 2 Assembly - Parent's welcome
	3pm PA Cake Sale - Reception Parents

Week beginning Monday 30th June

Year 6 Activity Week

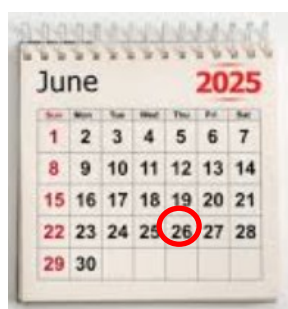
Thursday 3rd July	9am Parent/Caregiver Forum
Saturday 5th	12-3pm SUMMER FETE

Week beginning Monday 7th July

Friday 11th -	Reports go home
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Week beginning Monday 14th July

Wednesday 16th	9am Year 6 Production
	6-8pm Year 6 Disco
Friday 18th	9am School Mass—Year 6 leavers - Parents welcome
	1.30pm School closes for the summer holidays



Sports Day
Thursday 26th June
9.15am
Finsbury Park Running Track



Pre-Loved
School Uniform
Stall



**We Need Your
Outgrown
Jumpers!**

Please Donate Pre-
Loved Uniform

Leave all uniform
donations at the
Office.
Thank you!

