



Newsletter No. 10

Friday 23rd January 2026

Dear parents/caregivers.

It is hard to believe that we are already midway through this half term, with Christmas going into our long distant memories.

The children are continuing to work hard and try their best in class which is lovely to see.

Whilst being busy in class, a number of year groups have been out on school trips.

The Nursery had a visit to Little Angels Theatre last week, which was enjoyed by all. Well done to all of the nursery children for being so well behaved on the trip. Today Year 2 went to the Sobell Centre to participate in a 'Working Together' festival and the Year 6's took part in a citizenship workshop. These visits wouldn't be possible without parent volunteers so thank you to those of you who gave up your time to help. I am sure you returned home more tired than usual! There have also been a number of sports competitions going on as well.

Our Digital Leaders went to the BETT Show at the Excel Centre this week. This visit was to help them plan different activities for the children to participate in during Safer Internet Week. We shall look forward to having our digital skills 'updated'.

As we enter the month of February, Fitness Feb will go live. The PA have done an incredible job in organising lots of different activities for the children to do in school and with their parents at home. The children are excited about this initiative, so a big thank you to all the parents who have made this happen.

Have a good weekend.

Clare Campbell



PE DAYS

We appreciate the fact that children need their PE lessons delivered during the week. With the small hall out of action and the inclement weather conditions, sometimes delivering 2 lessons a week is difficult. We will do everything in our power to ensure these lessons occur but hope you appreciate the challenges that make this difficult at times. Below are the most

up to date PE days for each year group. Please ensure they are wearing the correct uniform.

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
RA				RB
		Y1	Y1	
			Y2	Y2
		Y3		Y3
	Y4		Y4	
	Y5	Y5		
Y6	Y6			



Safer Internet Day 2026 | Tuesday 10 February



Coordinated by the UK Safer Internet Centre

saferinternetday.org.uk

Safer Internet Day 2026 will take place on 10 February 2026 with the theme “Smart tech, safe choices – Exploring the safe and responsible use of AI.” This year’s campaign highlights an issue that has rapidly become a global discussion, how can we use artificial intelligence safely and responsibly? It’s more important than ever for schools, charities, businesses, and community organisations to come together to raise awareness, share good practice, and help people of all ages make safe, informed choices online. Here’s how you and your organisation can get involved, and why your support matters.

<https://www.internetmatters.org/>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety>

<https://parentsafe.lgfl.net/>

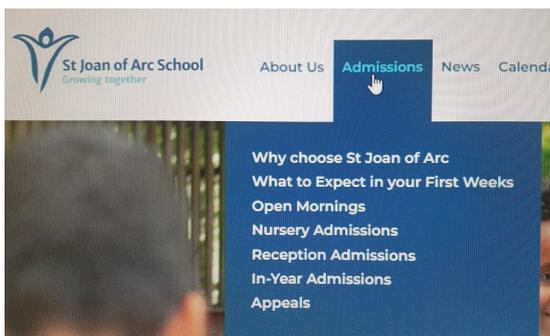
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These resources provide helpful information, advice, and tools to support parents in keeping their children safe online.

St Joan of Arc Catholic Nursery School - Summer Term intake

If your child was born between **01.01.22 - 31.03.23** and you are interested in applying for either a full or part-time place to start in April, please contact the school’s admissions officer on 020 7226 3920.



Alternatively, information is outlined in the Nursery Admissions Policy which is on the school’s website: www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk

The nursery hours are Monday to Friday 8.15am—3.00pm

With an opportunity to book extended schools from 3.00 - 5.45pm

Children having packed lunches

For those children who bring a packed lunch to school, we would like to remind parents that in order to encourage healthy eating, sweets and fizzy drinks are not permitted in packed lunches. Children's packed lunches should be nutritionally balanced, providing

the required sustenance for the afternoon's learning. Please remember that as some children have nut allergies, we ask that packed lunches are free from nuts. All children are encouraged to bring a named bottle of water to school, which they can have during class time.



QUIZ NIGHT

**FRIDAY
30TH JAN**

Starts at 7:30pm

@St Joan of Arc School, N5 2UX

£10 per person

Food and drink available to buy

BUY YOUR TICKET

<https://sja.rallyup.com/quiz26>

Kindly supported by Knight Frank Islington



Quiz Night

Our quiz night is on
Friday 30th JAN

Buy your tickets now
to ensure you do not
miss out on a fun
evening -

Bring your best
brainiacs, gather a
team , or just come and
join a table.

ALL ARE WELCOME

**GO
ALL
IN.**

2026 is the National Year of Reading!

This nationwide initiative is all about rebranding reading, proving that whether you love football, gaming, baking, or music, there is always something incredible to read. The National Year of Reading aims inspire us to read things that we love so that reading fits how we live, not the other way around.

What is the "National Year of Reading"?

Launched by the Department for Education and the National Literacy Trust, the "Go All In" campaign aims to celebrate reading in all its forms. At St Joan of Arc, we believe that literacy isn't just about textbooks or stories—it's about comics, graphic novels, song lyrics, audiobooks, and everything in between! Children should be encouraged to read as widely as possible and read the things that interest them.

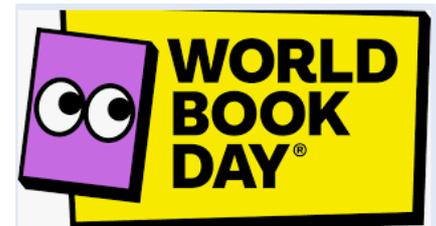
If you'd like to know more, there are plenty more detail about this on the "GO ALL IN" website - <https://goallin.org.uk/>

What's Happening at St Joan of Arc?

Throughout 2026, we have a chosen events to inspire our students. Here are some of the things we have planned:

World Book Day (March 5th):

St Joan of Arc will be having our usual school-based celebrations where children celebrate the books that they love to read.



Pre-loved Book Sale:

This will give all the children a chance to choose a book that they will love to read to take home and keep.

Classed based fun:

Class librarians will organise quizzes and activities throughout the year which celebrate the books and the authors that the children love to read.

Community Reading:

Later in the year, we'll be taking part in the "Take 10 to Read" event and the Summer Reading Challenge at our local library.

**Take 10
To Read**

How You Can Help at Home

The goal of 2026 is to find the joy in reading. You can support your child by:

1. **Validating all reading:** Magazines, game manuals, and recipes all count!
2. **Reading for 10:** Try to find 10 minutes a day to read together—even if it's just listening to an audiobook in the car.
3. **Be a reading Model:** Show your children that you read for pleasure and discuss with them why you read the books that you do.

Follow their passions: If they love a specific sport or hobby, help them find a book or article that dives deeper into that world.

We can't wait to see all our students at St Joan of Arc "Go All In" this year.



Fit For Feb!

For the whole month of February, we are celebrating physical activity and fitness at school! We have lots of exciting things planned to promote being fit and healthy, including special guest visits, specialist

coaching sessions, q&a sessions with international sports performers and professionals in sport, sporting demonstrations, daily mile challenge, netball shooting challenge, poster contest winners being announced and more. We hope many families join in with the targeted park runs too (see attached information).

As a final celebration, we will be taking part in a school wide whole day long skipathon for a day, during the week beginning 23rd February. The final date is TBC based on the weather forecast! We encourage children to take part in the sponsored skip and for parents to also take part in the final minutes of our skipathon by bringing your rope to 3pm pick up and skipping across the playground to collect your child.

For your children to be ready for action, they should wear PE kit for the entire month of February. All day, every day, PE kit for 'Fit for Feb'.



5 Finger Prayer

Pinkie
Pray for Your Own Needs

Ring Finger
Pray for the Homeless, the Weak and Hurting

Middle Finger
Pray for Church and Government Leaders

Index Finger
Pray for Teachers and Mentors

Thumb
Pray for family and friends



Fit For Feb!

PE KITS FOR FEBRUARY

In support of Fit for Feb From
**Monday 2nd through to
Friday 27th of February**

Children should wear their
PE kits

for the whole month.

All day every day.

JANUARY

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 26TH

- TUESDAY 27TH - SURPRISE VISITOR!
YEARS 5/6 DODGEBALL
- FRIDAY 30TH - PA QUIZ NIGHT

FEBRUARY

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 2ND

- TUESDAY 3RD - 8.30AM PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK
- WEDNESDAY 4TH - CLASS 6N VISIT TO BEN KINSELLA WORKSHOP
- THURSDAY 5TH - RECEPTION TRIP TO DISCOVERY CENTRE
CLASS 6M VISIT TO BEN KINSELLA WORKSHOP

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 9TH

- TUESDAY 10TH SAFER INTERNET DAY
- THURSDAY 12TH - PERFORM WORKSHOP NURS-YR2
- FRIDAY 13TH - INSET DAY - SCHOOL CLOSED TO CHILDREN

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 16TH

MONDAY 16TH TO FRIDAY 20TH FEBRUARY—HALF TERM

MARCH

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 2ND MARCH

- THURSDAY 5TH - WORLD BOOK DAY
- FRIDAY 6TH - KS1 ROAD SAFETY THEATRE PERFORMANCE

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 9TH MARCH

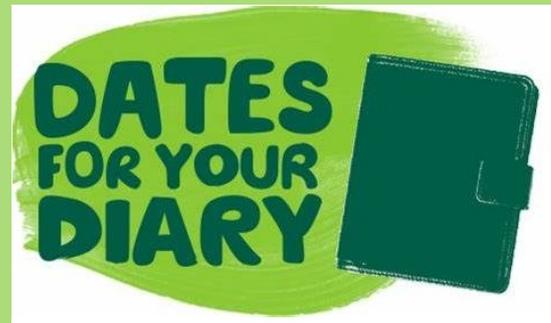
- THURSDAY 12TH - YR 4 TO THE SCIENCE MUSEUM

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 16TH MARCH

- THURSDAY 19TH - 8.30AM UNIFORM STALL
- FRIDAY 20TH - 3PM CAKE STALL

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 23RD MARCH

- 23RD TO 27TH - RECONCILIATION
- TUESDAY 24TH - 8.30 PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK
- WEDNESDAY 25TH - YEARS 4-6 ORIENTEERING
- THURSDAY 26TH - YEAR 5 EASTER PASSION PERFORMANCE
- FRIDAY 27TH - 9AM MASS LED BY 4J



INSET DAY

FRIDAY 13th FEBRUARY

School closed. For
Staff training



HALF TERM

MONDAY 16th -
FRIDAY 20th FEBRUARY

School reopens on
MONDAY 23rd FEBRUARY



PARENTS EVENING

Wednesday 18th and
Thursday 19th March



School Closes For Easter
Holiday
1.30pm

