



Newsletter No. 9

Friday 9th January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers.

We hope you all had a peaceful and relaxing Christmas with your family and friends. On behalf of all the staff, thank you for your kind Christmas wishes and gifts, which were very generous and much appreciated.

We are sure that you will agree that the Christmas performances were spectacular.

The children always look forward to having a parent/carer there to see them in their starring role so thank you for taking the time to support these events. Thanks are also extended to all of the staff who prepared the children for their performances. We especially thank Mr. Owen, who sadly has moved on to other prospects, for his dedication and talent willingly shared with the school. He will be missed.

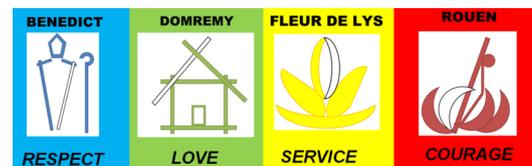
The children have made a very positive start to the Spring Term and have got straight back into working hard in class. The school has a very calm and purposeful working environment and it is a real pleasure to see the children so settled in class. It was nice to start the term with a whole school Mass celebrating the Epiphany on Tuesday and then our New Term Mass today.

The start of the new year and term always brings about a renewed focus on certain areas of school life. This term, we are focusing on – punctuality, attendance and uniform standards.

As we start 2026, I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and healthy new year, bringing positivity, peace, love and happiness for all of us.

Kind regards,

Clare Campbell



Year 6 Citizenship Cup Winner

This award is presented at the end of each term to a year six pupil who, during the course of their time at St Joan of Arc, has been an example of model citizenship in our school. I am delighted to share that

Juliana (Class M) was last term's worthy winner.

Many congratulations are extended to Juliana and her family on receiving this prestigious award.





PUNCTUALITY

You may have noticed the school gates are closing promptly at 8.30am. We still have children arriving after this time which is disruptive to the class who have already started their first lesson. Similarly, the school day finishes at 3pm and the same children are late to be picked up—some even 40 minutes late. A member of the school's senior leadership team will be greeting late comers in the main entrance, in the hope that being late is a one off.

We understand that sometimes it can't be helped, but we need to get back into good habits.

CHILDREN'S ABSENCE

If your child is absent from school for any reason, it is extremely important that you let us know.

Please use the absence email -

absence@st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk

or telephone the school 0207 226 3920 choosing option 1

Please leave a brief message, include your child's full name and their class.

This helps keep our registers compliant and saves the need to chase you.



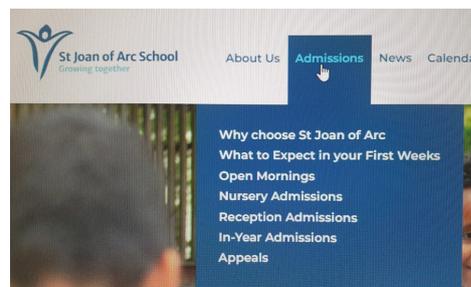
St Joan of Arc Catholic Nursery School – Summer Term Intake

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

<https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/admissions/nursery-admissions/>

The nursery is led by a fully qualified class teacher, an expert early years practitioner and a nursery nurse.

The nursery hours are: Monday to Friday from 8.15-3.00pm.



Mr. Williams

This week we welcome Mr Williams to our school. He will be the teaching music and leading singing for the term. He visited our school a couple of times in December and met with the children.

We know you will make him feel welcome to the school.

School Uniform:

Thank you for your support in ensuring the uniform is presented in its highest quality as well as being regulation/correct according to the policy. We have noticed a lot less trainers being used as school shoes and the children are doing their best to ensure they are tucking their shirts in and presenting themselves neatly for learning.



The main uniform infringements are trainers with the uniform and polo shirts instead of shirts and jumpers.



Uniform reminder notices will be sent home to inform you of any infractions. Thank you in advance.

<https://www.st-joanofarc.islington.sch.uk/parents/school-uniform/>

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.

PE kit

- Plain White Polo T-shirt
- Navy shorts
- Trainers (must be able to tie own laces) or plimsolls
- Navy tracksuit bottoms
- White, grey, navy, or black leggings/tights

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

ONE WAY SYSTEM FOR PICK UP/DROP OFF



A reminder that SJA operates on a **one-way** egress/ingress system.

8.15 enter the school via the church gates

3.00 enter the school via Northolme Road gates

Please do not enter for pick up/drop off via the **exit** gate.

The one-way system allows for a more efficient monitoring of who is entering the school grounds.

So even though you are late, illegally parked or with dog, please enter the through the correct gate. Safeguarding your child is of our highest concern.

Please inform your child minders

Taking Holidays In Term Time



School attendance is important to all children.

It is vital that children are in school everyday unless they are unwell.

Excellent school attendance enables them to access every opportunity to support their global development.

Over the Christmas holiday period we had a large number of requests for term time leave and absences that had not been pre requested.

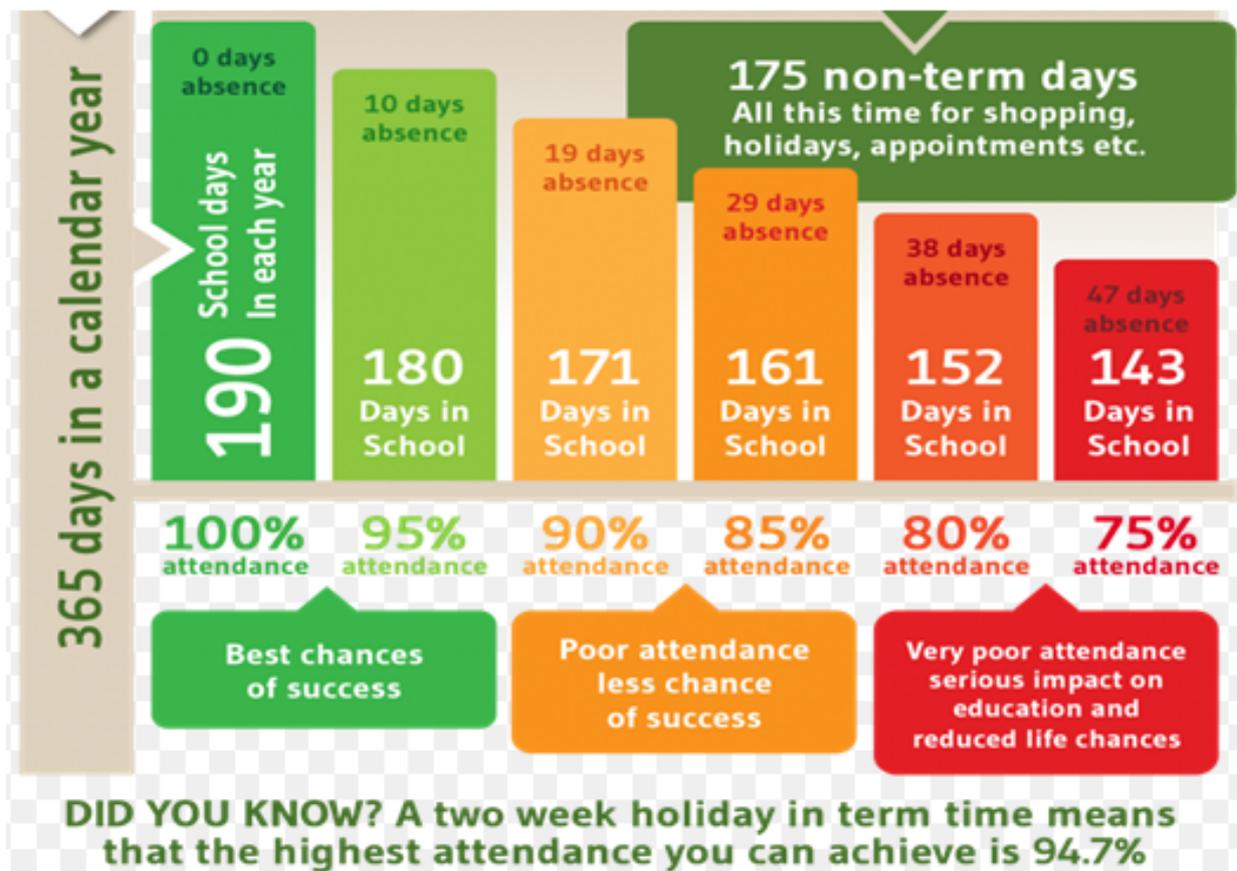
These requests/absences amounted to a total of 120.5 school days lost.

This is over 63% of a child's whole school year. A very disappointing statistic.

The school year is 190 days which leaves a large number of days that children are not in school.

When booking time away, please consider using the 13 weeks of school holiday.

Below is a chart which explains the learning time lost by being absent from school.





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

We give you praise, O God, for everything
that is new and beautiful, for everything
which holds promise and brings us joy.

Bless us as we start this new year with
our friends and teachers Help us to make
the most of every chance we have to start
afresh. May we show love to one another
and to all.

You will find
St Joan of Arc Primary
School
Term Dates Calendar

2025-2026

attached to this email.

They can also be found on
our website under the
Term Dates Tab at the top
of the home page

JANUARY

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 12TH

FRIDAY 16TH - YEARS 3/4 SPORTS HALL ATHLETICS

WEEK BEGINNING MONDAY 19TH

TUESDAY 20TH - YEAR 6 TFL JUNIOR CITIZENSHIP
WORKSHOP

FRIDAY 23RD - YEAR 2 WORKING TOGETHER FESTIVAL
SOBELL CENTRE

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

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

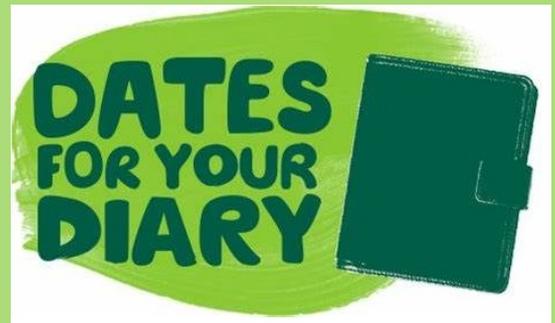
TUESDAY 24TH - 8.30 PARENT SUPPORT NETWORK

WEDNESDAY 25TH - YEARS 4-6 ORIENTEERING

THURSDAY 26TH - YEAR 5 EASTER PASSION PERFORMANCE

FRIDAY 27TH - 9AM MASS LED BY 4J

1.30PM SCHOOL CLOSURES FOR EASTER HOLIDAY



INSET DAY

A reminder that the school is closed to pupils on Friday 13th February to allow for staff training.



Fit For Feb!

Run, jog, walk, volunteer,
show your support at:



Highbury Fields Parkrun - 5k
Saturday 31st January 9am



Highbury Fields Junior Parkrun - 2k
Sunday 1st February 9am



RunThrough Victoria Park
Sunday 8th March 9.30am



Open to everyone!

How to join



What is Highbury Fields Parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 5k community event. Walk, jog, run, volunteer or spectate – it's up to you!



What is Highbury Fields Junior Parkrun?

A free, fun, and friendly weekly 2k event for juniors (4 to 14 year olds).

Is your first Parkrun?

It's great, but please register before you come along.

The events take place at Highbury Fields. See Course page for more details.



Do you want to join RunThrough Victoria Park?

Please register here. If you sign up as a group of 6 you get a 20% discount. So consider joining the SJA running group to make a team.



For more information, please join the SJA running group on WhatsApp.

**RAISE £20.26 IN
2026 CHALLENGE**

You also could also set up a
monthly donation which we
can Gift Aid to help all

It's quick and easy to set up a
standing order and complete a
GiftAid form to support our
fundraising efforts.

We challenge all pupils to raise £20.26!
HOW? However you like! Whether that's....

Something crafty? Sell your artwork, crafts or cakes

Something helpful? Helping with some chores, asking family and friends if they have anything you can help with

Something sporty? A sponsored swim, bike ride, walk, run, goals scored, climb or even bounce!

Or by selling some old toys, be as creative as you can!

£20.26 IS NOT COMPULSORY
ALL DONATIONS UNDER OR OVER
THE £20.26 ARE WELCOMED AND
PLEASE ONLY DONATE IF YOU
CAN. WE REALLY APPRECIATE
YOUR SUPPORT!