



Newsletter No. 15

Friday 2nd May 2025

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 on Tuesday. We started the summer term off with a lovely whole school assembly, which Classes A and B attended for the first time. We discussed the events that took place in the Church during Holy Week, culminating in the Easter story. We also talked about Pope Francis and said a special prayer thanking him for everything that he did during his Papacy for young people.

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

Thank you to the PA for organising the Easter treats for the children which were very well received.

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, the Dad's/ special person Day in the life of year 1 pupils will get their turn this term.

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

Finally, many congratulations are extended to David from class 6N, who was last term's worthy winner of the Citizenship Award.

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

Warm regards,

Clare Campbell



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.





Boiler Update

You will be pleased to hear that we have been given a grant to cover 90% of the cost of replacing the boilers. As a Voluntary Aided school, we are expected to make a 10% contribution towards the cost of this work, which will total £15,000.

This money has to come from the school's Building Fund account which is held by the Diocese.

We asked at the beginning of the school year for a contribution of £100 per family to be paid into this account if your family finances allow for this.

Thank you to those parents who have made a donation already.

If you haven't and wish to do so payments can be made in the following way:

School Building Fund

How do I pay?

Please use the following details, quoting your child's name as a reference:

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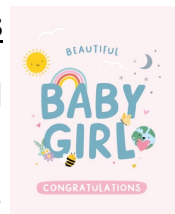
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Account Name: WD St Joan of Arc High

Installation of two new industrial boilers has started and we are hoping it will all be finished by the start of the Autumn Term, ready for the winter season.

Baby News

Many congratulations are extended Ms Kelly (2F) who had a baby girl, called Sophie, at the beginning of the Easter holidays. Both mum and baby are doing well.



Mini Marathon News

Congratulations to the children who took part in the mini marathon in central London on Saturday. A wonderful afternoon was had by all.

EVENTS TAKING PLACE THIS TERM

School Masses

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

Friday 23rd May – St Joan of Arc Feast Day led by Class 3G

Friday 27th June – St Peter & St Paul Feast Day – led by Year 2

Friday 18th July – Year 6 Leavers' Mass



Year Group Assemblies

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

Thursday 22nd May – Year 3

Friday 13th June – Year 1—Fathers' Day

Ice Lolly Stalls

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

Friday 23rd May – Years 3 and 4 parents

Friday 27th June - Reception parents



Recycled Uniform Stalls

Tuesday 20th May-Reception sizes only @ new starters event

Wednesday 21st May– 8.30am Northolme Road entrance

Saturday 5th July-12-3pm @ the Summer Fete

Sports Day

THURSDAY 26th June

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



PA Events

Friday 9th May 8.30pm—PA Meeting

Week beginning 12th May – Online auction

Saturday 5th July 12-3pm – Summer Fete





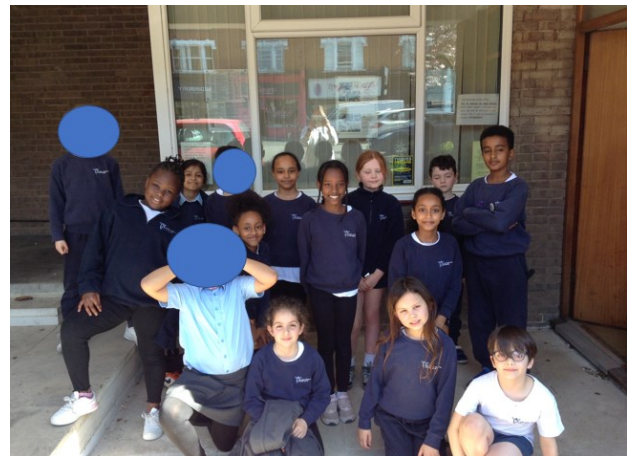
Jubilee 2025 - PILGRIMS OF HOPE

THANK YOU so much for all of the food donations given to the St Vincent De Paul food bank at St Joan of Arc Church. We have been overwhelmed at the generosity shown by so many families, especially during this period of Lent when we encourage the children to think of others less fortunate than themselves.

Miss King and the mini Vinnies brought all of the donations over to the church on the Friday before the Easter break, and were shown where all of the food is stored.

A volunteer from the St Vincent De Paul Society met the children there and explained how the food bank works.

Miss King reported that the children were perfectly behaved and were pleased to see that their donations are going to support so many members of our local community.



READATHON



Many thanks for encouraging your child to participate in the school's Readathon. It is so encouraging to see so many children actively reading in their spare time. So far this has raised over **£ 3,542.00** which is much appreciated. Although the on-line part of the Readathon is now closed

<https://sja.rallyup.com/readathon2023/Campaign/Details>

Cash donations are also accepted and can be handed into the school office over the next two weeks.

SWIMMING LESSONS



Learning to swim is an essential life- skill, one which enables children to be safe around water as well as providing a leisure activity which can have great benefits for their physical and mental health. Last term, as part of the PE curriculum our Year Fives completed a two-week intensive swimming course where they all made brilliant

progress. If your child does not yet know how to swim, we encourage you to try and find opportunities for them to learn. Islington and Hackney boroughs both offer free swimming sessions for children resident within the boroughs. Please follow the links below to find out more about the free-swimming sessions your child may be able to access:

<https://www.better.org.uk/leisure-centre/london/islington/cally/holiday-activities>

<https://education.hackney.gov.uk/content/learn-to-swim>

School PE Uniform consultation

You will be aware that we consulted you on a possible change to the PE t-shirt uniform. The outcome was that the majority of parents were in favour of the change. From September we are moving to a white polo shirt. Children may continue to wear their current PE t-shirt with the school logo until it is outgrown.



Parents Association  **St Joan of Arc School**
Growing together

Online Auction

Donations needed!

Our online auction is a fantastic way to support the school and have a blast while doing it!

What You Can Donate:

- **Experiences** e.g. exciting hobby or job
- **Time** e.g. advice, tutoring, babysitting
- **Unwanted gifts** e.g. new items
- **Preloved items**, e.g. homeware, designer goods
- **Personal Passions** e.g. art work, baking, crafts, music



**Auction runs from :
12 – 18th May**



Donations needed by 8th May at the latest

To get involved, email any questions, suggestions or items to
- auctionsja@gmail.com



Dates for your diary

Week Beginning Monday 5th May

5th - Early May Bank Holiday - School closed

Week Beginning Monday 12th May

Year 6 SATS Week

12th - PA On-line Auction begins

16th - Year 3 and 4 Tennis

Week Beginning Monday 19th May

19th - PA On-line Auction ends

20th - Year 5 and 6 Cricket

20th - 9am New Reception children meeting with Recycled uniform stall

21st - 8.30am Recycled Uniform stall outside Northolme Road entrance

9am Nursery children joining Reception meeting with Recycled uniform stall

22nd - 9am Year 3 Assembly

23rd - St Joan of Arc Day - Non uniform day wear your House colours

9am Mass led by Class 3G

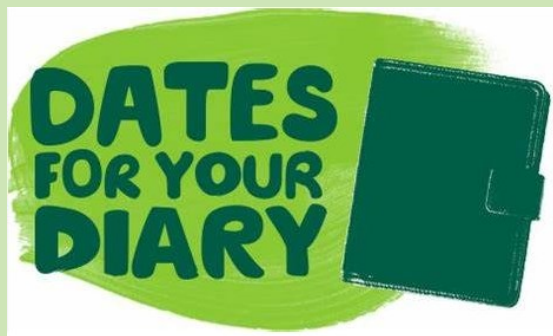
23rd - 3pm PA Ice Lolly Stall - years 3 and 4 parents

Week beginning Monday 26th May

Half Term - SCHOOL CLOSED

Week beginning Monday 2nd June

2nd - Return to School 8.15 for 8.30am



God in Heaven

We thank you for the gift of
Pope Francis and for all the
wonderful

ways he inspired us to build
a better world.

Help us to continue his work by
being Pilgrims of Hope,
like he was.

May he rest in your peace.

Amen.

