



# St John's Newsletter

Friday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2023

## *An update from Mr. Rubin...*

Time is flying by as we move into Autumn and the days are drawing in. I wanted to say thank you to all of the parents and carers that were able to spare some time to come in to our 'Meet the Teacher' morning. I will share some of the feedback with you later in the edition.

Children across the school celebrated our Vision which comes from the book of St. Matthew where Jesus blessed a crowd of people telling them, "Let your light so shine before men so that they may see your good works and come to glorify your father in heaven." Next time you come into school, have a look at the display outside my office. Children have thought about how they can shine this year at St John's and how they can live out our Vision in school.



Our McMillan Coffee morning was this morning which I will report on in the next edition of the newsletter. Our Harvest Festival will take place in school on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> October. All the food that we collect will be distributed amongst our school community led by our Worship Council.

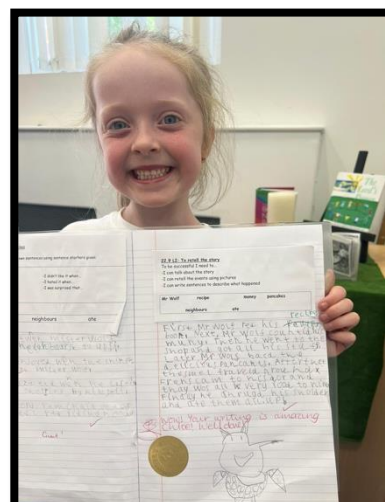
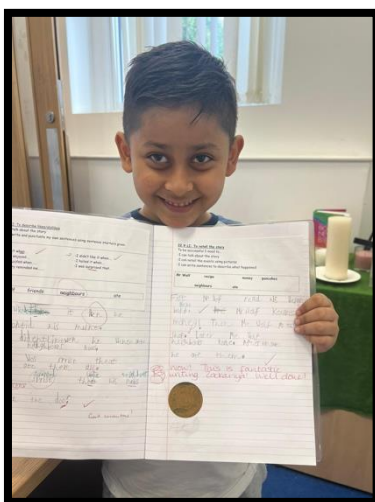
This is a lovely school with some spaces in most of our Year groups. If you know of any families that are looking for school places, ask them to come in and have a look around. I am sure they will be impressed.

Have a lovely weekend and be kind to one another.

## Amazing Work!

I was very impressed with these two students who came to visit us in the office to share their fantastic work.

They did seem rather pleased with themselves and rightly so as their writing was spectacular!







### Year 5 Update – Ms Palmer

Year 5 went on an educational school trip to Greenwich hill to admire the amazing view of London and discuss the often-contrasting architectural styles, clearly visible from that spot. Children recognized a lot of London landmarks and were able to describe them in depth.





## Meet the Teacher Open Morning

Thank you to all of our parents and carers that were able to spare the time to meet the staff. You will see from the feedback below that it was a useful exercise. I know not everyone was able to come in and there isn't one time that would work for everyone. We have sent the slides giving you all of the information that you need. Our team is always on the gate should you have any questions. Look out for our Parents/Carers evening that will be coming up later in the term.



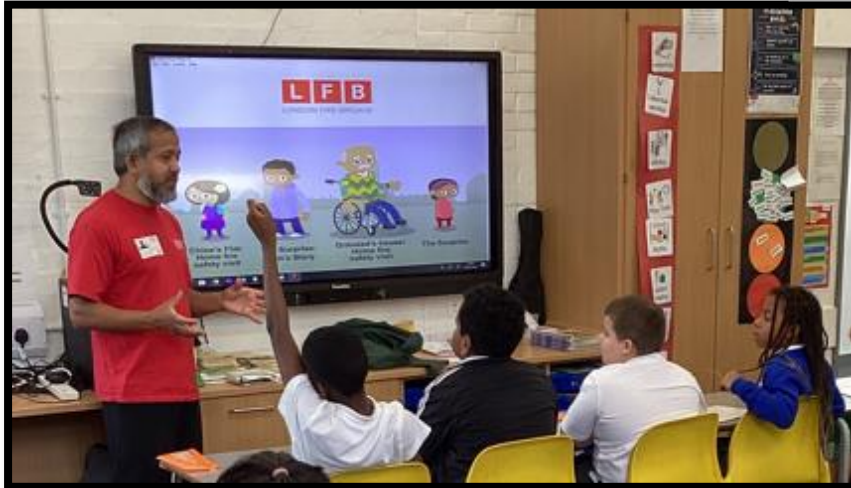
### Parent/Carer feedback:

- *I really liked that we had an opportunity to meet their teacher, find out about their class routines, raise any concerns and be able to participate in the class activity.*
- *It was really great because I get to know what my child learning there and what methods teachers applies*
- *Time spent in the learning environment and speaking with teacher. Interaction with children activity*
- *The information was helpful I enjoyed the activity with my daughter*
- *I like how the teacher explained everything.*



## **Morocco Earthquake & Libyan Flood Appeal**

Wow! Our non-uniform day helped to raise over £200 for the Morocco and Libya earthquake and flood appeals. Thank you for your kind donations!

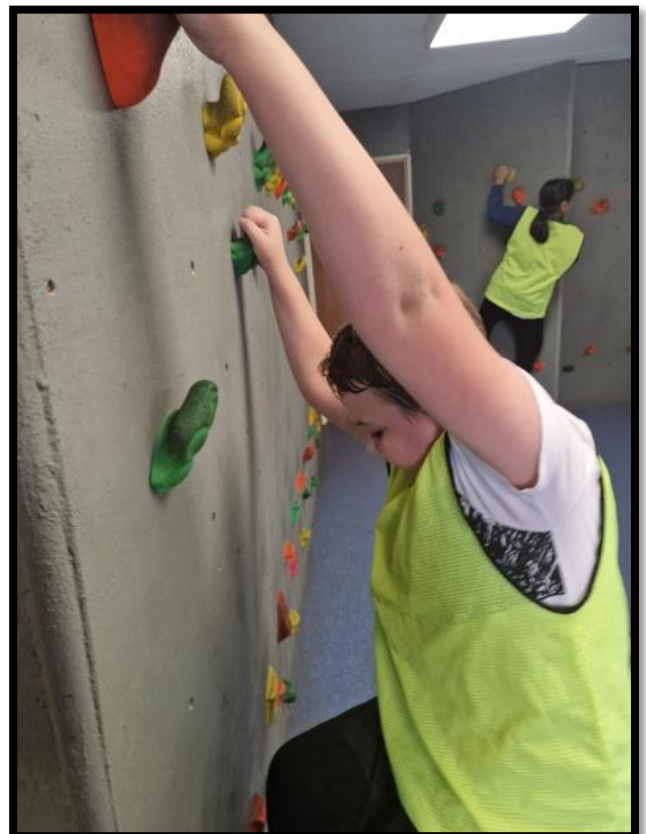


## **London Fire Brigade Visit**

A big thank you to Mr Ahmed, (who happens to be one of our parents at St Paul's!) who works for the London Fire Brigade service. He visited to carry out Fire Safety workshops for our Year 2 and Year 5 classes. The children learnt lots about the fire service and keeping safe in emergency situations.

## **Parasports at the Mile End Climbing Wall**

Thanks to Ms Pointin and Mr. Malcolm who organised and took some of our children to the Parasports event at the Mile End Climbing Wall. It is such a fantastic resource to have so close to the school and I would encourage you to go and take a look.



## **Follow Us on Twitter**

The very best way to keep up to date with what is happening in our school is to follow us on Twitter <https://twitter.com/5tJohnsTower> . We have 491 followers and the more followers we have, the more people will see what a fantastic little school this is!



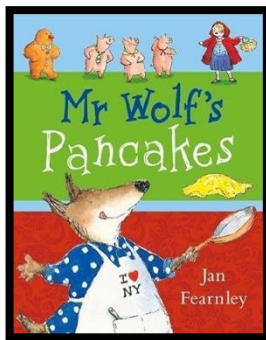




## Year 2 Update Ms Moses

Year 2 have been learning about Instructions - and reading Mr Wolf's pancakes by Jan Fearnley.

So today of course we had the important task of making our own pancakes...





# Harvest FESTIVAL

AT ST JOHNS CE PRIMARY SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER



DONATIONS OF NON PERISHABLE FOOD WOULD  
BE GRATEFULLY RECEIVED ON OR BEFORE  
WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER FOR OUR HARVEST  
COLLECTIVE WORSHIP



## **Are you concerned about a child or a family?**

Make a factual record of your concern.

(Include day, date, time, other witnesses, concern and your signature)

You must share your concerns without delay.

### **The Designated Members of Staff Responsible for Safeguarding and Child Protection at St John's are:**



**Darren Rubin –Executive Headteacher**

**Monday -Wednesday**



**Bal Jheeta – Deputy Headteacher**

**Wednesday – Friday**

## St John's & Paul's Whitechapel CE Primary Schools

### Term Dates and Holidays - 2023/ 2024

#### **Autumn Term 2023** (75 days)

<b>Staff Training</b>	<b>Mon 4<sup>th</sup> &amp; Tue 5<sup>th</sup> September</b>
First Day of Term	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October
Second half of term	Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Last Day of Term	Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December

*Christmas Day Monday 25<sup>th</sup> December*

*Boxing Day Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> December*

#### **Spring Term 2024** (54 days)

*New Year's Day Monday 1<sup>st</sup> January*

<b>Staff Training</b>	<b>Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January</b>
First Day of Term	Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Mon. 12 <sup>th</sup> to Fri. 16 <sup>th</sup> February
Second half of term	Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Last Day of Term	Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March

*Good Friday Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March*

*Easter Monday Monday 1<sup>st</sup> April*

#### **Summer Term 2024** (66 days)

<b>Staff Training</b>	<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>
First Day of Term	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April
May Day Bank Holiday	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May
<b>Staff Training</b>	<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May</b>
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Second half of term	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June
Last Day of Term	Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> July

*Ramadan begins Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024\**

*Eid Al-Fitr Tuesday/ Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup>/ 10<sup>th</sup> April 2024\**

*Eid Al-Adha Sunday/ Monday 16<sup>th</sup>/ 17<sup>th</sup> June 2024\**

195 days including 5 staff training days

\* to be confirmed