



OUR VALUE FOR THIS HALF TERM IS GENEROSITY: PROVERBS 11.25



"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."



WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Beedie to St John's as our new Deputy Designated Safeguarding Lead and Inclusion Manager. Please join us in giving her a huge St John's welcome!



WELCOME

A very warm welcome to Mrs Kovacs, who joins us as the new Year 1 Llama class teacher. We are excited to have her with us and wish her every success in her new role at St John's.



WELCOME

Mrs O'Neal is a wonderful addition to our brilliant Office Team and we are delighted to have her joining us as a new staff member. She is a familiar face to many of you, having previously been a part of the SJSA. Please do pop into the office to say hello!



SPORTING SUCCESS!

A huge congratulations to Rosa (Yr 6 Badger), Anna (Yr 5 Chameleon) and Syon (Yr 5 Chameleon) who recently competed at the Surrey Schools Primary Races. They all came in the top 20 of their races, out of 76 runners. We are so proud of their efforts. Well done girls!

RED SCARF - GOOD BEHAVIOUR AWARD

Well done to the following pupils who have recently been awarded the Red Scarf Behaviour Award! Parents/Carers of children who have been awarded the Red Scarf can collect their **FREE** hot drink from our Olive Branch Café!



- Alissa - Mole
- Elisia - Meerkat
- Esmæ - Ladybird
- Lara - Chameleon
- Sophie - Bear
- Jordan - Badger



YEAR 3 EGYPTIAN DAY

Year 3 had a fantastic time celebrating Egyptian Day as part of their history learning. Pupils created their own Egyptian bookmarks using papyrus-style paper and hieroglyphics, learning about how the Ancient Egyptians recorded information. They also explored the diet of Ancient Egypt and enjoyed tasting foods such as pitta bread, hummus, figs and grape juice.

The day also included Egyptian dancing, which everyone thoroughly enjoyed, and learning about Egyptian gods, helping pupils to deepen their understanding of Ancient Egyptian beliefs and culture. It was a fun, engaging day that brought history to life for Year 3.



RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2026

We are excited to invite your family (and your children) to take part in the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2026. This free and fun activity asks families to spend one hour observing birds in their outdoor space and submit their sightings to help scientists track bird populations across the UK. The children will be taking part in school over the next few weeks and submitting their data!

We also encourage participation in the Big Schools' Birdwatch, running from early January through mid-February. Both activities support learning about nature and contribute valuable data to conservation efforts.

If you would like to include any photos of you joining in with this activity on a school display or on our website, please email them to Mrs Verrall. You can find a handy tick sheet on the RSPB website and also at the end of this newsletter.

<https://www.rspb.org.uk/whats-happening/get-ready-for-big-schools-birdwatch>



COLLECTIVE WORSHIP DATES

- 30 Jan - Year 1 Ladybird
- 6 Feb - Year 1 Llama
- 27 Feb - Year 4 Dolphin
- 6 March - Year 4 Dragonfly
- 13 March - Year 5 Caterpillar
- 20 March - Year 5 Chameleon
- 27 March - Easter Service in Church

St John's Outstanding Fundraising

St John's is proud to celebrate the incredible generosity and community spirit shown by our students, staff and families through a range of successful fundraising activities last term.

Alongside schools across the borough, St John's took part in fundraising efforts to support those affected by Hurricane Melissa. We were delighted to receive a message of thanks from Norbury High School, who acknowledged the commitment and generosity shown by all the schools involved. Together, 27 schools raised an impressive total of over £10,000, as well as donating essential items such as nappies and tarpaulins. This meaningful contribution reflects the compassion and generosity of our school community.

In addition to this borough-wide initiative, St John's also raised £250 for The Children's Society through our school Carol Service at the end of last term. We would like to thank everyone who donated and took part in these activities.



Father God,

Please bless us in this New Year. May we be lights in Your world, sharing Your love and peace with everyone we encounter. Thank you for the gift of a New Year and fresh beginnings. We give this year into Your hands and pray for peace in the world and Your blessing upon us and our loved ones.

Amen

NEW YEAR'S PRAYER



Save the Date!

For Access Sport and Croydon Council's Multi-Sport SEND Festival, open to all abilities, aged 5-25!

Thursday 19 February 2026

New Addington Leisure & Community Centre, 88 Central Parade, New Addington, Croydon, CR0 0JB.

11:00 am – 1:00 pm



www.AccessSport.org.uk




FEBRUARY HALF-TERM WORKSHOPS!

Mon 16th – Wed 18th Feb | 10am–3pm

-  Sanderstead Methodist Church
-  £98 for all 3 days or book 1 day
-  Early drop-off available

K-POP DANCE DAY

Date: Mon 16th Feb

Learn fun K-Pop routines inspired by the movie! Fresh choreography, formations & performance energy.



KATSEYE POP-STAR PARTY

Date: Tue 17th Feb

A high-energy pop-star dance workshop! Kids shine with exciting routines and confidence-building activities.



TIKTOK STARS

Date: Wed 18th Feb

Trending-style dance + acro tricks (no social media). Includes fun TikTok-style arts & crafts to take home!



Click here to Book: www.boomartsacademy.com

For more information: enquiriesboom@hotmail.com

FREE

AFRICAN DJEMBE DRUM CIRCLE TASTER SESSION

11:15AM–12:15PM
SATURDAY 7TH FEBRUARY 2026

OASIS ACADEMY SHIRLEY PARK
CR9 7AL

Find out about the rhythms of West Africa with our Senegalese master drummer!



SIGNUPS CLOSE FEB 4TH



SCAN TO SIGN UP!

For children and young people in school Years 3–9



Term Dates

2025/2026

Tues 6th Jan - Fri 13th Feb 2026
SPRING TERM 1

Mon 16th Feb - Fri 20th Feb 2026
HALF TERM

Mon 23rd Feb - Fri 27th March 2026
SPRING TERM 2

Mon 30th March - Fri 10th April 2026
EASTER BREAK

Mon 13th April & Thu 21st May 2026
SUMMER TERM 1

Mon 4th May 2026
BANK HOLIDAY

Fri 22nd May 2026
INSET DAY

Mon 25th May - Fri 29th May 2026
HALF TERM

Mon 1st Jun - Fri 17th July 2026
SUMMER TERM 2

Mon 20th July 2026
INSET DAY

PROVISIONAL DATES 2026/2027

Tues 1st September 2026
INSET DAY

Weds 2nd Sept - Thurs 22nd Oct 2026
START OF AUTUMN TERM 1

Friday 23rd October 2026
INSET DAY

Mon 26th Oct - Friday 30th Oct 2026
HALF TERM

Mon 2nd Nov to Friday 18th Dec 2026
AUTUMN TERM 2

Mon 21st Dec to Fri 1st Jan 2027
CHRISTMAS BREAK

Mon 4th Jan to Friday 12th Feb 2027
SPRING TERM 1

Mon 15th Feb to Fri 19th Feb 2027
HALF TERM

Mon 22nd Feb to Thurs 25th March 2027
SPRING TERM 2

Fri 26th March to Fri 9th April 2027
EASTER BREAK

Mon 12th April to Fri 28th May 2027
SUMMER TERM 1

Monday 3rd May 2027
BANK HOLIDAY

Mon 31st May to Fri 4th June 2027 (Spring Bank
Holiday on 31st May)
HALF TERM

Mon 7 June to Thurs 22 July 2027
SUMMER TERM 2

INSET DAYS: 4 DAYS TO BE ANNOUNCED

What did you see?



How many birds of the **same kind**
did you count at the **same time**?

Name _____

<p>Female</p> <p>Male</p>	<p>House Sparrow</p> <p>I saw</p> <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>											<p>Female</p> <p>Male</p>	<p>Blackbird</p> <p>I saw</p> <table border="1"><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td><td></td></tr></table>										
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