



Termly Report to Parents

Summer 2025



YEAR 6 SATS RESULTS – A CELEBRATION OF SUCCESS

As in previous years, **over 90+% of our pupils met or exceeded the expected standard** in Reading, Writing, GPS and Mathematics. Even more impressively this year, **60+% achieved the Greater Depth standard**, reflecting their ability to apply learning at a high level of understanding. These results are a testament to the dedication and hard work of our pupils, the expertise and commitment of our staff, and the ongoing support you as parents and carers, provide throughout the year. We believe in providing a well-rounded education, and while SATs are only one part of the picture, they are a valuable measure of the progress and achievement of our pupils. The outcomes this year demonstrate the strength of our curriculum and the positive learning culture we nurture in school.

We want to say a huge **thank you and congratulations** to everyone involved in supporting our children on this journey. They should be incredibly proud of what they have achieved – we certainly are!

July 2025	Reading	Maths	Grammar, Punctuation & Spelling (GPS)	Writing
Expected (%) <i>National England - latest data</i> <i>2024-2025 Expected (%)</i>	98% <i>(75%)</i>	95% <i>(74%)</i>	96% <i>(73%)</i>	93% <i>(72%)</i>
Greater Depth (%)	61%	64%	68%	29%

THE RELIGIOUS LIFE OF ST JOSEPH'S CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

Leadership and Strategic Planning

Staff attended the Islington Deanery Meeting

Father George met with all teaching staff to explore the theology and teaching behind Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter.

Father George and staff met to discuss key dates for the next academic year.

Pupil chaplain interviews with Fr George took place

Pupil Chaplains, Father Moses and staff attended the

Pilgrims of Hope Diocesan Mass at Westminster

Cathedral, taking along our model of the Pilgrim logo at the request of the Diocese for other schools to have their photo taken beside it.



Liturgical Life and Worship

End-of-term and start-of-term Masses were led by Year 5 classes at St Joseph's.

Pupils in Years 3 and 4 attended First Friday Masses in June and July at St Joseph's and St Gabriel's churches.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament was held in our school chapel. Children attended in small groups with class teachers, and parents were also invited to participate.

Class prayer services have continued to take place as normal across the school.

RE books moderation. Teachers worked in year groups to share good practice and identify potential areas for development.

RE pupil progress meetings took place across EYFS to Year 6.

Sister Judith Russi delivered training to all teachers on RJED (Racial Justice, Equality and Diversity).

RE lesson (in addition to other curriculum subjects) were observed by Key teachers and Leaders.



Curriculum Enrichment and Catholic Life

Weekly religious podcasts have been created by pupils, covering topics such as Pentecost and Pope Leo, and shared with classes by teachers.

The model of our Pilgrim of Hope logo was featured in the Diocese of Westminster's Witness to the Word bulletin and shared with all schools in the Diocese.

Self-evaluation sheets have been introduced in Years 3–6 to support pupil reflection at the start and end of each RE branch.

"Ask Father George" boxes will be introduced in key stage communal areas from September, enabling children to ask even more questions about faith.

Strong links have been made between RE and subjects such as Science, History and Geography through the lens of Catholic Social Teaching.



Trips, Visitors, and Community Engagement

Various trips and guest speakers have been arranged to support learning in Branch 6: Dialogue and Encounter: Year 2, 3, and 5 visited synagogues and Year 4 have visited a Mosque. During the week beginning 9th June, a whole-school art exhibition with the theme 'Where is God?' was displayed. Parents donated on entry and purchased their child's artwork raising money for art supplies.

Catholic Social Teaching and Pupil Leadership

We held a highly successful Change for Change Day to raise funds for Fairtrade, led by our pupil chaplains and other pupil leadership groups.

The environmental tutor is working hard on developing a beautiful spiritual pathway in our woodland area, creating a reflective space for pupils and staff.

Our Eco Warriors led a Care for Creation Day, linking directly to Catholic Social Teaching and environmental stewardship, which will take place in the coming weeks.

EYFS UPDATE INCLUDING TWO-YEAR OLDS

In March, we hosted a range of Mother's Day events. Reception children enjoyed afternoon tea with their grown-ups, while Nursery and Pre-Nursery children took part in craft activities followed by refreshments in their classrooms. The events were well attended and received very positive feedback:

"It is so special to spend time with my daughter."

"Thank you so much for organising this and recognising the parents."



We also held a Nursery Rhyme Concert, where children performed a variety of rhymes with actions. It was the first time they sat on the stage, and the audience enjoyed watching them perform. Afterwards, families were invited to stay for a drink and snack before the school day continued. One dad commented:

"I am so pleased the weather is on our side and I get to spend some quality time with my son."

In June, we enjoyed our Superhero Picnic in the woodland area. Children shared a picnic with their special guests and spent some lovely time together outdoors. The weather was kind and added to the enjoyment of the day.

We are also proud to share that the setting has been recognised as an EYCP Best Practice Setting, celebrating the excellent progress made by both staff and children this year.

New Initiatives

- Nursery children have begun taking home wordless books in Summer 2 and are taking part in guided sessions twice a week in preparation for Reception.
- We developed our RE curriculum to ensure it links meaningfully across different areas of learning.
- A new Key Worker Planning Document has been introduced in Pre-Nursery. This supports weekly planning for individual children and feeds into class overviews.
- From September 2025, we will be enhancing the outdoor spaces in Pre-Nursery to match the high-quality environments found elsewhere in our EYFS provision.
- New RE resources are being introduced to provide more hands-on learning experiences with real materials.

Learning in EYFS

Spring 2



Little Gems and Gems – Children explored colours through painting, mixing, and making Elmer the Elephant models. They also went on a colour hunt during their first trip to Waterlow Park.

Nursery – Children learned about food and tried a variety of items. They also visited a local shop to buy ingredients for a class picnic.

Reception – Children explored countries around the world and celebrated the diversity within the class. They each had a passport to collect stickers for each country studied.



Summer 1

Little Gems and Gems – The theme was Transport. Children created models of vehicles and enjoyed the aeroplane role-play area.

Nursery – Linked to their Under the Sea topic, the children visited the London Aquarium and had lots of fun in the pirate-themed role-play area back at school.

Reception – The focus was Animals and Their Habitats. Children watched caterpillars transform, went on a minibeast hunt at Hampstead Heath, and ended the day with a treat.



Summer 2

Little Gems and Gems – Children are learning about Farm Life. They've visited the chickens and created farm animal crafts.

Nursery – The focus is 'Growth and Change'. Children are caring for chicks and have started visiting Reception to support a smooth transition.

Reception – The theme is 'Imagine'. Children are exploring creative thinking and prepared for their end-of-year assembly.



Miss Smith - Early Years Lead



LIBRARY NEWS



Scholastic Book Fair – Thursday 27th February – Thursday 6th March

As part of our **World Book Day** celebrations we hosted a book fair. Every class visited the fair during the school day when stories were shared and children were able to buy books. The

fair was open before and after school so that parents/carers could visit with their children and enjoy the experience of a bookshop in school.



Every child received a **World Book Day £1 Book Token** that they could use at the book fair to get a £1 off a book or swap it for one of the **World Book Day books**. Together we raised an incredible **£3,266.07** which means we have **£1,959.64** to spend on new books for our library. We have already received our first batch of books to enhance our existing library stock.



World Book Day – Thursday 6th March

St Joseph's celebrated World Book Day with a creative dress-up. The children were invited to come to school dressed as a 'word'; bringing language to life in a vibrant and imaginative way. The school was alive with children transformed into colourful walking embodiments of words, such as triumphant, iridescent, fatigued, spotty and storm, to name but a few. From 'sparkling' princesses to 'enchanted' wizards, the costumes were as diverse as the words they represented. All this sparked curiosity, conversation and excitement throughout the school. In the morning, a 'reading swap' was organised so that children in KS2 joined our children in KS1, Nursery and Reception to share a beautiful moment reading with them. As the day ended, children gathered for a special assembly where they joined in with a quiz and shared their creative alternative book covers. Prizes of book vouchers for the book fair were awarded to the winners of the best book covers. It was a fitting conclusion to a day filled with creativity, laughter, and a shared love of books.



Change for Change – Charity Day – Tuesday 29th April

Pupil leadership groups ran stalls to raise money for their chosen charity – FAIRTRADE. Our junior librarians ran a book stall with donations of second-hand books. It was a beautiful sunny day and stalls were set up outside in our KS1 playground. In the afternoon all classes had a chance to visit the stalls and spend their 'change' on books, toys, potted plants and cakes. It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm, creativity and generosity of our school community. It was a great success in raising funds for FAIRTRADE with most of the books being sold.



Library Awards – Easter Assembly – Friday 4th April

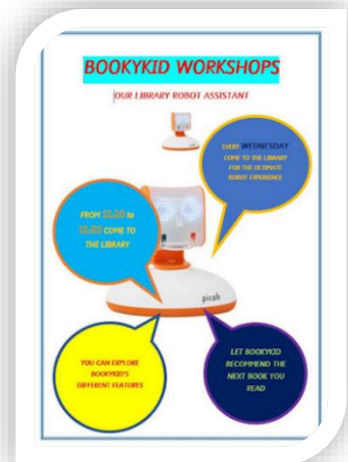
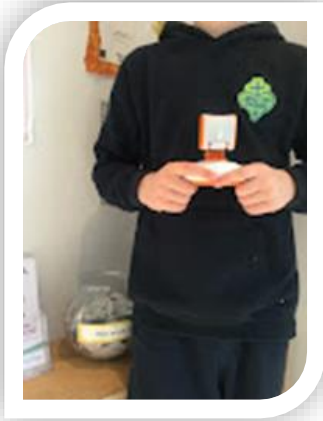
Our junior librarians, Cillian and Sadie (Amethyst Class), received an award to acknowledge their excellent initiative programming the library robot assistant – BOOKYKID. They each received a certificate and a National Book Token to spend on a book of their choice. They were also presented with the Reading Trophy to display in their classroom.



Robot – BOOKYKID – library assistant

Our new library assistant has now been launched in the library by our junior librarians, Cillian and Sadie (Amethyst Class). The robot has been renamed and is now known as 'BOOKYKID'. We have been demonstrating how 'BOOKYKID' works to classes during their library sessions.

BOOKYKID Workshops – Lunchtimes in the Library - Wednesdays



Junior librarians have been running a weekly workshop in the library during lunchtimes on Wednesdays. These workshops will be open to all children from Years 1 – 6 to learn more about how 'BOOKYKID' can help enhance their library experience. At the first lunchtime workshop in May the children were very excited to meet BOOKYKID. They were shown how BOOKYKID can help them

1st Step – Choose your Year Group

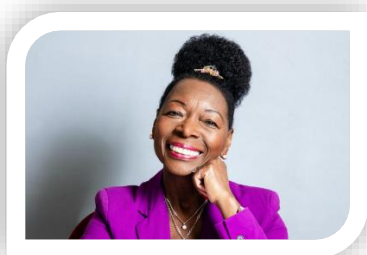
2nd Step – Choose a genre or category i.e. Fantasy or Adventure



3rd Step – BOOKYKID will suggest a variety of books.

Windrush Day Celebrations – 22nd June – FREE Virtual Event with Baroness Floella Benjamin – Wednesday 11th June at 10am – Years 1-5 - Classrooms.

We joined in with this Virtual Event to celebrate the anniversary edition of Baroness Floella Benjamin's memoir 'Coming to England'. It is an inspiring true story celebrating the Windrush generation. This year there is the release of a brand-new board book which introduces the story to the youngest children. The event was live-streamed on Zoom. The Baroness is an inspirational speaker. There was a talk with a short reading followed by Q&A. There was also a special introductory video from the Migration Museum showing how relevant the themes of the book are still today.



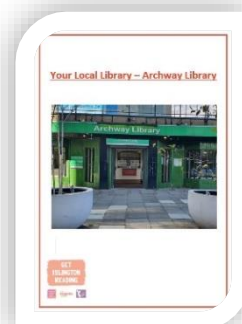
Summer Reading Challenge/Promotion of Local Libraries

We will be encouraging our children to join the Summer Reading Challenge which is a nationwide reading initiative run by The Reading Agency through public libraries to keep children reading over the holidays. Children have to read a number of books borrowed from their local library to be awarded a certificate. They can join in at their local library or online. Islington Librarians launched this year's Summer Reading Challenge at a school assembly and will be at the Summer Fair. We will be celebrating all the children who participated in last year's Summer and Winter Challenges.



Birthday Book Club

This initiative whereby children can donate a book to the library in celebration of their birthday is still going strong since it was launched in 2019. So far approximately 730 new books have been added to our library. Parents/carers pay £6 on ParentPay and children can choose a book from our Birthday Book Box to celebrate their birthday. A special name plate is put into the book to acknowledge the gift. This is a good way to encourage children to participate in growing the library and be inspired to read.



Library Blog

<http://iloveReadingatstjosephs.blogspot.com/>
or under News tab on the school website.

By Mrs Rooney - Librarian





Happy Summer everyone.

This spring and early summer has surely brought much needed warmth and sunshine for us all, including the plants and all the wildlife across St Joseph's gardens and grounds.

The green spaces are thriving 😊.

We've enjoyed a wonderful and warm, but very, very dry, spring this year. Watering directly into the dusty, dry soil has been a priority to help the plants survive and flourish. **Thank you to all the children** who continue to give the numerous plants across the school grounds and all the seedlings growing in the greenhouse a good drink of water during lunchtimes. The flowers on the fruit trees and many other plants have flourished with the dry weather and they are all absolutely laden with fruits that are steadily ripening.



We give thanks to all the pollinators who have visited or live in St Joseph's gardens as they surely have been busy pollinating all the flowers this spring. Without their help, we would not be eating the fruits that we all so enjoy.

The children are already picking and eating our organic soft fruits, such as raspberries, red currants and strawberries! It's wonderful to see their excitement and hear their comments on how delicious the fruits taste when they are picked, washed and eaten straight from the mother plants. The life and goodness is still flowing through the fruits when they are eaten straight away, having been grown organically, not travelled for miles or been stored in any way.

We've had a really busy and fun-filled Spring and early Summer so far, embracing the rapid growth and witnessing first-hand how plants, including trees, hedgerows, long grass and wildflowers, play a vital role in ecosystems. We celebrate the wide variety of plants we have growing at St Joseph's as they are indeed responsible for the biodiversity we see, experience and enjoy, including all soil dwellers, all the insects, the wide variety of birds, the amazing pond life and the small mammals.

There is always an array of life to explore, discover, hear, experience, connect with and learn from outside in our beautiful natural environment. Barren spaces without plants are lifeless so we are very thankful that we still have some natural, 'wilder' spaces left at St Joseph's, such as the woodland walk, the banks near the treehouse and the wildlife pond garden.

Being in natural spaces is so, so good for our health and well-being and the children absolutely love exploring, discovering and just being outside amongst the rest of nature.

Our **outdoor, practical, nature-themed, whole class workshops** are always very special as we are all able to enthusiastically share and gain knowledge and experiences about a variety of plants and wildlife.

Since planting the new hedgerows last year and watching them grow, we have explored their importance as green screens, habitats for nesting birds, forage for pollinators, food for birds and other wildlife as well as great filters of air pollution. The mixed, native hedgerow bordering the wildlife pond garden, planted as young saplings over 17 years ago, is a haven for wildlife as it supports a variety of birds, including nesting robins, provides a sheltered space for small frogs leaving the pond and a wide variety of pollinators and insects.

Many classes have sown **Sunflower seeds to take home, nurture and watch grow**. The children have learned, or reinforced their knowledge, about seed sowing, germination, what conditions plants need to grow and thrive, including love and care, and the names and functions of each part of the plants.

Years 2-4 have also taken part in a wonderful **Bumblebee survey** to determine whether our gardens and grounds are good for Bees and other pollinators.

Children really love this activity as they are able to go off exploring and recording all the different flower colours and shapes they find as well as carefully observe bees drinking nectar and moving pollen from flower to flower so that seeds and fruits are able to grow.



All children concluded that they did find many flowers but we can always sow and grow more bee-friendly, nectar-rich wild and cultivated flowers for the pollinators as well as leave wild flowers to grow instead of removing them or mowing them away!!

Classes have also been **busy digging and planting** a variety of shade tolerant plants along the borders of the woodland walk to increase biodiversity and provide seasonal colour. Plants with either leaves, stems or flowers which represent the four colours of the Jubilee Year 2025, including Daffodils, tulips, bluebells, ferns, geraniums, cyclamens, primulas and many more, have been planted by over 200 children 😊.

Our **Eco Warriors and children in the after-school Nature Club** have been really busy throughout the spring months, sowing thousands of seeds and planting out a variety of trees, shrubs, perennials and annual bedding plants.

They sowed extra pots of fruit, vegetable and herb seeds to grow in the greenhouse and then sell to families on Care for Creation Eco Day - a significant day where we all collectively celebrate nature, a day that the Eco Warriors have enthusiastically introduced to St Joseph's. The children are amazing and very proactive in their care for our natural environment 😊

The London Children's Flower Society's judge will be visiting us in July to see our gardens and award certificates to all the children who either bring in or send photos of their Sunflowers which they have sown at school and grown at home this spring and summer 😊.

We are looking forward to her visit.

A wonderful corporate volunteer team came in this month to help us with the ongoing maintenance and development of the gardens and green spaces.

In just three hours they were able to make such a positive difference to the hen run, woodland walk and numerous plant pots across the school grounds.

Thank you to The Big Alliance and Tishman and Speyer for your much-needed help and support with our Environment Project.

We have also had a team from MUFG coming in to help us too.
We are so very grateful to all the volunteers.

By Mrs Ioannou - Environmental Tutor

LIST OF PE, SPORT AND PHYSICAL ACTIVITY AT ST JOSEPH'S FROM MARCH 2025:



March 2025 to date:

- Athletics
- Ball Skills
- Cricket
- Dance
- Fitness
- Games (Nursery and Reception)
- Golf
- Hockey
- Invasion (the aim is to invade an opponent's territory and score a goal or point. Teamwork control the ball, keep possession, move into a scoring position, and prevent the opposition from scoring.)
- Net and Wall Games
- Netball
- Outdoor Adventurous Activities - OAA
- Rounders
- Striking and Fielding
- Target Games
- Tag Rugby
- Tennis
- Volleyball



Topics on our curriculum map for the academic year 2024-2025:

- Athletics
- Badminton
- Ball Skills
- Basketball
- Cricket
- Dance
- Fitness
- Fundamentals
- Football
- Games
- Golf
- Gymnastics
- Hockey
- Invasion Games
- Introduction to PE
- Netball
- Net and Ball Games
- Outdoor and Adventures Activities (OAA)
- Rounders
- Sending and Receiving
- Tag Rugby
- Target Games
- Team Building
- Tennis
- Volleyball



Islington Schools Competitions, School Sport and Physical Activity March 2025

Year 5/6 Football League at Whittington Park update – Our league games continued with wins for our boys and our girls teams as they mount their challenge for the Islington North league title and to be the representative sides at the borough finals.

Bikeability for EYFS – Previously, KS1 and KS2 have had this opportunity to learn and develop their cycling and vital life skills. Bikeability Balance EYFS uses balance bikes and fun games to develop handling and awareness skills, preparing children for later level Bikeability courses.



Year 2 Football Festival – hosted by Arsenal in the Community at Whittington Park. This was the first time these KS1 pupils have represented our school at a sporting event. They took part in activities such as developing ball skills, fun games focused on teamwork and playing a number of matches against other schools

Year 5/6 Netball Islington Competition – Held at Highbury Fields Park Netball Courts, our team finished a respectable 5th place with a large percentage of the players representing our school for the very first time. Netball is one of the country's fastest growing sports and will continue to grow in strength at St Joseph's.

Year 3/4 Gymnastics Islington Competition – Held at Sobell Leisure Centre using this very successful new format called 'Rise'. Our gymnasts were asked to learn four routines and were rewarded for their creativity and skill. An individual floor routine, a challenging bench routine, vault, and finally another floor routine working together with a partner. The team were simply outstanding, finishing in 3rd place and walking away

with a bronze medal for their fantastic efforts, and only a few points from gold. This is a four-place improvement on the previous year. Well done.

Bikeability Balance for Early Years Foundation Stage – Our Bikeability courses had previously been offered to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 children, offers a structured approach to teaching children how to cycle, starting with Bikeability Balance. This program uses balance bikes and fun games to develop handling and awareness skills, preparing children for later level Bikeability courses.

Year 2 Islington Football Festival – Held at Whittington Park and hosted by Arsenal in the Community, this was the very first opportunity these Year 2 children have had to represent St Joseph's at a sporting event. They took part in skill development activities, teamwork games and an opportunity to play some organised football matches and activities against other schools.

Year 5/6 Islington Netball Competition –

Held at Highbury Fields Netball Courts and played in the England Netball's Bee Netball Stingers Format a mixed team of boys and girls – an official primary school format. Matches were played in groups with progression based on results. St Joseph's finished in 5th place. Netball is one of this country's fastest growing sports and will continue to develop here at St Joseph's as a focus sport for me as PE Lead.

Year 3/4 Gymnastics at Sobell Leisure Centre 10am – Using the British Gymnastics 'RISE' format, pupils each perform 4 routines - Core Skills, Vault, Bench and Working Together (paired) routine. They choose their level of difficulty and what moves to perform. This team performed brilliantly and were rewarded with a 3rd place finish and a bronze medal.

April 2025

Celebration Assembly Spring Term – Recognising the achievements in all areas of our learning in school and bringing the whole school together to celebrate.

Year 2 Throwing, Catching and Striking Festival – A non-competition rotation of activities and games. These activities are intended to give pupils a lot of practice and repetition at throwing and catching, an important aim of the key stage 1 curriculum and based on a variety of different sports and included tri-golf, cricket, tennis, crazy catch and others. Each station was led by sports leaders from Beacon High School.

Islington Dance Challenge Workshop Year 3/4/5/6 – Led by Islington Physical Activity Team, who visited our school and worked with a group 33 children. Our children had the chance to meet the choreographer and develop their dance routine and create/practice their own free style dance section. A filming day was scheduled with some of our pupils for a tutorial video that would be distributed to all primary and secondary schools to follow.

Year 5/6 Basketball 3v3 Islington Competition – This competitive tournament, consisted of group stages followed by knockout rounds, matches were 3 a side. As the 2024 champions we wanted to retain this title and put on a magnificent effort to finish in 3rd place and a bronze medal.

May 2025

Year 5/6 Islington North Football League at Whittington Park update – We are very pleased to announce that both our teams have again made the Islington football finals. Our girls finished the league in second place unbeaten and by just one point, our boy team played very well, second highest goal scorers. A big congratulations to both teams who have played an entertaining style with tactical awareness. Wishing them the very best in the finals.

	WINNERS			RUNNERS UP	
	MIXED	GIRLS		MIXED	GIRLS
NORTH	Yerbury	Tufnell		St Joseph's	St Joseph's
SOUTH	Canonbury	Rotherfield		Ambler	William Tyndale

Level 2 Bikeability for year 5 – Continued in to this month with cycle training, gaining independence, social skills and a sense of wellbeing. After Bikeability, children will be better at responding to risk and have reported increased confidence. Cycle training skills were developed in the school playground and transferred to the quiet local roads.

Football Tournament for Year 5 and 6 hosted by St Michael's Primary school in Harringay – We were represented by our girls and boys teams, as well as a combined mixed team. We are delighted to say that our girls finished in 2nd place and a silver medal – our mixed team finished in second place and our boys finished in 3rd place. A slight improvement on the previous year. We competed against schools from Harringay and Islington.

Islington Dance Tutorial Filming Day - 12 of our children had the opportunity to help create an inclusive dance challenge video that has been distributed to all primary in Islington. We were invited by the Islington Physical Activity Team to join them to create it. This was a fantastic opportunity to encouraged some our children to be physically active through dance! Filming took place at the Arts and Media School Islington alongside a small group of pupils from other Islington primary schools who have also learnt the choreography. This video will be shared with all Islington primary schools, so that they can learn the routine.

Year 5 and 6 London Boroughs Football Tournament at Barnet Football Club 'The Hive' – Our boys team had the unique opportunity to represent Islington at this event for the very first time. Playing against some well-established youth football clubs they performed very well during the group stage but did not progress any further on this occasion.

Year 5/6 Cricket Islington Competition Qualifiers - Wray Crescent Cricket Pitch, Finsbury Park – the boys and girls competitions ran at the same time. Teams were split into groups and played each team in their group once with the group winners qualifying for the finals. Our boys and girls teams won 3 out of 3 matches and comfortably qualified for finals day. Congratulations.

June 2025

Islington Champions!

Year 3/4 Quadkids Athletics – a team of ten children had to individually complete a 400-metre race, a standing long jump, a throw using a howler and finally a 50-metre sprint to gain as many points as possible both individually and collectively – last year we finished in 5th place, this year we are the champions!

Islington Champions!

Year 5/6 Islington Cricket Competition – having qualified as one of the boroughs top 4 teams our boys and girls played another three matches. The competition was very high with extremely close matches. Our girls finished in 3rd place with a bronze medal but were only 4 runs/ one shot from gold. Our boys team finished top of their group and became the Islington Year 5/6 Cricket Champions. All players had to perform their batting, bowling and fielding skills to the very highest level. A very skilful performance by all our players.

Year 5 and 6 Gymnastics – Continuing under a new format called Rise, our gymnasts created four routines and were rewarded for their creativity and skill levels. An individual floor routine, another one completed along a bench, a vault and finally a floor routine working together with a partner. The team improved on their



individual and team results culminating in bronze medal 3rd place finish out of 16 schools a 2-place improvement on last year. Gymnastics goes from strength to strength here at St Joseph's.

Upcoming events:

Year 5/6 Football Teams (girls and boys) – Borough play off finals – this date is to be confirmed.

London Mets Baseball Sessions with Year 3 and 4 - Organised as morning of coaching taster sessions with our year 3 and 4 benefiting from the expert coaching from London Mets Baseball staff. We have hopes of developing this sport in to an enrichment club.

Dance Challenge, Daily Mile and Workshop at Arsenal Hub - Year 3, 4 and 5 held at Highbury Field's Park -

The event involved:

A talk from a Great Britain athlete (N M B) and a Q&A, followed by a group warmup

Rotation of the two activities – A set run, with a staggered start and a dance tutorial culminating in a dance performance

Prize giveaways, and certificates.

Ending with photos of schools with the GB athlete, possibly a photo with the Daily Mile and/or London Marathon Events mascot and possibly Gunnersaurus (the Arsenal mascot).

Daily Mile Cluster Run Event at the Arsenal Hub Year 5 – This event includes:

Daily Mile

Transition to secondary school workshop

Multi skills practical session & football practical session

Swimming for year 2 – Intensive lessons have been organised over the course of a week to build water safety skills, become a safer swimmer accelerate the learning process, boost confidence and is one of the best forms of exercise to help a child's physical and mental wellbeing.

Sports Day – 10th July - A carousel of activities and a series of races where all children compete for their house team, rearranged from earlier in the academic year. Years 1 to 6 and, a week earlier, Reception, Nursery, Gems and Little Gems

Summer Sports Festival hosted by Beacon High School – Year 5: our pupils will take part in three different activities in this festival format. We have selected children who have yet to attend a sporting activity this academic year.

Athletics – Year 5 and 6: This is our final Islington event of the school year where our pupils take part in individual events accumulating points for their best throws, jumps and how quickly they run their races.

Mini Marathon in Schools – The TCS Mini London Marathon in schools invites schools to enter their children and young people to run, jog, walk, or wheel 2.6 miles in their school setting. Schools across the UK take part with more than 600,000 children running, jogging, walking or wheeling 2.6 miles. We are planning to run this as a single event for the first time.

Year 6/5/4/3 The Daily Mile and Dance Festival Celebration Day on 19th June 2025, 10am – 12.30pm. Supported by Arsenal in the Community, London Marathon Events, and the Daily Mile Foundation.

Bishop Douglass Football Tournament – 20th June – Year 5 Teams (two boys teams and two girls teams)

Year 3 Arsenal Football Festival Boys – 20th June

Year 5 - Islington Active Girls Celebration Event - 25th June - 20 Girls from Year 5

Year 6 - Arsenal and Islington Daily Mile Physical Activity event 26th June 2025 – with children who have yet to take part in a sporting event this academic year.

Athlete Visit - Morning Two Sessions – 27th June - KS2 then KS1 / EYFS

By Mr Grant - PE Lead

COMPUTING ACTIVITIES



Repair Week at BT office in Central London - We had an amazing opportunity to visit a BT office in central London and participate in The Repair Week. Our students were tasked with fixing broken retro game consoles. During the visit, we had the chance to speak with Mete Coban MBE, the Deputy Mayor of London for Environment and Energy, about the challenges children face regarding pollution in the city. We also met Sue Bauley, the School Recycling Education Officer, who will be visiting our school during our Eco Day in June!



Make it Happen App Design Challenge - we were visited by Mrs Duffy, who spoke to the students about an app design challenge. This year's winner was Alfie from Year 3, who received a tablet as a main prize, plus his game is now available online, made and designed by professional app makers!



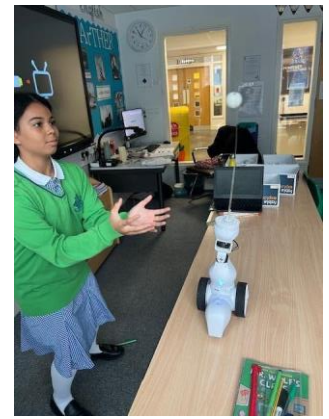
Thanks to the amazing team at Shape Robotics, **our school has just received a 3D printer!**

Our children have been having a blast using Fable robots across the school, and now they can take their creativity to the next level by printing out custom modules for their projects. The ideas are already flowing—one group is even thinking about designing a table tennis bat with our school logo for their Fable robot! But that's not all! Our Year 6 pupils have been learning how to design 3D items, and with the new printer, they can watch their creations come to life. Just check out this incredible Lamborghini model designed by Jordy from Year 6! This model will stay in our school as a special reminder of our exciting journey into the world of robotics.



Showcasing Technology Across the School - Our children are actively involved in demonstrating their digital skills throughout the year. Events such as open days, morning showcases, Safer Internet sessions, and library workshops provide excellent opportunities for them to shine. These moments allow pupils to confidently share our school's achievements in computing and digital literacy with visitors and the wider community.

Physical Coding in the Summer Term - This term is full of exciting, hands-on learning experiences. Pupils are using Fable robots to code, draw, control movements, and play creatively. They are also engaging with micro:bits as data loggers, and using 3D design platforms to create personalised name tags—bringing coding and technology into practical, imaginative projects.



Weekly RE Podcast - We have launched a weekly RE podcast, giving pupils the chance to develop their presentation, editing, and production skills.

Growing Clubs and New Initiatives - Our **LEGO Technicians Team** continues to grow, alongside the thriving Robotics Club. Impressively, the LEGO Club was initiated by the pupils themselves. They are now eager to explore 3D printing, using their design skills in new and creative ways.



Recognition and Opportunities Our school continues to be recognised as a model of best practice in computing education. We are proud to be presenting our work at the Islington Computing Leaders Summer 2025 event, training teachers from other schools, and preparing for even greater exposure:



1. We presented our use of the online safety platform **Common Sense Media** to members of Parliament on 17th June
2. We have also been approached about a **potential BBC feature to be televised in Autumn 2025**.

By Mrs Suliga - Computing Lead

ATTENDANCE

Summer Term 2025 pupil's attendance report:

Week ending	Percentage	Best class % efforts
13/06/25	96%	Year 2: Citrine 100%
06/06/25	95%	Year 2: Diamond Class 99%
23/05/25	96%	Rec: Red Class 99%
16/05/25	96.64%	Year 2: Yellow Class 99.6%
09/05/25	95.4%	Year 6: Violet Class 100%
02/05/25	96.74%	Year 4: Sapphire Class 100%
25/04/25	96.7%	Years 1, 2 & 3 Amber & Yellow & Green 100%

HEALTH INITIATIVES

April 2025

10 X St John's Ambulance First Aid training (onsite)

May 2025

Regular H&S Audit by External company

Reception & Year 6 pupils Height & Weight screening

June 2025

School Nursing Team deliver Personal Hygiene/ Medical workshop to Year 6

Nursery to Year 2 Fluoride Varnish

July 2025

Return all pupil's medicine for Summer holiday

Replenish all First Aid stations for Sept 2025

By Mrs Blake - Attendance Officer

SCHOOL VISITS 2025:

Year Group	Trip
Pre-Nursery Gems/ Opal	Feb: Waterlow Park "Colour Hunt" April: Animal visit (onsite)
Nursery White / Pearl	Jan: St Joseph's Church Jan: "Superhero workshop" Feb: Local area shopping trips for "Around the World Foods" May: Sea Life Aquarium June: Culpeper Community Garden
Reception	Jan: St Joseph's Church Feb: Local area shopping trips for "Around the World Foods" May: Hampstead Heath
Year 1	Mar: Science Museum or Lambeth Palace "Lent" May: London Zoo
Year 2	Mar: Year 2: Road safety walk following workshop April: My First Ballet Swan Lake Peacock Theatre July: Walton-on-the-Naze Beach
Year 3	Jan & Feb: Proud Places walkabout

	April: Matilda Cambridge Theatre June: Highgate School Museum Synagogue visit Muswell Hill
Year 4	Feb: Mrs Doubtfire @ Shafesbury Theatre May: GB Residential
Year 5	Jan & Feb: Proud Places walkabout May: Indigo & Tanzanite Ben Kinsella June: Turquoise Ben Kinsella Synagogue visit Muswell Hill /Highgate Go-Ape
Year 6	Jan: Junior Citizenship -Sobell Centre Feb: Wicked @ Apollo Year 6 Production

EXTENDED SCHOOL REPORT



We have the following clubs with Channing:

- Tuesday: Lego Stem Club
- Thursday: Debating Club

We have the following clubs with Highgate:

- Wednesday: Early Morning Maths (Staff from Highgate come to us)
- Thursday: Science Club and Stem Club.

Debating Club were invited to a debating showcase at Channing School on the 19th June 2025. All parents have been invited to attend and Tulip Sadiq, MP for Highgate and Hampstead will present prizes to pupils for their participation in the club

New this term is a professional Gymnastics coach from a company called Namix for this term for our Years 1,2 and3.



Children continue to enjoy the ASC setting. The children enjoy chalk art in the playgrounds and create some amazing pieces of art work, whilst still enjoying our weekly games of Bingo etc.

We continue to monitor our food menu and activities that the children would like to engage with to ensure that we are meeting the needs of the children that use the service.

Bookings for 2025/2026 are now open for Breakfast and Afterschool Club using the following link:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/T6LZYNT>



Enrichment programme for Summer Term starting on **Monday 28th April 2025** and running for 10 weeks.

Finish week commencing **Monday 7th July 2025**

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	By Invitation
<p><u>Football with Kids</u> into Sport for years 1,2, and 3 in Lower Junior playground. 4.20pm finish</p> <p><u>Cricket</u> with Mr Grant for years 4,5 and 6 in the UJ playground. Finish at 4.20pm. Register in Violet Class</p> <p><u>Spotlight Theatre Company</u> for years 1,2 and 3 in the Infant Hall. Finish at 4.45pm</p> <p><u>Beginners Spanish</u> for years 1-3 with Moving Waves Company in Yellow class. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Boxing with Jabfirst</u> for years 3,4,5 and 6 in the UJ hall. Finish at 4.30pm.</p>	<p><u>Karate Club</u> with Dale in Junior Hall for Years 1,2 and 3. Start 4.45pm Finish at 5.45pm.</p> <p><u>Creative Computing</u> with Years 4,5 and 6 with Mrs Suliga in old conference room. Finish at 4.20</p> <p><u>Girls Football</u> Year 3&4 with MS Clarke training in LJ playground. Finish 4.20</p> <p><u>Storytelling. with Moving Waves,</u> years , 2 and 3 in New conference room. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Fencing with Musketeers</u> for years 3-6 in KS2 Hall. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Musical Percussion</u> for Reception with Ms.Cerhan in Ruby class. Finish at 4.15 pm</p> <p><u>Summer Athletics</u> with Kids into Sports in Upper Junior Playground for Years 1,2 and 3 Finish at 4.20pm.</p>	<p><u>Cheerleading</u> with Stylsports for Years 2- 6 in Junior Hall Finish at 4.30</p> <p><u>Basketball with Mr Grant for years 4,5 and 6 .</u> Finish at 4.20pm Register in Amethyst class.</p> <p><u>Nature /Gardening Club</u> with Sophia for KS2 3.15 - 4.30pm. Meet by the tree house</p> <p><u>Arts and Crafts for</u> years 1,2 and 3 with Moving Waves.in the Green room. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Italian Club</u> for years 1,2, and 3 with Italian in Love in Amber Class.</p> <p><u>Boys Football Years 5 and 6</u> training with Mr Forbes and Mr Ryan UJ playground. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Fable Robots Coding</u> for year 6 with Mrs Suliga (invitation only) in KS2. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Story Club with Ms Green</u> for Reception in Opal class. Finish at 4.15pm</p>	<p><u>Football</u> for Years 4,5, and 6 with Kids into Sport in the UJ playground. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Karate Club</u> with Dale in Junior Hall for Year4,5, and 6. Start at 4.45pm Finish at 5.45pm.</p> <p><u>Orchestra</u> for years 3-6 with Ms Marshall. In UJ area. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Boys Football</u> training for years 3/4 with Mr Ryan. In lower Junior Playground. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Chess club</u> with Active Chess for years 1-6. In Sapphire class. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Creative Computing</u> with Ms Donnelly for years 1 and 2. In Amber Class. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Lego club</u> with Ms. Power for Reception in Pearl class. Finish at 4.15pm</p> <p><u>Gymnastics with Namixx</u> for years 1,2 and 3 in the Junior Hall. Finish at 4.20pm</p>	<p><u>Ibrick – Lego Engineering</u> for Years 1 2, and 3 in Orange class. Finish for 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Girls Football</u> Year 5 and 6 training with Mr Grant in LJ playground. Finish at 4.20pm</p> <p><u>Street Dance and Commercial</u> Dance with Moving Waves Dance Company for years 1-4. Finish at 4.30. UJ Hall</p> <p><u>Target Sports (Dodgeball, Rounders, ball skills)</u> with Kids into Sport for years 1 to 5 Finish at 4.20pm. Register in LJ area.</p>	<p><u>Choir</u> Ms Duffy on Tuesday Lunchtime in Years 3-6</p> <p><u>Channing Tuesday Clubs</u> Ibricks for Years3 and 4 Minimus Years 5 and 6</p> <p><u>Highgate Tuesday</u> Chorus club for year 5 and 6.</p> <p><u>Reading Support</u> for year 6. Tues/Thursday Mr Hogan</p> <p><u>Support</u> for year 5. Tuesday with Ms Lambert and Mr Leech</p> <p><u>Channing Readers</u> on Wednesday morning to Breakfast club.</p> <p><u>Highgate Maths</u> for Years 5 on Wednesday morning.</p> <p><u>Channing Thursday Club.</u> Debating club years 5 and 6</p> <p><u>Highgate Thursday clubs.</u> Science and Stem – years 4, 5 and 6</p> <p><u>Friday Lunchtime Ensemble for years 5 and 6.</u> Ms Marshall and Mr McKeown</p>

Artistiv Music on a Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday in the new conference room and Junior area rooms.

By Mrs Collins – Extended Schools Lead

Announcing Our New PFA Executive Committee

We are delighted to introduce the new Parents and Friends Association (PFA) Executive Committee, elected on 21st March 2025:

Co-Chairs: *Samantha Perrone, Naomi Simmons*

Treasurer: *Venetia Aikins*

Secretary: *Magda Aksamitová*

Committee Members/Trustees: *Chiara Veronese Ellis, Gemma Noakes, Elisabetta Brighi, Sade Alade, Michelle Connor, Pauline Agyei-Gyan*

This dedicated group of parents are already hard at work helping to enrich our school community. They have hit the ground running with weekly Frozen Fridays, raising funds and bringing smiles to the playground. They have also been busy organising exciting upcoming events, including the Sponsored Bounce on 13th June and the ever-popular **Summer Fair on 11th July**.

They rely on parent volunteers and even **one hour** of your time can make a huge difference. Whether you can help with the summer fair set up, run a stall, clear up, or share a special skill (calling all face painters, magicians, DJs, BBQ masters!), they would love to hear from you. It's also a great way to meet other families, support the school, gain experience working with a charitable trust and maybe even make the most of those company-approved volunteer hours (check if your employer offers this)! 😊

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