Friday 20th November 2026

JOHN HENRY NEWMAN NEWSLETTER

HELP NEEDED

Thank you to those parents who came along to help plan the fayre. We still need volunteers to help run a few stalls, help set up and to do a few jobs before the big day. Any help hugely appreciated. Please speak to the office if you think you can support.



A huge thank you to our team for the last few weeks who have organised and taken the children to the cinema - over 230 went this week to see Minions, and last week over 70 children from EYFS! What a master class in orgnaisation! The children were amazing and really showcased the brilliant behaviour we have at JHN. Next week, it is Y5 and Y6 turn.

The winter bugs are are really taking hold this week, with lots of sniffles and colds. Please make sure you talk to your children about hand hygiene and send them in with tissues if they have the snuffles.





PE REMINDERS

Monday- Keble Swimming & Year 2
Tuesday- Year 1 & Year 3
Wednesday- Year 2, Year4, Year 5 & Year6
Thursday- Year 5 & Year 6
Friday- Reception, Year 1 & Year 4

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday- Oriel at Junior Citizens & Year 5 girls football Vs Church Cowley
Tuesday- Year 5/6 Cinema visit, Lady Margaret at Jack Peers & Year 5/6 boys football Vs Pegasus
Wednesday- Exeter at Junior Citizens
Thursday- New College at Story Museum & Wychwood Panto
Friday- Christchurch at Story Museum & Years 5/6 Boys football Vs Our lady's



Be in school every day ready to learn

Be on time - gates open at 8.35 and shut at 8.45am



Attendance this week:

JHN 93.9 % - down from last week
County: 96.%
National: 95.7%

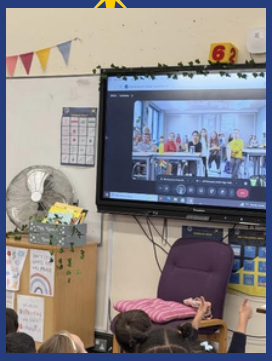
Can we improve next week?

NEXT WEEK'S THEME OF THE WEEK:

TRY TO SOLVE PROBLEMS

Highlights of the week

Looking Out



Earthrise: a moment of hope, joy, and human connection. On Thursday 19 November 2026, classrooms around the world came together for live class-to-class video calls: to say hello, share smiles, ask questions, exchange stories and discover that children in other places are both different from them and wonderfully familiar.

Looking Up

I have had some lovely discussions with the children this week about the changing seasons around the school. We have watched the leaves change from bright red to not being there at all over the last few weeks. We have also noticed that there are a few very friendly robins that are appearing around the Inclusion Building. One has even ventured in to the office!



The children explored the changes in the seasons at Jack Peers this week too. They had great fun the leaves and created some art work using natural materials.







Looking In

The children have been thinking this week about friendship and what makes a good friend. The children have discussed kindness, teamwork and respect when working together.

Let your Light Shine: words for the weekend

"Many people will walk in and out of your life, but only true friends leave footprints in your heart."
Eleanor Roosevelt



Christmas is coming....and so is our school Christmas fayre! It's on Thursday 10th December, from 2:30pm.

There are three ways that you can help us get ready for it:

1. Donate an item for our rainbow hamper raffle

Look up what colour your year group's hamper will be, and donate a item of that colour! It could be a food item, toys, bric-a-brac, a book, toiletries - anything, as long as it is the right colour! Items could be new, or second-hand in good condition. And if you have a spare basket/tray that we can use for the base of the 7 hampers, please donate that too! Then come and have a go at the fayre and see if you win one of the hampers.

or 2. Make a jolly jar for the tombola

Collect an empty jam jar and fill it with fun treats and prizes for the tombola. Donate one, two or more jars - or even just give some empty jars that others can fill!

or 3. Donate a glass bottle for our "water or wine (or something in-between)" game

Please donate glass bottles of wine, or other alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks so that we can create a fun game for grown-ups with great prizes.
But also please donate some empty glass bottles (with lids) so that we can add some trick bottles filled with water into the game!

If you'd like to help, please bring any of these items to the school office by Friday 4th December so we can gather it all together and prepare them for all the fun of the fayre.

CHRISTMAS IS COMING!



CHOOSE A WAY TO HELP!

FOR THE FAYRE ON THURS 10TH DEC







1 DONATE A COLOURED ITEM FOR THE RAINBOW HAMPER RAFFLE

YEAR 6 - RED

YEAR 5 - ORANGE

YEAR 4 - YELLOW

YEAR 3- GREEN

YEAR 2 - BLUE

YEAR 1 - PURPLE

RECEPTION/NURSERY - PINK

2 MAKE A "JOLLY JAR" FOR THE TOMBOLA

A JAR FILLED WITH TOYS/SWEETS/SMALL TREATS







3 DONATE FOR OUR WATER OR WINE GAME

Glass bottles

full or empty

(with lids)

of alcoholic or non-alcoholic drinks