

Next Open Day
Saturday 28th September
10am to 1pm

Dear parents,

We have had a wonderful 1st Half Trinity Term with some busy weeks at St John's. We have had some fantastic trips and our wonderful teachers have once again worked tirelessly to give our pupils a truly exciting programme of events.

Some of our youngest pupils in reception visited Hyde Hall to look at the flowers, plants and butterflies. Form One have visited the British Museum and have made delicious pizzas at Pizza Express. Lower 2 and Upper 2 have both visited Sanford Mill and the Seniors (Upper 3, Lower 4 and Upper 4) had a brilliant time on a team building trip to Suffolk.

Children in Reception right through to Upper 5 took their annual LAMDA exams in May and we are all looking forward to receiving wonderful results that their efforts deserve.

Our Upper 5 pupils are currently taking their GCSEs. I wish all of them heartfelt good luck.

I truly look forward to the action packed remainder of the Trinity Term with our new Prefects commencing their new duties.

Kindest wishes



Mrs F S Armour, Headmistress

Dining Hall Refurbishment Complete

We are delighted to confirm that our dining hall refurbishment programme is now complete. Over the Lent Term the dining hall underwent a major refurbishment to both the roof and internal areas.

New ceilings and lighting have been fitted along with new flooring. The most noticeable feature is the bright zesty colours added to the walls.

Our food is freshly prepared, onsite, by Mr Ware (Catering Manager) and his team. Menus are rotated on a four week basis and are listed under our 'School Life' section of the website.



First Aid Training

Our Junior pupils have been undertaking weekly First Aid training sessions. Over the last term our Form 1 (Year 3) and Lower 2 (Year 4) pupils have learnt how to perform life saving CPR and have had the opportunity to learn the valuable skill of how to use a defibrillator.

Pupils learnt that every year, over 30,000 people in the UK suffer a cardiac arrest out of hospital and that less than one in ten people survive. In Norway, CPR is taught to all pupils at school and one in four people survive. If the UK could achieve the same survival rate as Norway we could save almost 5,000 lives every year.



Senior PGL Trip to Bawdsey Manor, Suffolk

From the 1st to 3rd May pupils from Upper 3, Lower and Upper 4 (Years 7, 8 & 9) went on a residential team building trip to Bawdsey Manor a PGL Camp in Suffolk. From the moment they arrived to the time they left, their hours were filled with activities a plenty. Raft building, camp fires, high ropes, fencing and low ropes were just some of the activities on offer.



Design & Technology Projects

Pupils in Lower 2 (Year 4) made Roman catapults in their design and technology classes. They had to measure, cut and join the wood to create the catapult. They were even able to try to fire them and shoot mini cannon balls!

Pupils in Upper Kindergarten (Year 2) have been learning how to sew in their design and technology classes. They produced wonderful butterflies and created an amazing display of colour.



Form 1 (Year 3) Educational Visits



In May, the two Form 1 classes visited the British Museum in London. The children have been learning about Ancient Egypt in their History lessons and this venue provides a wonderful range of artefacts and experiences to support this topic.

Although it is never easy to get through the London traffic, it was worth the time and effort, as the children enjoyed their day at the museum. Among the exhibits that the children saw were the famous Rosetta Stone, some huge stone statues of prominent pharaohs and plenty of ancient mummies!

It is hoped that pupils may return to the British Museum during future school holidays to see what other treasures this fabulous venue has to offer.

As part of their design and technology our Form 1 pupils tried their hands at making some pizzas at Pizza Express in Billericay High Street.

After washing their hands and putting on special hats, the children began by carefully working the dough to the edges of their pan and then used the back of a metal spoon to spread out the tomato sauce from the middle of their dough towards the edges. Finally, mozzarella cheese was sprinkled evenly over each pizza base, ready to go into the oven.

While the pizzas were in the oven, the children found out about some of the pizza ingredients that are commonly used on pizzas and where these come from. The smell from the oven at this point was amazing!



Senior Sports Day

On Friday 10th May, our Senior School pupils participated in our annual Sports Day at the Basildon Sporting Village. They were joined by our Lower 3 pupils (Year 6) who were keen to experience their first Senior Sports Day.

It was wonderful to see the determination and enthusiasm of our pupils. Three school records were broken in Long Jump, 4 x 100m Relay and Girls 400m. Well done to everyone who participated and made the event so memorable.



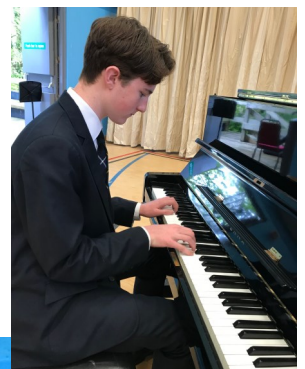
Parent Social Committee Gifts

Throughout the year the Parent Social Committee works relentlessly to provide wonderful experiences for our pupils. This term they have kindly funded for two new, very popular, football tables. We were also delighted with the new staging that has been purchased for the Drama department.



Music for Spring Concert

Over sixty pupils, from Lower Kindergarten (Year 1) to Upper 5 (Year 11), performed with confidence and enthusiasm at the Spring Concert at the beginning of May. It was delightful to listen to such a varied musical showcase, but the highlight was seeing the smiles on the pupils' faces as they heard the applause from the audience.



Uniform Appointments

With the end of the Trinity Term approaching many parents may start to think about new uniform. For those pupils moving from Pre-Reception to Reception, Upper Kindergarten (Year 2) to Form 1 (Year 3) and from Lower 3 (Year 6) to Upper 3 (Year 7) it is most likely that new uniform will be required.

Ms Oddy will be operating uniform appointments from Monday 15th July to Friday 19th July and from Thursday 29th August to Thursday 5th September. To book an appointment please e-mail Ms Oddy via uniform@stjohnsschool.net Please remember that only cheque or cash is accepted and will need to be paid on the day of the appointment.

Diary Dates 2nd Half of Trinity Term 2019

Wed 19 th June	RECEPTION INDUCTION MORNING
Thurs 20 th June	KINDERGARTEN AND JUNIOR SPORTS DAY 1PM UPPER 5 (YEAR 11) PROM
Fri 21 st June	MATHS PUZZLE DAY UPPER 3 (YEAR 6) TO LOWER 5 (YEAR 10)
Wed 26 th June	UPPER 3 (YEAR 7 SEPT '19 ENTRANTS) INDUCTION DAY SUMMER PRODUCTION 'SCHOOL OF SCANDAL' 7PM
Thurs 27 th June	SUMMER PRODUCTION 'SCHOOL OF SCANDAL' 7PM
Mon 1 st July	YEAR 5 SENIOR SCHOOL TASTER DAY (EXTERNAL PUPILS)
1 st to 4 th July	LOWER 3 (YEAR 6) TRIP TO YORK
1 st to 3 rd July	UPPER 2 (YEAR 5) TRIP TO DANBURY
Wed 3 rd July	RECEPTION AND LOWER KINDERGARTEN TRIP TO DANBURY COUNTRY PARK FORM 1 (YEAR 3) & LOWER 2 (YEAR 4) MOUNTFITCHET CASTLE
Thurs 4 th July	UPPER 3 (YEAR 7) A MIDSUMMER NIGHT'S DREAM REGENT'S PARK LONDON
Fri 5 th July	PARENT SOCIAL COMMITTEE SUMMER FETE
Mon 8 th July	LASERTAG DAY
Tues 9 th July	END OF TRINITY TERM (LUNCHTIME FINISH)
Mon 9 th Sept	START OF MICHAELMAS TERM

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