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# St John's Green Primary School

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We we are all  
Maths writers ...



## Newsletter

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Please remember that today is the last day of the Spring term.

The Summer Term starts on Monday 15th April.

Have a very good break—eat lots of chocolate!

### Sponsored Walk

Huge thanks to our PTA and the school staff for organising and participating in our Sponsored walk on Tuesday afternoon. Round and round Abbey Fields we went.

It was a lovely afternoon, the weather held and our whole school joined in, which was fantastic.

Some of our older children clocked up over 25 laps, which was very impressive.

A huge well done to all our children and staff.

Please could you start sending sponsor money into the school. I know some parents have already. If you're a UK tax payer, please send the sponsor form in as well, with the Gift Aid box ticked. This means that the PTA can claim some more money from the government.



### Year 1 and Year 5 Object Handling (OSM)



Last week, our Year 1 and Year 5 children became archaeologists for the morning and dug, explored, cleaned and examined as they both discovered and tried to learn from the past with what objects could tell you!

The children also had a go at some mosaic design.



### Ocean Day

As mentioned last week—thank you very much for all your blue/green efforts for our Ocean Day. Each year group focussed on a slightly different area:

The coverage of the day was as below:

EYFS - ocean creatures, Year 1 - habitats for ocean species, Year 2 - oceans of the world, Year 3 - coral reefs, Year 4 - mountains and volcanoes under the ocean, Year 5 - pollution, Year 6 - plastic pollution.

In total, £530 was raised and this will be sent to the Ocean Conservation Trust.

A special mention to Cesare from class Romans who was so impassioned, not only did he create a stunning jumper, he also donated £20 of his own money.



### We're Off to see the Wizard...



Really, really well done to our Year 4 children who have entertained us so brilliantly over their three production performances this week.

Their singing was absolutely phenomenal as was their enthusiasm and commitment.



No easy thing, performing in front of over 90 people each show and yet our Year 4 children did it so very well.

Parents, thank you so much for your support—hopefully the singing of the songs at home will begin to fade now and a huge thank you to the school staff who worked so hard to bring it all together.



### WHOLE SCHOOL TEAM POINTS SPRING TERM

- 1st Siege 41,316
- 2nd Priory 40,414
- 3rd Abbey 39,188
- 4th Colne 37,227
- 5th Temple 28,751

Well done to Siege. They get the Non Uniform day after Easter.

15/4/2024 : How do I make Good Decisions?  
Assembly Theme for WB

### Term Dates

Thursday 28th March—Last day of Spring Term  
 Friday 29th March—Friday 12th April—Easter Break  
 Monday 15th April—First Day of Summer Term  
 Monday 6th May - Bank Holiday—The School is Closed  
 Monday 27th May—Friday 31st May—Half Term  
 Friday 19th July—Last Day of Summer Term

### Diary Dates

**Monday 22nd April—Thursday 25th April—Year 4 Residential—Danbury**

### Rights Respecting Schools

**Article 28** (Right to Education) Every child has the right to an education. Primary education must be free and different forms of secondary education must be available to every child. Discipline in schools must

The **Big** Question for the Summer Term Assessment Period — How do I make Good Decisions?

Our Jigsaw Theme for this Half Term— Relationships

### Year 4 Danbury.

Year 4 parents—please don't forget the final Danbury payment was due on Friday 22nd March.

Also—please don't forget to complete and return the medical forms.

### Colchester United



I tried, but as per a conversation with a parent this morning—couldn't leave the term without mentioning the not so mighty Colchester United.

Home game tomorrow afternoon against Newport County who like every other team in League two are above Colchester. I'll be there—so if you need something to do and you can quell any optimism for a result that is better than a draw, you won't be disappointed. You never know though—they might just win!

### Netball Team



Our netball team, under the guidance of Mr. Gilbranch, headed off to St Thomas More's Primary School at the start of the week to continue their assault on the league.

Slowly but surely it's coming together for our team—who, apart from a wobbly period, played really well and with huge positivity, energy and spirit.

A valiant effort and well done.

### Reading

One of the things I always say to parents when I take the EYFS induction meetings—is that, as parents, we want our children to be happy and to also do better than us, to learn from all the mistakes we made!

Key to any child's success is reading. Parents will have noticed in their children's reports that class teachers have recorded the amount of reads that have been logged on Boom Reader. This is the system the school uses to record reads at home and at school.

All the information with regards to this is on the school website in 'Curriculum Information'

[https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/reading\\_and\\_phonics/288515](https://st-johns-green.eschools.co.uk/website/reading_and_phonics/288515)

Bearing in mind the amount of time most people spend on their phones, utilising an app for a couple of minutes to record your child's reads when you've read with them is, I think, a very easy way of keeping us informed of the reading you're doing at home with your children. Please keep reading with your children and logging those reads.

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.  
—Sally Plumb



# Ocean Science Project

Linked to our Ocean Day at St John's Green Primary School last week, we are setting a Science Project for the children to complete at home, should they wish to. The children will need to do the following:



Choose your favourite marine animal to research and create a project about. How you choose to share information of your chosen marine animal is completely up to you.

This could be through one of the following:

Art project

Poster

Fact file

ICT presentation

Poem

Those who create an Ocean Science Project will receive a badge and non-uniform day, at the end of this half term. All entries need to be handed in by **Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May**. Children need to bring in their projects to school or send them in via the office email address.

I look forward to seeing all of the completed projects!

Miss Cook ☺

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