

## From the Headteacher

We awoke on Friday Morning to hear the outcomes of the General Election, with results vastly different to our own in school election (see below). In an assembly where we shared our school results, we talked to the children about the importance of being respectful and tolerant of other people's choices, views and opinions. We are very proud of how much respect the children show for each other and the whole school community.

The next week of school is packed with exciting, fun opportunities for our children, and you, to enjoy. We would like to wish all of our families a warm, delightful and fun filled holiday break and we look forward to seeing you all again in the new year.

We return to school at 10am on Monday 6th January 2020. Please note there will be no INSET day next half term and all children are expected to be back in school on this day.

May God bless you and keep you safe.

## BELIEVE AND ACHIEVE

Our vision is to create an inclusive community of aspirational learners, children, families and colleagues, working collaboratively and respectfully within a happy, nurturing environment where all flourish and achieve.

'I have come that you may have life, life in all its fullness'.

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## St John and James Mock Election Decided by only 5 Votes!

We held our own version of the election on polling day. Children representing the four main parties had been canvassing hard after studying the different party manifestos and highlighting key important elements that mattered to them. The NHS, housing and environmental issues were high on the agenda, not to mention a number of policies affecting school like holiday child-care, university fees and the scrapping of SATs.

The ballot box was full by 2pm and once the votes had been counted carefully, Labour triumphed by 86 votes to The Greens 81. The Conservatives got 32 votes and the Liberal Democrats 12.







The votes were carefully counted.



**KS1 Sign Language Club**

*This term Sign Language club have been learning to sign different animals, foods, colours and greetings. They have loved using these new signs to sign different songs. Their favourite song which they have loved learning and performing is True colours. Tuesday nights have been an absolute joy and sign language club want to take this opportunity to say 'sign'; We wish you a merry Christmas and a Happy new year.*



Congratulations to our parents who recently completed the 12 week ESOL (English Speakers of Other Languages) course.

For any parents who would like to improve their English, a new course begins on Tuesday 14th January. The course lasts 12 weeks and takes place on Tuesdays at school, from 3.45 - 5.30. It's free and we offer free tea-time club for the children of those parents taking part.

If you would like to join the next ESOL course, please register your interest at the school office.





On Tuesday 10th December children from Year 5 and 6 performed in Bishop Stopford's Christmas concert.

We joined them for two songs, it was an amazing opportunity to get a sense of what secondary school is like and all the opportunities they have.

It was also lovely to see some old pupil's of St John and St James acting and performing in the choir.

We were overwhelmingly proud of the way our children conducted themselves and how brave they were up on that big stage.



Thank you to Miss Glover for organising Elf Day and all of the great prizes.



Prizes included cinema tickets, football tickets, Impact sports shirts and lots more.





Children received awards for

- Best Elf Costume
- Best Elfie Class
- Outstanding Elf conduct
- Times Table champions
- Spelling Champions
- Elf races winners
- Extraordinary elves.



We all had a fantastic time, It was the gift that kept on giving and the Christmas Community spirit was outstanding but none of this would have been possible without the tireless hard work and determination of Miss Glover.

Our teachers always go the extra mile for our children, to enrich their lives and make learning fun, not just at Christmas but all year round.

I'm sure that our children and families would join me in wishing them a well deserved, restful Christmas break.





Nissi, Abyad, Nesiah, Daniel, Jamie, Niyah, Joy  
 Aurisa, Jason, Jia He, Sinem, Precillia, Ephraim, Kaleb  
 Husseyin, Jessica, Joshua A, Rohat, Bihter, Marcia, Sandid



## Community Value Awards

KS1

Mikey, Paige,  
 Benjamin, Vlad,  
 Wyatt, Max,  
 Nana,

KS2

Alpay, Ayaz,  
 Jemima, Kaysia,  
 Omobolaji,  
 Miracle, Bihter





## Key Stage 2 Nativity

This week children from Year 5 and Year 3 presented the Nativity to the school and parents.

They were supported by all the children from KS2 who sang enthusiastically during the performance.

The actors and narrators put a lot of effort into learning their words and acting parts.

It was lovely to see our Year 5's working collaboratively with our Year 3's so successfully.

Thanks you to all the children who took part and to the parents who came to support them.



We had some fantastic costumes.







The children took their roles very seriously and performances wouldn't have been out of place on the West End Stage.



Nicole carried the star leading the whole cast to the baby born in the stable.

King Herod was furious!







A massive thank you to all our parents, teachers and pupils for their help in preparing for our Christmas Cracker. Our busy little elves, especially Miss Hobbs and our PTA were busy for days ensuring that great fun was had by all.

Our school value this half term is community and we are so grateful for our local community.

This only one for the many examples of how supportive our school community have been this half term.



Roll up, roll up for the bottle tombola. 3 tickets for 50p.

Some children braved the cold to have a go on the bouncy castle too!





The children (and parents) had great fun guessing the Jelly Beans in the jar and the weight of the cake.

Whilst children waited patiently for their turn to see Santa in the Grotto.



The Christmas tattoos were really popular with adults and children.



The helpful elves entertained the children, whilst they waited for their turn. (Photo above)

Mrs McGovern was trusted to sell the children's home-made treats, from decorated biscuits and sweet kebabs to Christingles that the children had made for their Christingle service. (Photo left)







## Early Years and Key Stage 1 Christingle Service

Mrs Tomioka led our Christingle service on Friday which as always was well attended by our parents.

The children loved sharing their own Christingles and their symbolism to the Christian faith. They all sang beautifully.



**Save the Children**  
CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY





Our annual visit to the Christmas Pantomime at the Millfield theatre is this Wednesday. Please ensure that you pay for your child/children's tickets, using parent pay. We need to ensure that enough funds are collected to cover the costs if we are to continue this wonderful opportunity in future years.



Week 3 of our Year 6 community outreach program. Following our walk and photography session around the local community, this week we sorted our images into three categories- sad, mad and glad. We reflected on the different aspects of our local that make us sad, mad and glad.



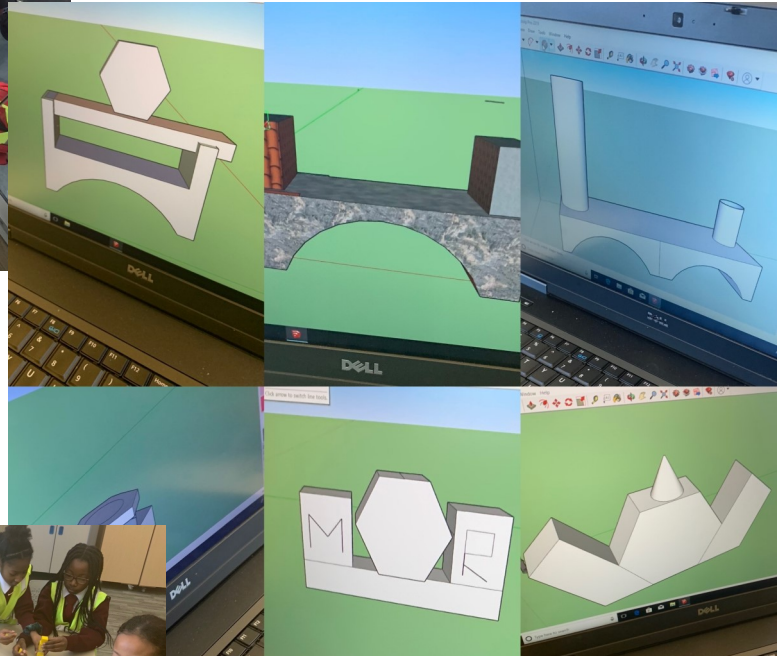




6JB had an amazing time at Towerbridge.

The pupils were able to draw the London skyline from the east and west side of the river. This was in preparation to become architects and create their own building. Pupils used inspiration from the iconic London landmarks, such as the Shard, the Gherkin and the Tower of London to create their own building using the computer program 'Sketch Up' their designs will be printed using the 3D printer.

## St John the Baptist Trip to Tower-bridge



The program 'Sketch Up' is free to download if anyone would like to try and make 3D models on the computer at home.



## **Did you know?**

Towerbridge took 8 Years to build.  
30,000 tones of stone were used.  
It cost £1,184,000 to build.  
10 men died during its construction.  
The walkways are 42 meters above the Thames.  
The bridge is 125 years old.  
The bridge has been repainted 7 times.  
The last repaint required 22,000 litres of paint.



## **Safer Relationships**

On Thursday 12th Year 6 met with PC Louise to discuss relationships and online messages. We found out that anyone aged 10 or above is legally responsible and therefore can be arrested.

We talked about the dangers of sharing inappropriate photographs and how this can have a serious effect on us, as once something is on the internet it is there forever! The children were eager to ask lots of questions so that they are well informed.

PC Louise also talked to us about becoming Police Cadets, where you can learn more about the police and complete activities!

<https://vpc.police.uk/be-a-cadet/>



PC Louise also met with parents of children in Years 5 and 6. Some parents were surprised to hear the age limits on some of the apps that children use.. Whilst we know that children think they are already grown up and deserve their privacy, we need to be even more vigilant and monitor what our children are doing online and particularly who they are talking to.

Please come and speak to us if you have concerns that you think we could support you with.

Please take a look at the school website and show the children how to find the CEOP button on the Children's learning page.

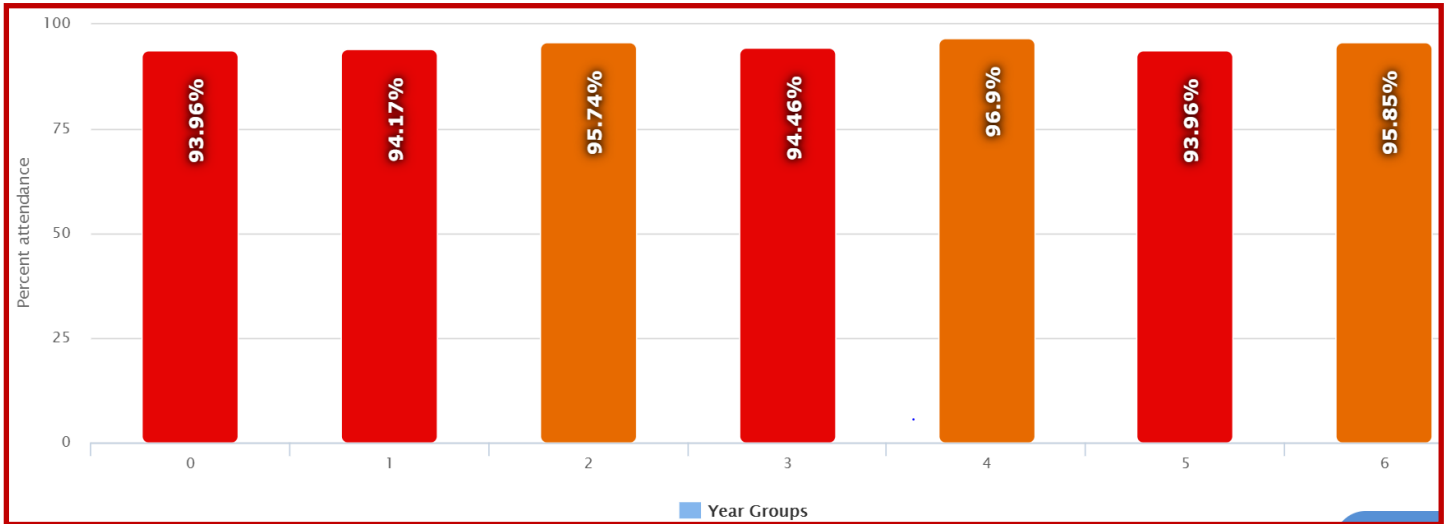
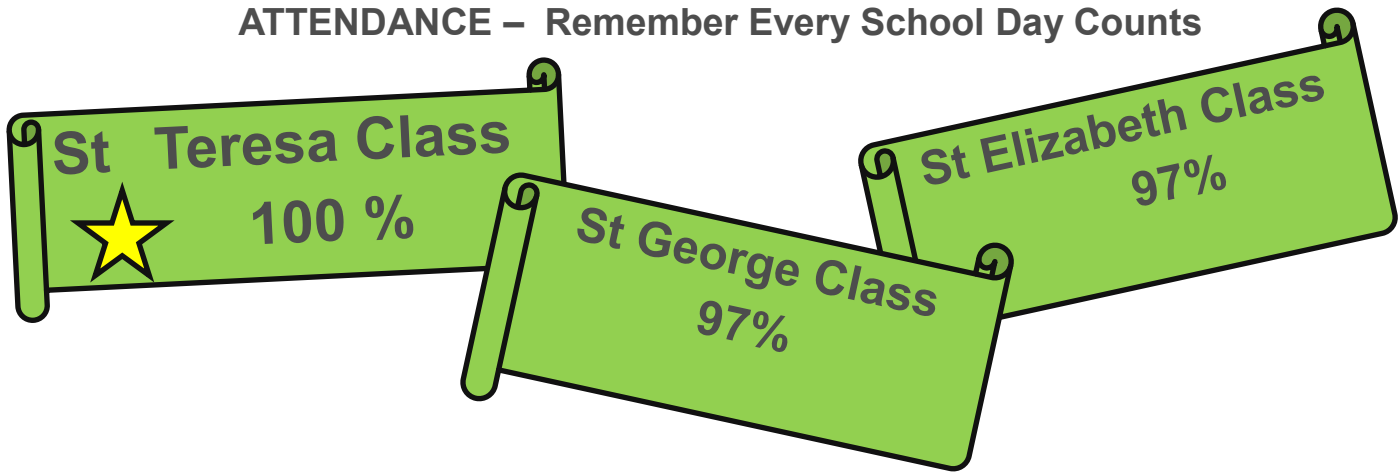


<https://www.stjohnandjames.enfield.sch.uk/fun-learning-for-children/>

CEOP helps any child or young person under the age of 18 who is being pressured, forced or tricked into taking part in sexual activity of any kind. This can be something that has taken place either online or in 'the real world', or both. You can visit the CEOP Safety Centre and make a report directly to CEOP by clicking the Click CEOP button.



## ATTENDANCE – Remember Every School Day Counts



### Parent Pay Reminder

As we are a voluntary aided school, the money we collect from our Governors Fund, ensures that we can pay for vital repairs and maintenance to the school building. We are reaching the end of the first term and would like to urge parents to pay this on ParentPay as soon as possible. You can pay £13 for the term, or £39 for the whole year.

Can we also remind parents that Dinner Money should be paid in advance. We have clear guidelines from the Local Authority on our School Debt and this is monitored regularly. Please ensure that you clear your account by the end of term.

**Contact Us: We always welcome feedback!**

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