

STJJ NEWS

St John and St James C of E Primary School Newsletter

14th April 2022

Dear Parents,

It has been a challenging term in many ways. However, despite these challenges our pupils are in class learning and I am so proud of the work they have done this term. Our school is a calm and happy place and the children are consistently following the 3Rs: Ready, Respectful and Responsible but we urge you to support us when this isn't the case as our rules are important in supporting learning and keeping everyone safe.

It is wonderful to see the majority of children in the correct uniform, especially for PE. Thank you to you all for supporting us. We are moving towards the summer term and better weather which means summer dresses and shorts for many pupils.

Parent consultation evenings were very well attended and it felt good to see parents in school once more. We also had the bookfair and the parent information sessions. I hope you found them useful in helping your children with their learning.

We have returned to face to face assemblies this term and the children have really enjoyed being together again. We will be beginning class assemblies again this term and so dates will be sent out next week.

We are committed to making our school a place of awe and wonder and we have certainly seen this with children loving watching the chicks hatch, the new wall art in the library and the History timeline up the KS2 stairs and atrium. We would love for you to come and visit the library before and after school to encourage children to read more, and enjoy lots of the new books we have bought.

This newsletter is packed with all of the exciting learning that has been going on this term, as well as lots of fun opportunities too and I'm sure you will be pleased to know that we will begin going out on class trips again this term.

Thank you all for your support.

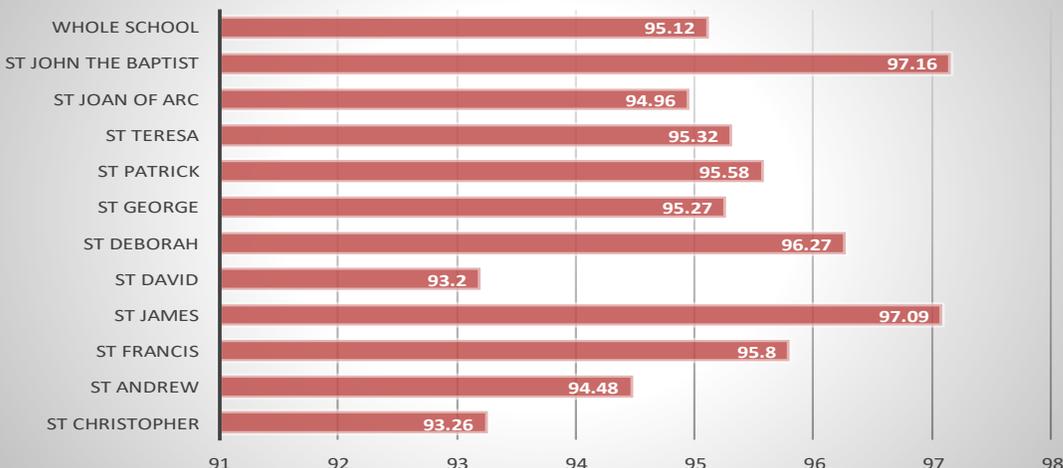
I hope you have all had a safe and restful break,

From the Headteacher



Our school attendance target is 96% and we are so close to achieving this. Please ensure that your child understands the importance of good attendance and punctuality.

Percentage



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.

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

1 John 10 vs 10

Our School Council



The School Council were busy coming up with the design brief, researching ideas.

Why might we go to the prayer garden?

- To reflect
- To repent

What would you like to see?

- Prayer books
- The bible
- A space for other faiths
- A mind map of what God has done for you?
- A pond to help people stay calm/ reflect.

Where should the prayer go?

- In the playground near the sandpit
- Near the tree
- Near the changing rooms, behind the music room
- Some things may need to be packed away

What would like to sit on in the prayer garden?

- A chair/ bean bags
- A sofa? (A garden sofa)
- An egg chair
- A bench

They thought long and hard about where would be the best place for the prayer garden.

Kaleb - I think it needs to go on grass.

Osas- We could put the prayer garden around the tree.

When would people use the prayer garden?

Osas - if it is in the playground it's too loud and people won't have personal space.

Jahziah- Each class could have a time table

Camari- Year 6 could run the prayer garden.



We could hang a cross right here on the wall.





World Book Day was a hit this year. Children and adults dressed up to celebrate the event and showed their love of stories both old and new.



World Book Day



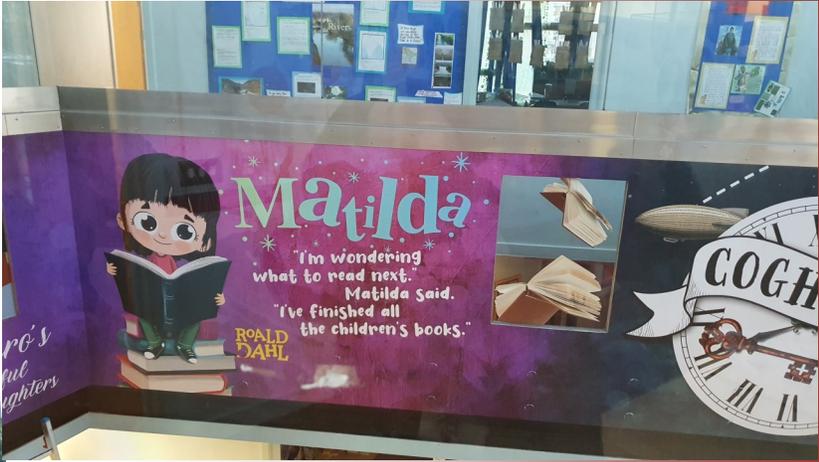
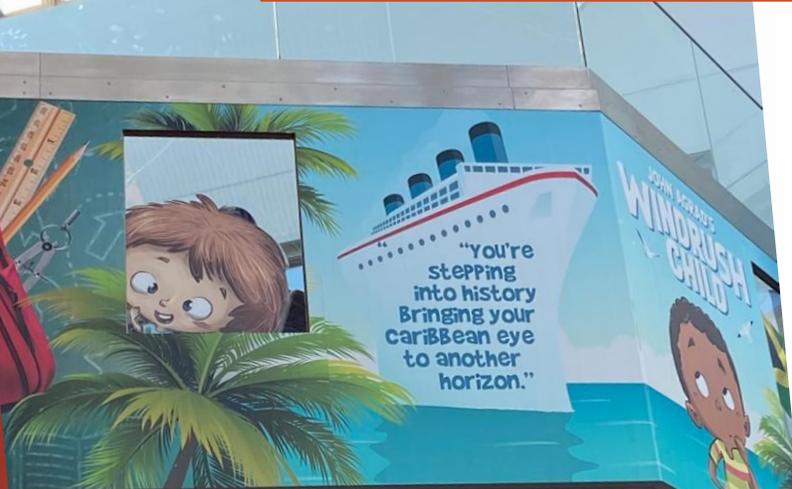
World Book Day competition winners



Our talented authors won a book of their choice, choosing from all of the latest titles.



Our New Library



We are keen to promote a love of reading and have restocked our library to engage and excite children.

We have a culturally diverse selection of books that all children can see themselves in.



You can now bring your children to change their library books, both before and after school, from 8.30am to 3.45pm. Come and have a look at our new library!

More World Book day



Alim Kamara - Storyteller and Rapper

Alim Kamara spent the day with us on World Book Day, teaching us stories and Raps, as well as some African History.

The children loved the assembly too. Scan the QR Code to watch some of the great videos from the day.



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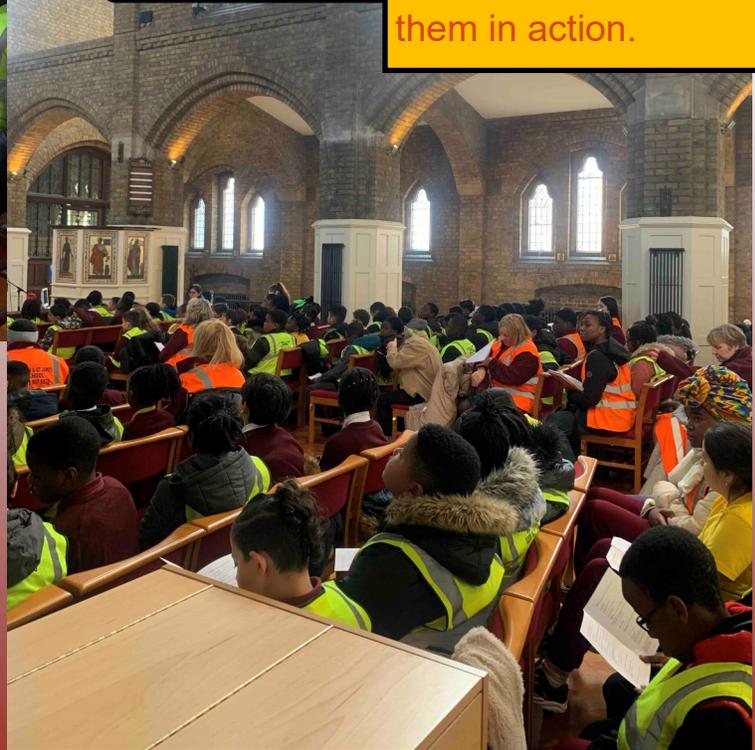


KS2 Easter Eucharist Service



SCAN ME

Our new student worship leaders have started leading class assemblies. Scan the QR code to watch them in action.



We were delighted to be able to join Father Nigel at the Eucharist Service for Easter. The children sang their hearts out. It was a joy to hear.

Easter Egg Raffle Winners



The Easter Raffle was a hit as always. We managed to collect enough eggs this year to ensure every child went home with an egg. Children nominated the adults too. It was lovely to see how thankful they were to belong to StJJ. This half term our Christian Value is Peace. Focusing on creating an environment where children feel happy, secure and valued, free from discrimination or bullying of any kind.



KS2 History

We are delighted with our new History timeline, which maps our History curriculum across the school.

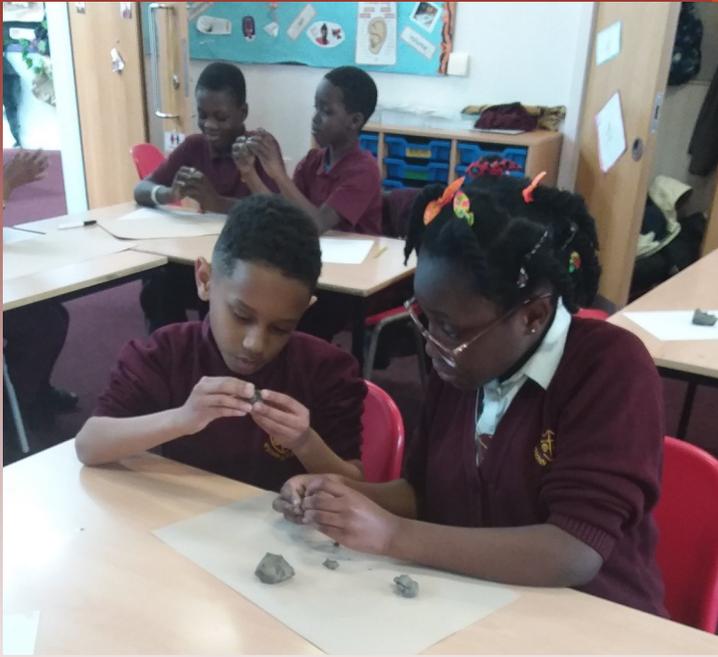
The children have been learning about Ancient Civilisations and talk confidently about what they now know. Ask them to tell you about the picture below!



Our children have lived through some key events in History themselves over the last few years. We have ensured that we have included them too. Come and have a look for yourself.

Indus Civilisation

Year 4 used clay to make items similar to those made by ancient Indus people



Christopher in 4D made a whistle out of clay in History



The Ancient Indus people made lots of things out of clay. They wrote on clay tablets, made musical instruments and clay seals. The children made their own mini museum.

SCIENCE



In our science unit the children learnt about how sunglasses protect their eyes from ultraviolet rays. They then created their very own sunglasses and tested them.

We discussed different devices which help us see better, such as glasses and binoculars. Also, we investigated how telescopes work. We learnt that they use 2 mirrors to capture different images across the universe.



Year 5—Friction: The children are conducting an experiment, to investigate which object will fall the quickest.

Year 4 have learnt a lot of interesting facts about sounds this term. The class investigated pitch and volume of sounds and created their own harmonica to find out if the length of objects can affect the pitch of a sound. The children were engaged in their learning and took turns in testing their instruments to check if their predictions were correct.



In our science unit, we studied the layers of soils using everyday ingredients.



Soil is important because it allows plants to grow so we can have food.

Week 1—We focused on towers from around the world and then the children used Marshmallows and spaghetti to create their own towers. (Related to engineering) .



SCIENCE



Well done Arsema for labelling the 4 layers of the soil correctly.

SCIENCE CLUB

Week 2—The children investigated how Diet Coke and Mentos react to create an eruption between the carbonated beverage and Mentos mints that caused the beverage to be expelled from its container.



Young Chef Workshops

Many of the children in year 3 said they have never peeled a carrot.

Enis and Assad said they found peeling the carrot easy, but a little bit scary because of the blade.

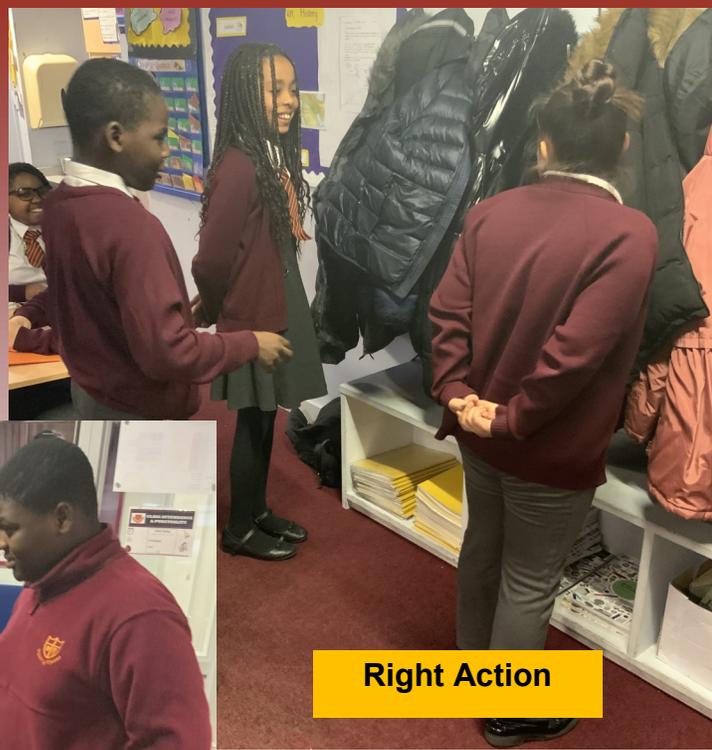


The children really enjoyed learning new skills and they were all given 'Take and Make' boxes to take home with exciting new recipes.

Year 6— Buddhism



Right Concentration



Right Action



Right Livelihood

This term our year 6 have discussed, reflected and debated our big questions: 'What does it mean to be Buddhist?' During this lesson we created mini skits about each of the Eightfold Pathways.

The Eightfold Path **contains eight principles that are thought to help Buddhist achieve Nirvana**, which is the ultimate spiritual goal of a Buddhist.

The steps of the Noble Eightfold Path are **Right Understanding, Right Thought, Right Speech, Right Action, Right Livelihood, Right Effort, Right Mindfulness and Right Concentration**.



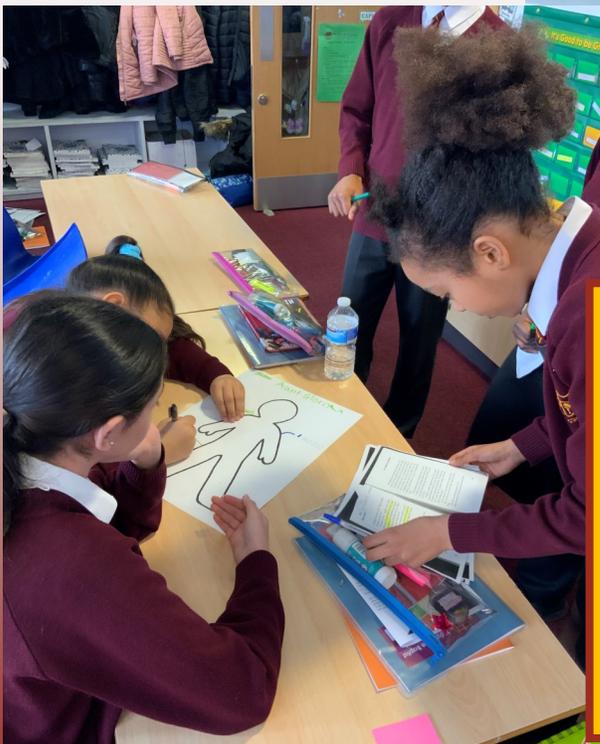
Father John from Mrs Demetriou's Church visited Year 4 to share similarities and differences in the Holy Communion in the Anglican and Catholic church.

In Y4 RE, we learnt about Om which is the sound of creation in Hinduism. Hindus believe that this sound is the original vibration of the universe. They also believe that sound vibrations significantly impacts a person's physical, emotional and mental state. This sound is chanted during yoga sessions and used as a form of meditation. Here the children practising Om.



Year 4 -RE

In English this term, we studied the text: The Magnificent Musical Life of Libba Cotten. Throughout the text, we were amazed by Libba's marvellous talent; she could play the guitar upside down. These pictures show children in role in a freeze frame depicting how the Seegers felt when they heard how Libba played the guitar.



Character investigations - We used the text to determine the personalities of our characters. Our inference skills helped us to find which adjectives best describes which character.



Blingwear Arts

Year 6 took part in a street art workshop. Simon Tomlinson came to our school to speak to our children about confidence, speaking out, challenging bullies.



Banksy

Banksy is a pseudonymous England-based street artist, political activist and film director whose real name and identity remain unconfirmed and the subject of speculation.



We both used the same spray cans however our canvas came out differently.

One Kind Word

Following on from Anti-Bullying week One Kind Word challenge we decided to choose 'One Kind Word' to describe ourselves.



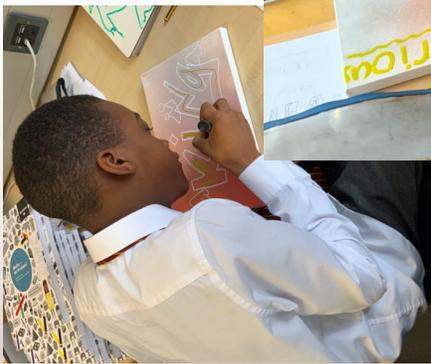
Alex = Powerful
Leshawn = Hilarious



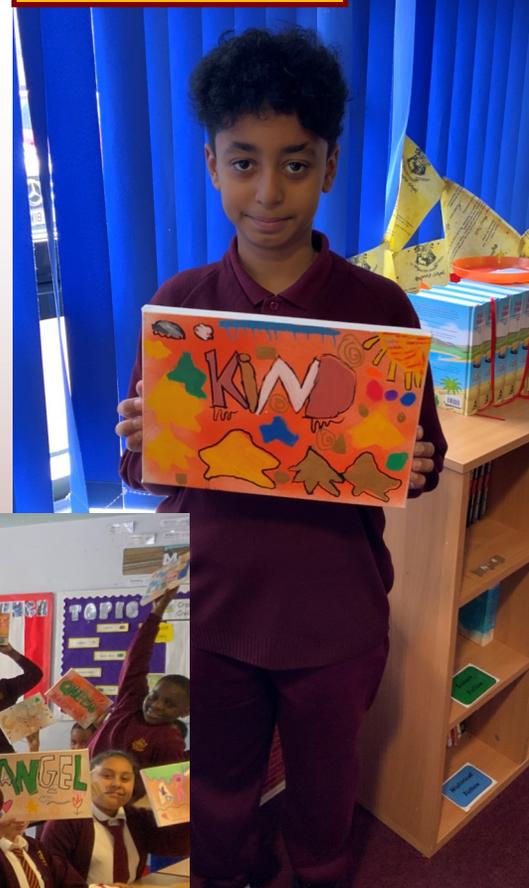
Tanem = Funny



Camari = King



Using spray cans is easy, however when we need to be precise it is more challenging.



Reception-In RE we have been finding out about why Christians believe Jesus is a special.

In the Bible Jesus asks people to be kind to each other. We thought about how we can be kind to people. We made a big heart together and talked about being kind, patient and forgiving.

In Nursery, we enjoyed watching the Dragon Dance.



We wore red clothes and tried to use chopsticks.

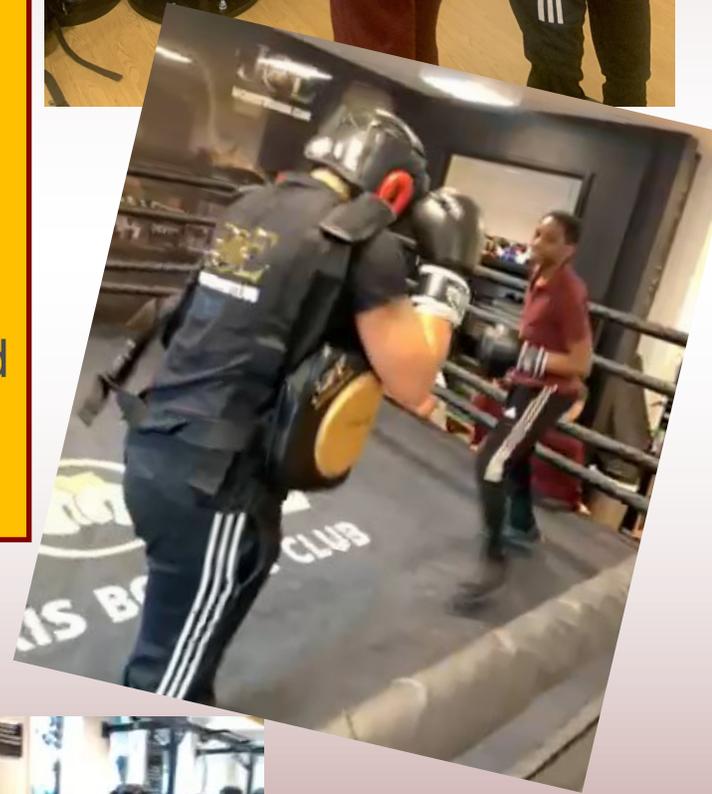
We have got guttering and stands. We work together to make a ramp for the cars. We love it when the cars go really fast.



Year 6— Boxing Lessons



The Y6 boys had an opportunity to work with some real boxing coaches, through Nexus Enfield. They even went to the gym and did some sparring in the ring.



Skipping Workshops



During this workshop our children in KS2 learnt to skip in 8 different ways. Camari is demonstrating the continuous cross over and Faith is doing the pretzel.



During the skipping Workshop our children were taught new skipping games for the playground.

Playtime rhyme
"Back to back
Face to face
Shake your partners hand

Bagel Station

Our Bagel Station featured in the LDBS newsletter last month: [Click here](#) to read what they said and see other news from the London Diocese of Schools.



Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds

Gold Token Shop

Good To Be Green Day

Someone who has been good, worked hard all day and followed the 3R's can earn gold tokens to spend at the Gold Token shop.



"It's good to be on Green, in our classrooms we have a green chart and it's good to be on green"



A few of our clubs



Pupils are loving our Chess club.

The strategic skills of Chess help children with Maths and critical thinking. Chess helps children to reflect and increases concentration and memory.

Our Drama Club put on a lovely performance for parents and their teachers to show off what they have learnt.



Football Match Ready





New Life— The highlight of this term was definitely watching our chicks hatch. The children loved them so much that we are getting some more after Easter!

People Who Help Us

PC Simon came to visit the children in reception. He told us about all the important things police officers do.



Firefighters came to visit us at school. They helped us to learn about the job they do and how they help people.



And the best dancer award goes to....



Easter Disco





Dancing with my BFFs



**Thank you to the Friends of StJJ
for another great event!**



Millfield Theatre Dance Festival

Since January Ms Ojukwu has ran a weekly after school dance club. Our children had the opportunity to show case their dance at the Enfield Dance Festival. Our children were amazing and we are so proud of them. Thank you Naiema (Year 6) for introducing the performance, and a MASSIVE thank you to Ms Ojukwu for all your hard work.



Student Worship Leaders

Our new worship leaders have been practising to deliver their class assemblies.



Easter Holiday Club

The children had great fun, cooking lunches, baking treats, tie dying their own T-shirts, rock painting and practising the dances from Matilda, before our West End trip to see the musical. It was a great week.



In Early Years, children have been following recipes to make Hot Cross Buns.



It was sticky and gooey: our hands got very messy.

St Christopher class enjoyed learning The Gruffalo story and re-telling it using our puppets.



Reception-In music we have been learning to play glockenspiels. We can play D and G in time to the music.



Year 1 - In our history lesson we had a visit from a member of the toy museum. He talked to us about various types of toys throughout the years and where they came from.

What were you making?
What season were the people celebrating?
What historical time period did Jesus live?



Now Press Play! Audible Stories.
RE Easter Story

Dates for the diary:

Start of Summer Term	19th April 2022 10am
Y5 Kingswood Residential	20th—22nd April 2022
Y5 Day Trip	21st April 2022
Fore Street Redevelopment Project Work-shops	27th April 2022
Bank Holiday (School Closed)	2nd May 2022
Class Photo Day	3rd May 2022
KS2 SATs Week	9th—13th May 2022
Years 2 & 5 Virtual Fire Brigade Visit	13th May 2022
Year 6 London Eye Mystery Trip	13th May 2022
KS1 SATs Week	16th—20th May 2022
Year 5 Tower Bridge Trip	16th/17th May 2022
Year 2 Tower Bridge Trip	27th May 2022
Half Term Break (School Closed)	30th May—3rd June 2022
INSET Day (School Closed)	6th June 2022
Y1/2 Phonics Screening Check	7th-9th June 2022
Additional Bank Holiday (School Closed)	10th June 2022
Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check	13th—17th June 2022
Borough Athletics Championships	14th June 2022
Year 4 Tower Bridge Trip	16th June 2022
Year 2 Jumping Buses Tower Bridge	Monday 27th June 2022
Y5&6 Bikeability Week	4th—8th July 2022
Y6 Bushcraft Residential	11th—13th July 2022
Last day of term, close at 1.30pm	Friday 22nd July 2022