



Dear Friends and Families,

It is with mixed emotions that I write this newsletter introduction. After all his dedication and hard work within our community, we say goodbye to Mr Taylor who will embark upon his first headship after the half term. I know you will all join me in wishing him the very best but also in thanking him for all he has done for the children, parents, and staff here at John Keats. Although his support, kindness, empathy and knowledge will be missed by all, it is also these qualities which will serve him well and bless another community for him to share these with. On behalf of everyone, good luck and thank you Mr Taylor, you will be missed as a teacher, a colleague and as a friend!

We'd also like to say a huge well done to our Purple Voices Choir, who represented the school so well at the O2 for Young Voices. Please see more on page 4. Last week, Blue 1 won the attendance trophy with an impressive 96% attendance! Our Nursery children had a wonderful time exploring street art in Peckham, sparking their creativity and curiosity. Year 3 embraced the outdoors on their trip to Forest School, developing resilience and teamwork while engaging with nature. Meanwhile, Year 4 continue to make great progress in their swimming lessons, growing in confidence with every session. Today, we're looking forward to a brilliant drumming performance from Year 6, where they will showcase their rhythm and teamwork. Looking ahead, we're excited for Wellbeing Day on Friday, a chance for children and staff to focus on ways to celebrate Mental Health Week.

Mr. Matt Rose
Headteacher

Nursery “



Nursery have been reading the book 'The Artist'. As part of our work on this we enjoyed a trip to Peckham to look at different street art. We used the ipads to take our own pictures of ourselves and the artwork. We have then created a collage of the photos in our class which will be going up as a display for you to see.

This week: We will be continuing to be artists and practising our art skills.

Reception have enjoyed reading our new book this week, "The Three Snow Bears". We have been working hard in our writing to look at similarities and differences between our book and Goldilocks and the Three Bears. Throughout this term we have been learning new painting and craft techniques and this week used recycled materials to create penguins for our Arctic Art exhibit next week. We have been reviewing 'ch', 'th' and 'sh' in phonics and learning about 'more than' and 'fewer than' in maths.

This week:

Please join us next Wednesday for our Arctic Art exhibition!

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Year 1



Year 1 have been very busy this week. In maths we have carried on with our learning on place value for numbers up to 20. We have been using our prior learning to compare different numbers, using smaller than, greater than and equal to. In English we have been getting ready for our big write next week by sequencing and planning our own diary entry. In Geography we mapped our local area using a template and thought of our own symbols for a key. We have also been very active this week! We had a KS1 multiskills morning, where a coach came in and delivered some great activities and talked about the importance of exercise for our body and mind. We also carried on with the choreography for our Lion King dance in PE.



This week's highlight: KS1 multi skills morning. We played games that really raised our heart rates and had lots of fun playing.

We've been hard at work this week in Y2! We have been looking at instruction texts and will be writing our own ones this week on how to grow tomatoes. In PSHE, we looked at internet safety and made some great posters all about how children can stay safe online. In art we finished our collages based on Monet's waterlilies. In computing we have been learning all about how to take a good photograph and we'll be putting this into practice during our trip to the Crossrail Place gardens when we take photos of the plants we see.

This week's highlight: Please ensure children bring both their reading record and book for book swap on Monday.

Year 2



Year 3



What an exciting week we've had in Year 3! In Maths, we began exploring fractions, learning how to split shapes and numbers into equal parts. The children have shown great enthusiasm and have impressed us with their understanding so far! In English, we dived into exciting vocabulary to enhance our Big Write on Hercules and his Twelve Labours. The children have been using powerful descriptive words to bring the mythical hero's adventures to life. Our Design Technology lessons have been all about food! We explored different textures and flavours as we prepare to make a traditional Greek salad for our banquet next week. The children enjoyed tasting and describing ingredients—some new favorites were discovered!



This week's highlight: We also had a fantastic time at Forest School, where we learned about the importance of trees in our environment.

Year 4 have had a lovely and busy week! In Maths we have continued at looking at perimeter and have started at looking at fractions. In English we have been writing diary entries. We have also continued with our Samba Drumming on Thursdays which has been great fun!

This week's highlight: Next Thursday we have our Roman themed day, so please come in dressed as Romans if you would like to! Friday, Green 4 have 1 more swimming session after half term.



Year 4



Year 5



This week in Year 5 we have started to build our Mayan masks - after designing them in Art and replicating them using vector drawings. We completed our big writes, building suspense within a narrative and tackled using fractions as operators. In RE this week, we've started to look at the weighty topic of Ethics and understanding morality. Please come to our end of term exhibition to see our project work at 2:30pm-3:00pm on Friday the 14th! !



This week's highlight: We are really looking forward to Wellbeing day and our chocolate making workshop!

We have had another brilliant week in year 6! We have continued to practice our skills in drumming and loved performing this today to show what we've learnt! In art we have enjoyed sketching and painting our Great Wave of Kanagawa inspired by Hokusai and we hope you enjoyed seeing our exhibition. In maths we have begun to consolidate some of our skills in addition and multiplication and are enjoying our new maths topic comparing imperial and metric measurements. We also enjoyed learning how to plan a PE lesson and demonstrated how responsible we can be whilst teaching it to Reception. Could all year 6 children use their CGP books for homework over half term- these will hugely help to prepare them for their SATs exams in May.



This week's highlight: Year 6 will be completing their project this week by reflecting on our big question and finishing off our art work and writing our informal letters.



With Wednesday being my last day at John Keats, I'm feeling both grateful and extremely sad. Working for this school, its incredible children and the wider community, has been such a special experience. I want to express my heartfelt thanks to the staff, families, and—most importantly—the students, who make this school such a unique and inspiring place. The relationships I've built here and the challenges we've tackled together will stay with me. I'll be back in July to celebrate our Year 6 pupils as they prepare for their next steps, but I look forward to seeing you this week to say goodbye. Thank you all for your support, kindness, and for making John Keats such a wonderful place to be.

With warmest wishes,
Mr. Taylor



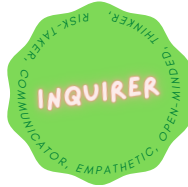
Purple Voices Choir at Young Voices 2025

Our very own Purple Voices Choir once again made their annual pilgrimage to the O2, where they sang their hearts out, danced their socks off, and proved that they Couldn't Stop The Beat! With all the energy of a Footloose dance party, our very own Nicest Kids in Town lit up the stage, grooving The Night Away. Along the way, they made new friends and reconnected with familiar faces—each moment sparkling like a Firework in the night sky. We couldn't be prouder of our choir and all the hard work they put in to make this evening spectacular. A huge thank you goes out to all the amazing adults who helped make this trip possible. A special thank you goes to one of our wonderful parents and PTA members, Gemma for kindly printing our new choir t-shirts. We love them!

For those who couldn't attend—or if you'd simply love to relive the magic from the comfort of your home—concert recordings are available for purchase [here](#).

Well done Purple Voices Choir; you were amazing!
Ms Trotman 🎵

John Keats' Values Stickers



Y2

Aaliyah

Rudi

Millie, Aiyah-Jane, Jeneba,
Aiyah-Jane, Jeneba

Y3

Hawa, Luna,
Michael, Jeremiah,
Joshua

Sulton, Michael

Marvin, Khyree,
Maddison, Destiny

Nayara, Emily,
Maddison, Mishani,
Valentina, Kamiah

Whole of Green 3

Y4

Logan

Kayne Khalil Emmy

Darius Hollie

Ilona, Tamia, Hamidah,
Khalee, Scarlett, Maiya
B

Naila, Leo, Hunter

Y5

Ibrahim

Green 5, Melanie D,
Victoria, Joshua L,
Sophie, Isaac, Sam,
Godsglory, Rebecca

Y6

Martina Anya Jack
Sana Skyela

Malique

Abdul-Malik Mason
Olivia-Rose Seigan,
Hadley, Martina,
Amanda, Asal, Mynka

SPRING MENU

Week 3



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Main Meat Dish	Stir vegetable rice & fried eggs (WS)	Spaghetti Bolognese (W)	Bbq chicken	Beef pie (W)	Chicken nuggets (W)
Main Vegetarian Dish	Vegetable lasagne (WD)	Baked vegetable quiche (W)	Jacket potato with baked beans & cheese (D)	Butternut squash macaroni cheese (WD)	Vegetable pie (W)
sStarchy Dish	Roasted new potato	Bulgur rice	Basmati rice	Mashed potato	Fried chips
Vegetable	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables	Seasonal vegetables
Salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad	Selection of fresh salad
Bread	50/50 bread (W)	Garlic bread (W)	50/50 bread (W)	Yorkshire pudding (W)	Olive and sundried bloomer (W)
Dessert	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)	Special pudding of the week	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)	Fruit selection or cheese & biscuits (W) or fruit yoghurt (D)
Drink	Water	Water	Water	Water	Water

SEND and Inclusion

Would you like to know more about Educational Health Care Plans (EHCPs)?

Kate Hannam from the Southwark SEN
Inclusion and Monitoring Team is coming
to John Keats Primary School.

On: Thursday 13th February 2025
At: 9am

Please see Ms Littlechild or email senco@jkacademy.org.uk
with any questions you may have.



AUTISM SUPPORT TEAM PARENT COFFEE MORNING

Join us for an informal and friendly coffee morning with Blagoje Vucinic (Mr B), Autism Post Diagnosis Support Worker from the Autism Support Team (AST).

This is an opportunity for parents of autistic children to ask questions about the diagnosis, to discuss practical strategies for meeting the needs of your children, to meet other parents, to share information and experiences, or simply just to listen.

To book your place please complete the registration form: [Registration](#)

Please arrive ten minutes before the event to sign in. Looking forward to meeting you! Email:

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Strategic Director of Children's and Adult Services – David Quirke-Thornton

School	Address	Date	Time
Lyndhurst Primary School	Grove Lane SE5 8SN	27th September 24	9:30 – 11:30
Dulwich Village C of E Infants' School	Francis Building Turney Road Annex Dulwich Village SE21 7JU	16th October 24	9:30 – 11:30
Bird in Bush Primary School	Bird in Bush Rd, SE15 1QP	13th November 24	9:30 – 11:30
St John's and St Clement's CE Primary School	Adys Road SE15 4DY	11th December 24	9:30 – 11:30
Southwark Park Primary School	383 Southwark Park Road SE16 2JH	8th January 25	9:30 – 11:30
Goodrich Primary School	Dunstans Road SE22 0EP	5th February 25	9:30 – 11:30
Friars Primary (Foundation) School	Webber Street, SE1 0RF	5th March 25	9:30 – 11:30
Goose Green Primary and Nursery School	Tintagel Crescent East Dulwich SE22 8HG	2nd April 25	9:30 – 11:30
St Anthony's Catholic Primary School	Etherow Street SE22 0LA	14th May 25	9:30 – 11:30
English Martyrs' Catholic Primary School	Flint Street SE17 1RB	11th June 25	9:30 – 11:30
Michael Faraday Primary School	Portland Street SE17 2HR	2nd July 25	9:30 – 11:30

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