

John Keats
Primary School

JK News

Monday 6th October 2025



Dear Parents and carers,

It's been another great week at John Keats! We've seen some creative artwork, use of the VR headsets and had some year groups out on local walks or exciting trips! We have some exciting news to share- Green 3 won the recycling challenge and as a result won a big box of sweets!

We also had a few new members join our 144 club- a club specially recognising children who have learned all of their times tables off by heart. We now have 6 members whose photos will be added to our exclusive Wall of Fame- a fantastic way to celebrate achievement in maths! **Please remember to clearly name all children's clothing**, especially jumpers and coats. Lost property is located outside the hall and, due to limited space, unclaimed items are cleared monthly- so please check regularly. A reminder too that children should be arriving on time each day and completing their homework consistently, as this really supports their learning. A reminder that all Independent Learning Projects are due in next week—we're so excited to see what the children have created! The PTA held their first meeting of the year last week, which Mrs Barnett joined. It was a lovely opportunity for new parents to find out what the PTA does, ask questions and start planning whole school events. The next meeting is on Wednesday 5th November- if you'd like to get involved, we'd love your help! Just email johnkeats.pta@icloud.com and they will happily find you a role at their next event- no experience needed and the more hands, the better. Our first wellbeing day of the year will take place on 17th October and will be Black History Month themed- have a look at our special menu attached below!

Miss Denny
Deputy Headteacher

Autumn term key dates

- ❖ Tuesday 7th October 2025 at 9.30am: Reception open morning
- ❖ Thursday 16th October 2025 at 9.30am: Reception open morning
- ❖ Friday 17th October 2025: Wellbeing Day/ Last day of term
- ❖ Monday 3rd November 2025: Return to school
- ❖ Wednesday 5th November 2025: Reception open morning
- ❖ Thursday 6th November: School nurse to visit to do height & Weight for Reception & Year 6
- ❖ Monday 10th- 14th November 2025: Parent/carer week
- ❖ Thursday 20th November: School Photos
- ❖ Thursday 20th November 2025 at 2.00pm: Reception open afternoon
- ❖ Thursday 2nd December 2025 at 9.30am: Reception open morning
- ❖ Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 9.30am: KS1 Winter Concert
- ❖ Wednesday 10th December 2025 at 2.00pm: KS2 Winter Concert
- ❖ Friday 12th December 2025: Christmas lunch
- ❖ Wednesday 17th December 2025 at 9.30am: EYFS Winter Concert
- ❖ Thursday 18th December 2025: Wellbeing Day
- ❖ Friday 19th December 2025: Last day of term/ Break up at 1pm

Attendance

Attendance at John Keats!

At John Keats, we love to celebrate great Attendance Matters at John Keats!

- ✨ Come to school 5 days in a row and your name goes on the Wheel of Fortune!
- ✨ Each week, 3 lucky winners per phase spin the wheel and choose a prize from the treasure chest of goodies!
- ✨ The class with the best attendance each week goes on the leaderboard.
- ✨ At the end of term, the winning class enjoys a special trip to the park with SLT!
- ♥ Every day counts — will YOU be our next winner? ♥

144 Club!

✨ Join the 144 Club! ✨

Can you master all 144 times tables facts (1-12)?

- 🎯 Earn a 144 badge as you get quicker and more confident
 - 💡 Build a strong foundation for tricky maths problems
 - 🎉 Celebrate your success on a whole school display
 - 👉 Practice, improve, achieve — and have fun along the way!
- Who's ready for the challenge? $\frac{1}{34}$ ✨



Always Club



✨ Always Club at John Keats! ✨

We're thrilled to share some exciting news—Always Club has arrived at John Keats!

Each week, our teachers choose one child from their class who is always showing our school values—being kind, respectful, empathetic, resilient, and giving their best every day. These superstar role models are then invited to join our special Always Club celebration.

During the session, children enjoy 30 minutes of fun-packed activities, from colouring in and drawing, to building with LEGO and Megablocks, to exciting games like table tennis. The laughter and smiles say it all—it's quickly becoming a highlight of the week for both the pupils and Coach Gilly!

Always Club is our way of celebrating those children who live out our values every single day. We're so proud of their efforts, and we can't wait to see who will be joining the fun next week!

Nursery



Nursery have been reading 'Smart Aunties'. We have used the book to look at different patterns and practice our counting. We made spotty and flowery hats and we have been weaving with paper and wool.

This week, we will spend time in class talking about our families and who lives at home with us.

Reception



Reception have been reading our new book, 'A Walk in London', this week. We have been exploring all of London's major landmarks and trying to draw, build and create them out of different materials. Our writing was about an imaginary day exploring the city. In maths, we have been focusing on comparing groups using language like 'more' and 'fewer'. New phonics sounds: ck, e, u, r

Always club:

BR: Mohammed - for a great week of following instructions & our class rules. GR: Rima- For always trying her best!

Year 1



This week in Year 1, we have been learning about setting descriptions in Literacy, using our new book Where Are You From? In Art, we created collages of our self-portraits-come and take a look at these on display in our classes! In Maths, we have explored the concepts of greater than, less than, and equal to. In phonics we are reviewing previously learnt sounds.

Always club:

B1 - Zoe for always making good choices

G1 - Ava-Mae (for always having a go at completing a task independently)

It has been a great week in Year 2. In Maths, we used our knowledge of number bonds to 10 to help us with our number bonds to 100. In English, we learnt the features of a character description. In Science, we learnt about how to keep healthy and created some amazing posters.

Always club:

G2 Hanayah- for her great focusing this week and starting more tasks independently.

Well done Hanayah! B2 - Edison for his excellent attitude to his learning and his positive resilient outlook at all times!

Year 3



This week, we began exploring our brand-new text, My Heart is a Compass. The children have really enjoyed diving into the story and sharing their ideas. In SPaG, our focus has been on using "a" and "an" as determiners, and the class has worked hard to spot and use these correctly in their writing. In maths, we have been strengthening our number skills by working on bridging 100 using both addition and subtraction, which allowed for perseverance in applying different strategies to solve problems. Our geography lessons took us outdoors as we carefully constructed maps of our route from school to Southwark Park, where we thought carefully about landmarks, directions, and how to represent our journey clearly. Next week, we will be turning our attention to features of a character description in English, which we are really looking forward to.

Always club:

B3-Millie for always doing the right thing G3- Kyon Fantastic attitude towards learning.

Year 2



Year 4



Year 4 have had a fantastic week! In Maths, we have been working on addition and subtraction of 4-digit numbers with exchange. In English, we have started planning our formal letters to MP Emma Reynolds using persuasive language to suggest how to stop the use of single use plastic. We also explored the issue of plastic pollution in the ocean an exciting way using VR headsets to investigate the problem up close! Please ensure your child is reading every day and continuing to practice their times tables. We are very proud of the children who have already tried to join the 144 club! They are so close! Always club:

B4 Kamiah for always making the right choices and showing a focused, positive attitude to everything she does! G4 Kelis - Always showing a positive attitude towards her work and works extremely hard. Keep up the amazing work!

Year 5



We have been learning all about bullying in PSHE, what to look out for and what to do if you see it happening. We then created informative and eye-catching anti-bullying posters to display in the school. We've continued to look at setting descriptions in English, looking at how rich vocabulary and tone can make a place come alive in writing. In maths, we've finished our unit on addition and subtraction and will now be starting our multiplication and division unit. If you have not already done so, please return trip letters. We are proud to announce that 5 of the 6 current 144 club members are from Y5, and we are sure that there are more to come!

Always club:

G5- Jamal, for his resilience and for looking out for his classmates B5 - Khalee, for always showing the right attitude in class towards learning



Year 6

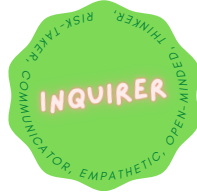


Year 6 have had a wonderful week! We visited the Science Museum on Wednesday, exploring the Medicine part of the museum that links in with our project. Children also loved the Wonderlab and explored the 50 exhibits in 7 different zones including Maths, Electricity, Forces, Space, Light, Matter and Sound.

Just a reminder that homework is 2 pages of maths and SPAG each week. We then mark all together!

B6- Jaden, for being a great model on the school trip and making John Keats proud! G6 - Melanie, for always contributing and doing the right thing.

John Keats' Values Stickers



Y1

All of blue 1	Zephaniah - Green 1		Blue 1 - Cecilia		Zerral - Green 1
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Y2

		G2- Roya			G2- Alessia
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Y3

Anthony, Liam, Kayon, Layla, Lella, Amara, Zani, ALice- Grace, Ollie, Dimitar, Nastia, Dimitar. Green 3	Cassise-Blue 3				
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Y4

DJ, Fatima, Joud,	Star, Rose, Fatima, Siena, Izan	Harley, Minky	Kamiah, Maya, Aliyha, Daniel B, Destiny	Natalie	Joud
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Y5

Amara, Maya Baker	Ariah, Jamal, Ali, Darius, Kayne, Hector, Avina		Jamal		Ali
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Y6

Mya, Tamiah	Brooke, Rebecca, Ibrahim	Green 6 - for their inquisitive minds at the science museum. Oliver, Aiyana, Rebecca, Jaden	Tamiah, Keysha, Leo. Godsglory, Jaden, Oliver, Amil, Faryal		Melanie
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Autumn Term Menu 2025-26

WEEK 1 – W/C 01/09/25, 22/09/25, 13/10/25

<u>Main</u> Vegetable stew	<u>Main</u> Chicken sausages & gravy (G)	<u>Main</u> Chicken curry	<u>Main</u> Beef bolognese sauce	<u>Main</u> Fish fingers (F G E)
<u>Vegetarian</u> Jacket potato with baked beans & cheese (D)	<u>Vegetarian</u> Baked vegetable pastries (G)	<u>Vegetarian</u> Stir fried vegetable noodles (G E)	<u>Vegetarian</u> Vegetable moussaka (D)	<u>Vegetarian</u> Vegetable soufflé (G D)
<u>Carbohydrate</u> Couscous (G)	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Mashed potato (D)	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Basmati rice	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Spaghetti in tomato sauce (G E)	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Chips
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<u>Desert</u>	<u>Desert</u>	<u>Desert</u> Strawberry jelly- Halal	<u>Desert</u>	<u>Desert</u>

WEEK 2 – W/C 08/09/25, 29/09/25

<u>Main</u> Mac & cheese (D G E)	<u>Main</u> BBQ chicken thighs	<u>Main</u> Roast beef	<u>Main</u> Chicken paella	<u>Main</u> Beef burger (G)
<u>Vegetarian</u> Stuffed baked peppers	<u>Vegetarian</u> Cauliflower tacos (G D)	<u>Vegetarian</u> Vegetable lasagna (G D E)	<u>Vegetarian</u> Vegetable quiche (G D E)	<u>Vegetarian</u> Vegetable burger (G)
<u>Carbohydrate</u> Boiled potato	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Basmati rice	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Roast potatoes	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Vegetable paella	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Chips
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<u>Desert</u>	<u>Desert</u>	<u>Desert</u> Apple crumble & custard (G D)	<u>Desert</u>	<u>Desert</u>

WEEK 3 – W/C 15/09/25, 06/10/25

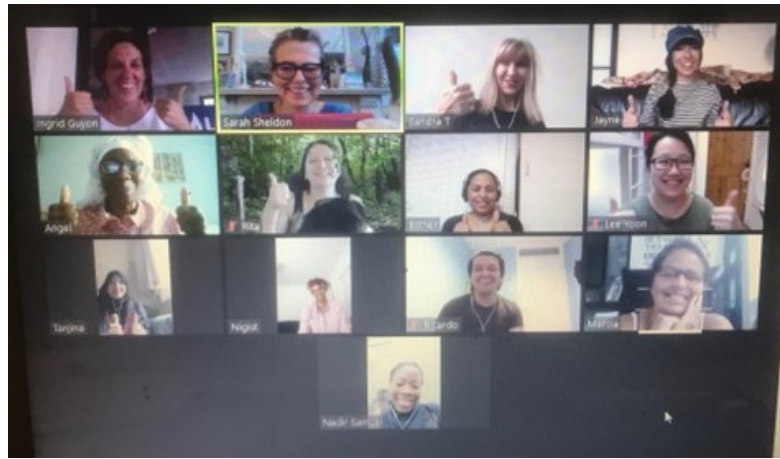
<u>Main</u> Penne pasta with grilled vegetables (G E)	<u>Main</u> Jerk chicken drumsticks	<u>Main</u> Beef lasagna (G D)	<u>Main</u> Roast chicken	<u>Main</u> Chicken hot dogs (G)
<u>Vegetarian</u> Stuffed butternut squash	<u>Vegetarian</u> Spinach eggs casserole (G E)	<u>Vegetarian</u> Ricotta & spinach ravioli (G D E)	<u>Vegetarian</u> Stuffed potato skins (G D)	<u>Vegetarian</u> Spring rolls (G)
<u>Carbohydrate</u> New potatoes	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Caribbean rice & peas	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Cauliflower cheese (D)	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Roast potatoes	<u>Carbohydrate</u> Chips
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<u>Desert</u>	<u>Desert</u>	<u>Desert</u> Orange jelly- Halal	<u>Desert</u>	<u>Desert</u>

**** All allergy concerns are catered for, please speak to our catering manager for more information**

Allergens						
Ce celery	F fish	Mk milk	N nuts	So soya	E eggs	Mu mustard
Cr crustacean	G cereals (gluten)	Mo molluscs	P peanuts	Su sulphur dioxide	L lupin	Se sesame seeds

Online English (ESOL) Course

FREE 15-week Entry level/Level 1 online accredited courses for Southwark residents



Classes will be on

Two mornings per week at 10am—12.30pm

(Days of classes will depend on your level)

6th October 2025 - 6th February 2026

(term-time only)

plus online Conversation Clubs

This course will take place on Zoom.

Applicants should live in Southwark

To apply for a place on the course *in advance*

please use this link or QR code:

<https://tinyurl.com/2v3zn2za>

Spaces are limited so **book soon**.

We will contact you to arrange an assessment and confirm your place on the course.





17TH OCTOBER 2025



BLACK HISTORY MONTH



WELLBEING DAY MENU

MAIN: JERK STYLE CHICKEN OR MACARONI
CHEESE

SIDE: RICE AND PEAS OR JOLLOF RICE

VEGETABLES: GRILLED CORN ON THE COB,
SWEETCORN, CARROTS, SPINACH, SALAD BAR

DESERT: PINEAPPLE UPSIDE DOWN CAKE WITH
CUSTARD



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