

## Newsletter No. 13

Fri 21st March 2025



Dear Parents/ Carers,

We have had a busy two weeks since our last newsletter. For the first time, we celebrated International Women's Day which was organised by our wonderful PA.

All of the junior classes had three parents who visited their classes and talked to the children about how for a very long-time girls and women were treated differently and how this shouldn't be the case. They also spoke to the children about the different jobs that they do and how important it is to aim high. It was wonderful to have so many parents willing to come and speak to the children so a big thank you from us for being so organised and for putting this important initiative on our school's calendar.

Thank you for making such an effort to come

and speak to your child's class teacher this week about how they are getting on in school. You will have noticed that this meeting as it is half way through the academic year, there was more of a focus on your child's academic development with strategies of how they can further improve their standard of work. Additional ways of how you can support with this have been posted on your child's Google Classroom and Tapestry (EYFS).

We have also had a few sporting initiatives and school trips which are highlighted in the newsletter.

Have a good weekend, with hopefully some sunshine.

*Claire Campbell*



### Swimming

Year 5 completed their statutory swimming lessons this week. Staff at the pool commented on how well behaved and hardworking the children were as well as praising them for notable improvements in both their stamina and swimming technique.

Many thanks to all of the staff for accompanying the children over the last four weeks.



Thank you for the many donations of books which were received and sold during book week. A whopping £280 raised but most importantly every child got to take at least one book home.

## Autism Awareness Day – Whole School Activities

**World Autism  
Acceptance Month**  
April 2025

We are excited to celebrate Autism Awareness Day with a range of engaging activities designed to promote understanding, acceptance, and inclusion.

This year, Bridge Outreach Services will be delivering a whole-school assembly on **Wednesday, 2nd April**, focusing on the theme **"My Unique Brain"**. The assembly will explore how our brains work in different ways and the importance of looking after them, with a special emphasis on how some individuals may need different support to thrive.

As part of the awareness campaign, each class will create an inclusion pledge, reflecting on ways they can support and celebrate neurodiversity within their classrooms. Teachers will guide discussions and facilitate the activity, with EYFS classes contributing a whole-class pledge. One pupil from each class will be selected to share their pledge during the assembly.

Parents can get involved by accessing resources from the National Autistic Society (NAS), including informative PDFs on supporting autistic children and fostering inclusive environments. Visit [www.autism.org.uk/waam](http://www.autism.org.uk/waam) to learn more about how you can take part.

Let's come together to celebrate and support the autistic community in our school and beyond!





## Year 5 and 6 Maamulaha Tag Rugby Tournament

On March 10th 2025 we went to a tag rugby tournament and we did really well.

The first match we played was against St John the Evangelist and we secured a comfortable win, scoring 3 tries. In our second match, we played against Vittoria and it was a close match but thanks to tries from Aldana and Patrick we beat them 2-1. In our final two group games, we won 2-0 against Robert Blair and 3-0

against Hargrave Park. Having finished top of the group, we progressed to the final, playing against the second-place team, Robert Blair. In the final we played really well and beat them 3-0 with tries from Ify, Orlando and Patrick. This result meant that we finished the tournament undefeated. Everyone had fun and we were delighted with the result.

Report written by Rouen Sport Captain, Mathias.



Well done to Ify, Orlando, Aldana, Tom, Scarlett, Mathias, Lila, Alexa, Patrick and Ethan who were in the SJA Year 5 and 6 Tag Rugby Team that won the Maamulaha Schools Tag Rugby Tournament.

### **Boiler Update**

We have submitted all of the required paperwork seeking a grant to cover the 90% cost of the boiler. I will update you when I have more news on this. Thank you to all of the children and staff for their patience and ability to wear multi layers on cold days.



## YEAR 4 TRIP TO THE BRITISH MUSEUM



On Thursday 13th March we travelled by the 19 bus to The British Museum. We explored the Roman Britain exhibition and learnt lots from all the fascinating artefacts on display. We particularly enjoyed the 'Hands on' activity where we got to handle artefacts from the Roman times including a bracelet.

We enjoyed eating our lunch together. After lunch we visited the Egyptian display of mummies.



We behaved amazingly well and were really sensible in a very busy and hectic place.

Many thanks to the parent helpers who volunteered to help us and made our day go really well.





St Joan of Arc School  
Growing together

We're gearing up for the **St Joan of Arc Primary School Auction**, and we need **YOUR** amazing donations!

### What Can You Donate?

- ★ **Your special gift** : you teach yoga? you are a photographer? offer your time for a special experience.
- 📧 **Your connections** : Rihanna is your bestie? Saka your best mate? offer a signed T shirts, or just time with somebody famous.
- 🎫 **Gift vouchers** : you work for British Airways? you work for Deliveroo? offer a voucher from your company.
- 🍪 **Home-baked treats** (paella, large Italian dishes etc).

If this sold for millions... imagine what **YOUR** donation could do!

Contact your Class  
Representative to donate!

**Bidding Opens:** May 12th

**Closes:** May 18th

📱 Online and easy to join!





## School PE Uniform consultation

You will be aware from the recent coffee morning that we are consulting you on a possible change to the PE t-shirt uniform from September.

We are proposing moving from a white t-shirt with a logo to a white polo shirt. If this is agreed by parents, we will provide children who are participating in sports teams externally with a St Joan of Arc shirt with a logo for that event.

In order for this change to be agreed by governors, we need at least a 70% response from parents to the consultation.

Please take some time to give your views below.

The consultation closes on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2025



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## EASTER TREATS FOR ALL THE CHILDREN!



Instead of egg donations this year - The PA is organising a special Easter pick & mix for every child to make it even more fun, there will be an **own clothes day on THURSDAY 3rd APRIL!**

If you are able to make a voluntary donation of £1 that would be appreciated.

## Jubilee 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

Thank you so much for all of your donations so far, our table in the school entrance area is a lovely reflection of your generosity.

The last date for donations will be **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April.**

### Foods to Donate:

Tinned food – fruit, vegetables, soups, meat or fish  
Boxes of cereals  
Pasta/rice  
Jars of pasta sauce  
Tea bags  
Coffee  
Sugar  
UHT milk



## Easter Preparation

As Holy week falls this year during the school holidays, the children will be participating in



Stations of the Cross during

the final week of this term. This will enable them to gain a better understanding of the Easter story and why it is such an important part of our church calendar.

Year 5 will be hosting the Passion Play on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 9.00am  
Parents are warmly invited to attend.



## March

### Week Beginning Monday 24th

27th - 8.45am Special Assembly Year 5/6 choir—parents invited

28th - 8.30am – Mother’s Day Tea Party—Reception

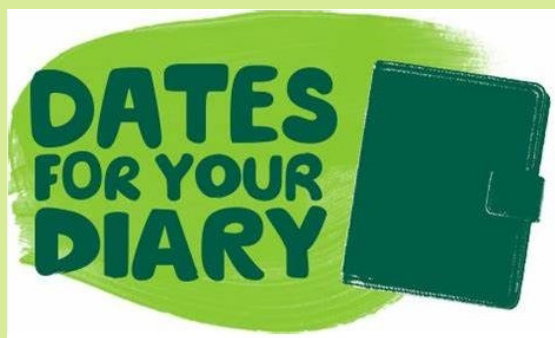
### Week Beginning Monday 31st

3rd April - Non uniform day—PA Easter treats distribution

- 9.00am Easter Passion Play—Y5 parents invited

4th - 9am End of Term Mass led by 4J—Parents invited

- **1.30pm –**  
**school closes for the Easter holidays**



## APRIL

### Week Beginning Monday 21st

22nd - 8.30am - School Summer Term Starts

