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John Scurr Newsletter



Dear Parents,

As we reach the end of another wonderful term at John Scurr Primary School, I wanted to take a moment to share some exciting news and reflect on all that we have achieved together as a school community.
I am delighted to share that our children have achieved strong outcomes across all Key Stage 2 assessments this year. This is a testament to the hard work of our children, the dedication of our teaching staff, and the invaluable support you provide at home.

Our phonics and Early Years Foundation Stage outcomes are good considering our children's starting points. However, I know that with improved attendance and punctuality for some of our pupils, these results could have been even better. This is something I would like us all to focus on together as we move into the new academic year- every day in school truly makes a difference to your child's learning journey.
What a fantastic term it has been! We have celebrated together through:

- Our vibrant Food Festival
- The wonderful Summer Fair bringing families together
- Exciting school visits that have enriched our curriculum
- The Gorsefield residential trip for Year 6- what an adventure!
- Energetic Sports Days demonstrating our school values in action
- Numerous community events that strengthen the bonds within our community

It is always such a pleasure to celebrate these special moments with you all. These experiences truly embody our vision that "everyone should learn new skills and grasp all of life's exciting opportunities."

Our fabulous Year 6 children are preparing to move on to their secondary schools, and while we shall miss them dearly, we are incredibly proud of the confident, resilient young people they have become. They exemplify our school rule of being kind and trying their best. We wish them every success in their next chapter.

We also say goodbye to some valued members of our staff team who are moving on to new opportunities. We thank them wholeheartedly for their commitment to John Scurr School and the time they have dedicated to supporting our children and families. We wish them the very best of luck in their future endeavours.

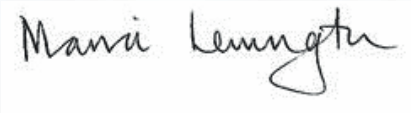
The summer holidays provide a wonderful opportunity for families to rest, relax, and recuperate together. However, behind the scenes, our amazing premises team led by Ray, along with our business and admin team, will be working throughout the holidays to ensure everything is ready for our return in September.

We are excited to start the new academic year with:

- New pupils joining our school family
- A brand new library to inspire our love of reading
- New class names reflecting our commitment to the natural world

As we break up for the summer, I want to express my heartfelt gratitude for your continued support and partnership. Together, we are helping our children "be the best that they can be" and preparing them for bright futures filled with possibilities.

I hope you all have a wonderful, restful summer break with your families.



Maria Lewington
Executive Headteacher

Attendance Celebration

Congratulations to Thunberg class. They have the highest attendance for the Summer Term with 96.2% and will celebrate with a Bowling Trip.

A huge well done to the 128 children who achieved 100% attendance for the Summer Term.

Finally, the biggest congratulations to the 39 children who had 100% attendance for the WHOLE school year. AMAZING. These children all received a Golden Ticket







Helen Davies

The Healthy Lives Team hosted the Daily Mile Celebration Event on Tuesday 24th June at Mile End Stadium.

Almost 700 children from many schools in the borough ran laps at Mile End Stadium to promote the importance of physical activity at The Healthy Lives Daily Mile Celebration Event.

We took all of our children in Year 4, 5 and 6 to celebrate all the effort they show to complete the Daily Mile at school each day.

The children enjoyed their warm up with some professional athletes and then enthusiastically ran, jogged or walked two laps of the stadium track. Some children enjoyed it so much that they wanted to do a third lap!

Every child was proud of the medal they were presented with and all wore it proudly back to school and some children even wore it for the rest of the week.







Healthy Schools Celebration

Tower Hamlets Council hosted The Healthy Lives Celebration event on Thursday 12th June 2025, attended by over 200 pupils and school staff from across the borough. The event is an opportunity to celebrate the significant efforts in promoting health and wellbeing in schools with more bronze, silver and gold awards than any other borough.

I attended with Yusuf, Humaira and Wajiha from Rashford class where we received 3 awards; Fantastic Food in Schools, a Silver Healthy Schools Award for our Family Style Dining – this will become a Gold Award in the new academic year and we maintained our Asthma and Allergy Friendly School Status.

We had a fantastic morning celebrating our awards but also having the opportunity to try activities and games from organisations that promote children's health and well being in the borough.



Year 4 Swimming - Venue and Timetable Change

Swimming is a statutory part of the national curriculum, and we're committed to ensuring all our pupils learn this vital life skill in a safe and supportive environment.

Each year, our Year 4 children attend swimming lessons to develop water safety and swimming ability. Previously, these lessons took place at Mile End Leisure Centre on Friday mornings. However, due to changes in their timetable, we have been allocated a new slot.

From September, Year 4 swimming lessons will take place at York Hall on Monday afternoons.

- **Lesson time: 1:30pm – 2:30pm**
- **Return to school: Children will return before the end of the school day**
  To ensure the safety and comfort of all pupils:
- **There is separate, designated changing rooms for boys and girls, exclusively for school use (not shared with the public).**
- **Both a male and a female member of John Scurr Primary School staff will always accompany the children.**

We hope our current Year 3 pupils are looking forward to starting their swimming lessons as they move into Year 4 in September. Swimming is an essential life skill, and we are proud to offer this opportunity as part of our curriculum.



Activities In Tower Hamlets for the Summer



Summer Reading For Everyone at John Scurr Primary

As we head into the summer holidays, we're excited to encourage every pupil and family at John Scurr Primary School to make reading a big part of your summer fun! Reading helps us relax, explore new worlds, and keep our minds active—all while having fun.

Local Reading Opportunities in Tower Hamlets

Did you know that the Idea Store branches across Tower Hamlets are open all summer long? Pop in to:
Borrow a huge range of children's books (and books for grown-ups!)
Join free summer storytelling sessions and workshops
Take part in the Summer Reading Challenge—sign up at your nearest Idea Store and collect rewards for every book you finish!

The "Caught Reading Challenge"

We're launching our very own Caught Reading Challenge! Here's how you can take part:
Find a book you love—it can be anywhere: at home, in the park, at the beach, or even in a tree!
Ask someone to take a photo of you reading (or take a selfie!)
Send your photo to: admin@johnscurr.towerhamlets.sch.uk

We'll celebrate your love of reading by creating a whole-school display with your photos when we return in September. Let's see how creative you can get with your reading spots!

Let's Keep Reading Together

Thank you for making reading a priority this summer. Whether you're picking up a comic, a novel, or a recipe book—every page counts. We can't wait to see all the fantastic places reading takes you!

Becky Marsden



Building Health and Safety Update – July 2025

Hello parents and carers.

Since we last updated you, in the autumn of 2024, there has, as usual, been lots going on in our school building in terms of improvements and upgrades!

Here are SOME of the projects completed this year:
The largest project has been the unexpected need to demolish and rebuild the front wall of the school, starting in February and completed in April.

I hope that you agree the finished wall looks extremely smart!
We also further improved our outside toilets with the instillation of electric hand dryers – which cut down on the use of paper hand towels and dry hands far more effectively and gently.

In addition, over the past school year, we have made further improvements to the lighting in the classrooms, corridors and halls. Nearly every part of the school now has energy saving LED lighting, which both saves money and gives a better quality of light.

Features in the playground have been refreshed over this past year – such as the door canopies, which now look like new!

Other planned projects for the remainder of 2024 include:

* The creation of a new library on the first floor of the main building – a very exciting project which we will be starting in late July, with the demolition of an internal wall to make too offices into one larger library space.
* The replacement of 12 door and window units in our ground floor classrooms including the instillation of a wheelchair friendly entrance door to our High Needs Packham class.

* Old door and window units to be replaced during the summer break.

We would like to add our best wishes to you all – for the summer break and the remainder of 2025





Ray Royer – Premises Lead
Steve Blyth – Compliance Consultant

Our John Scurr Chess Players

The children of John Scurr Primary School took part in an exciting chess competition during a vibrant chess festival, where the atmosphere buzzed with friendly rivalry, curiosity, and shared enthusiasm.

As proud chess ambassadors, they represented their school with excellence—demonstrating sportsmanship, teamwork, and a genuine passion for learning. Surrounded by giant boards, interactive lessons, and peers from other schools, they engaged in focused yet joyful matches, supporting one another between rounds.

Each child embraced the challenge of the game, building confidence as they solved complex puzzles and developed creative strategies. Through shared experiences and mutual encouragement, they formed friendships and strengthened important values that reached far beyond the chessboard.

Beyond the fun of the festival, chess offers these young ambassadors meaningful skills that will support their transition to secondary school. It enhances concentration, patience, and critical thinking—skills that are essential in adapting to new subjects, routines, and social situations. Chess encourages resilience and emotional control, helping children approach problems calmly and think through their decisions logically.

As they prepare for the next stage of their education, the discipline and independence fostered by chess will continue to benefit them both academically and personally. I, Satnam Sokhal, am incredibly proud of each and every one of these children. It has been an absolute joy and privilege to teach them chess and watch them grow—not only as players, but as thoughtful, confident individuals. Their achievements and attitude reflect the very best of John Scurr Primary, and I look forward to seeing all they accomplish in the future





Celebrations in the Early Years

What a fantastic year it's been for our Early Years! The children have thoroughly enjoyed learning to create a variety of delicious foods, honing their strength while climbing and balancing in the playground, and speaking confidently in front of their friends—a true joy to witness!

2 Year Olds and Nursery enjoyed competing in their sports day and Reception were lucky enough to have had the pleasure of welcoming author Leigh Hodgkinson, who has written one of our core texts, 'Martha Maps It Out.' The children had a delightful time creating a character with her, sparking their imaginations further. To top it all off, our trip to the Discovery Children's Story Centre in Stratford was a huge hit! The children loved travelling on the London Underground and exploring the thrilling 'funfair' exhibition and story. Here's to more exciting adventures ahead!

Please see below for some transition tips and links to help with your child moving up into Nursery or Reception.

* **NHS toilet training video**
* **Starting Reception tips and tricks**

Tips:

- Create a morning routine for your child and be consistent.
- Share positive thoughts on starting Nursery or Reception- talk about how much fun it will be and share stories of other children who enjoyed Nursery or Reception.

- Create consistent routines and say goodbye the same way to help your child understand what to expect.
- Stay in touch with EYFS staff and keep us updated on your child's behaviour, progress or challenges at your

* 1:1 appointment in September.

Looking to September:

Attend your 1:1 meeting with your child's teacher in September-

Reception: 2nd September

Nursery: 2nd and 3rd September

Reception children start school on Wednesday 3rd September for a half day, moving to full time from Thursday 4th September.

Nursery children start school on Thursday 4th September.

Chloe Knight

Pupil Voice Committee

It has been a very successful year for this year's Pupil Voice Committee and they have taken pride in representing our school and being a voice for their peers. They have achieved so much, from organising Children in Need, to helping children stay safe in the heatwave and even helping to choose our new class names for next year! We can't wait to learn all about the plants that our classes will be named after in September.

Everyone who has interacted with the PVC this year has commented on how confidently and fluently they express themselves and talk about the school. Their pride in their environment and their learning is really clear and they have really made myself and Laurie very proud this year.

I know all of the pupils have very bright futures ahead of them and I can't wait to see how their careers progress, broth and John Scurr and beyond. I am also looking forward to having the current PVC involved in the election process for the new committee in September!

Sophie Lewis

Music and John Scurr – a celebration

This term, the children at John Scurr Primary School have had an extraordinary musical journey as we studied the renowned Great British Rock Band, Queen! Their eclectic music has allowed our pupils to explore a delightful mix of genres, encompassing Rock, Opera, and Pop. This culminated in a spectacular rock concert featuring over 90 enthusiastic performers who sang loud and proud, bringing everyone to their feet!

The concert showcased iconic hits, including "We Will Rock You," "Bohemian Rhapsody," and "Another One Bites the Dust," with children passionately stomping, singing, and playing throughout the event.

Adding to the excitement, we are thrilled to announce that we were specially selected to participate in the Tower Hamlets Arts and Music Education Service primary celebration. Twenty-two Year 2 pupils had the honour of representing John Scurr at Shoreditch Town Hall, where they enthralled a crowd of over 450 parents with their incredible drumming on the djembes.

Music at John Scurr is certainly gaining momentum, spreading joy and enthusiasm both within and beyond our school community!

Rebecca O'Brien

DT and Food Festival

DT has always played a pivotal role in the curriculum here at John Scurr. From textiles, to mechanisms and structures, DT enables all children to develop real-world skills whilst building them as problem solvers, identifying a problem and developing the tools to solve it.

To celebrate our excellent DT learning this year, every child from Early Years, to Packham, to Key Stage 1 and Key Stage 2 participated in our very own John Scurr Mexican Fiesta. With a recipe at hand, which included salsa, burrito bowls, sweetcorn fritters and courgette tacos, each child delved into the world of Mexican culture.

After being partnered up with a different year group, in the morning the children prepared their Mexican feasts, putting into practice their food preparation skills honed throughout the year. Then, in the afternoon, the children hosted their own Mexican fiestas. Donning homemade sombreros, homemade Mexican cuisine was dished up for all the enjoy. Sharing the food that they had made with one-another, the children enjoyed their own fiesta picnic.

Playing games, eating delicious Mexican food and enjoying the Mexican sunshine, the DT food festival shone a light on the fantastic DT offer here at John Scurr.






French Day at John Scurr

Bonjour à tous, what a term it's been for French at John Scurr! In lessons, children from year 3 to year 6 have been immersing themselves in the French language, exploring vocabulary both in written tasks and in conversations. From talking about themselves and their experiences, to helping with directions, it's been a joy to see the children develop themselves as linguists.

To celebrate this wonderful progress, we had our very own John Scurr French Day! From singing familiar French songs, playing heads-shoulders-knees and toes in French, to playing pentaque – a traditional French sport, to reading new French stories each moment was filled with joy. The highlight of French Day had to be the bespoke French lessons planned and led by post-GCSE students at Morpeth Secondary School.

Our children, from Reception, all the way to Year 6, celebrated their excellent French Learning, sharing their knowledge and their passion for languages both with the John Scurr community and with our neighbours at Morpeth.
"I loved the French lessons with Morpeth," commented Sabri in Year 3 Wiltshire, "they were really fun and I learned a lot! I hope we get to do them again next year!"







Our Brilliant Year One's

This year, our year one classes have had so many exciting opportunities. Recently, we went on a trip to the science museum to enrich our learning. We saw so many exciting things in the museum, from old technology to new. We also loved seeing the technology that was linked to our learning about astronauts, such as the pod that astronauts train in, and a real rocket!

After a quick stop for lunch, we continued our adventure with an exploration into patterns and the senses, seeing what we could make and do with all of the different activities available. Finally, after looking at some old phones, TVs and cars and comparing them to what we have today, we set off on our adventure home (with a quick stop in the park along the way, too!). We had an amazing time, and can't wait until we get to go on a trip again.





Packham Class love Gardening

Gardening experiences for special needs classes offer a uniquely inclusive and therapeutic environment that supports physical, emotional, and social development. School gardens engage multiple senses, sight, smell, touch, and sound, providing a sensory-rich space that can be more accessible and comforting than traditional classrooms.

Sensory gardens with textured leaves, fragrant flowers, and gentle sounds help students with attention difficulties or sensory processing challenges to focus and relax. Packham students through gardening, had the chance to explore and develop motor skills, creativity, social interaction, and self-confidence while also benefiting from stress reduction and improved emotional regulation.

Moreover, the garden setting allows for hands-on, tangible learning that can make abstract concepts more understandable, enhancing academic growth and life skills in a supportive, natural environment! Well done Packham students! You have been amazing gardeners this year!

Alessia Ciacci

Our First Millionaire Readers!

We are incredibly proud to announce a reading milestone at John Scurr! For the first time ever, we have had Million Word Readers in both Year 2 and Year 3 – a truly fantastic achievement. These dedicated children have read over one million words each this year through their Accelerated Reader books, showing incredible commitment, focus, and a deep love of reading.

Across the school, we have over 30 children who have read one million words or more – and every one of them earned it through daily reading and a real passion for books.

To celebrate this remarkable achievement, our Millionaire Readers enjoyed a very special trip to Brick Lane Bookshop with Maria. Surrounded by shelves of stories and inspiration, each child proudly chose a brand-new book to take home – a reward for their hard work and a reminder of how far their reading has taken them.

We are so proud of our readers and can't wait to see who reaches a million words next year. Keep reading – your next chapter could make you a Millionaire!



A New Chapter for Our School Library

We're thrilled to share some exciting news — this summer holiday, our school library is getting a brand-new home!
As part of our continued commitment to fostering a love of reading, the library will be moving to the middle floor, making it even more accessible for all year groups.

Two existing rooms are being transformed — knocked through and redesigned to create our brand-new "Reading Garden": a calm, inspiring and welcoming space where children can explore books, build their reading stamina, and develop a lifelong love of stories. With cosy corners, greenery, carefully curated book collections and themed reading areas, this new library space will be at the heart of our school's reading culture.

The Reading Garden will be ready for children to enjoy in September, and we can't wait to see them curled up with their next adventure!

Thank you for your continued support in helping make reading a joyful and central part of school life. Watch this space for photos of the transformation!

Pop-Up Bookshop Brings the Joy of Reading to Our Youngest Pupils

Just before May half term, something magical appeared in school—a Pop-Up Bookshop! This special event was made possible thanks to a generous donation from the Children's Book Project. Every child in Reception to Year 2 had the opportunity to visit the bookshop, explore the selection, and choose two free books to take home and begin building their very own home library. The children were thrilled by the experience and left clutching their new books, eager to dive into their next reading adventur

We are delighted to share that our school has also been selected to take part in the Children's Book Project's flagship Discovery Programme next academic year. This means we will receive a termly donation of carefully curated books and supporting resources, helping us host three high-impact book gifting events across the year.

By the end of the year, every child across the school will have had the chance to choose and take home some new books of their own.

We are excited to continue spreading the joy of reading and helping every child build a library they can treasure.

A Colourful Step Forward: Launching Our New House Polo Shirts for 2025/2026

This year, we proudly introduced our House System based on the 5Rs: Respect, Resilience, Responsibility, Reflection, Resourcefulness and Readiness.

The House system has already begun to build friendships across year groups, foster pride, and strengthen a sense of belonging. Children work together to earn House Points, aiming for the end-of-term House Cup!
To make House identity more visible and meaningful, we're excited to introduce coloured polo shirts as part of the uniform from September 2025. This idea, supported by Parent Governors and the Governing Body, was shared in our Summer Term roadmaps and launched at the Summer Fayre.

Siblings are placed in the same House—no rivalry at home, just team spirit! We hope you'll support this exciting step as we continue helping every child 'be the best they can be.'

This is what our new uniform looks like:



Handwriting - A Celebration

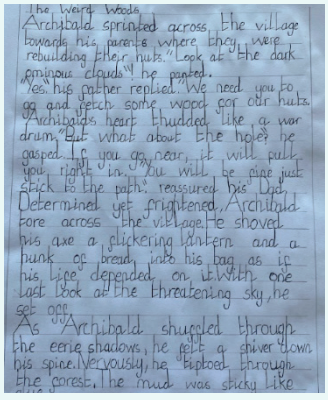
Over the past two terms, we've brought the Kinetic Letters handwriting scheme back to life across the school – from our 2-year-olds to Year 6. The difference in children's handwriting has been fantastic.

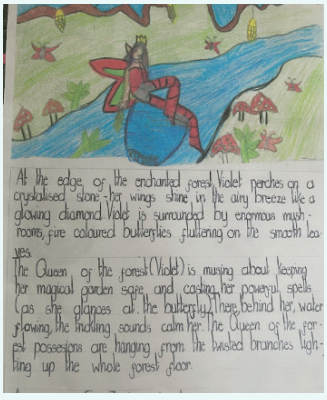
Children are now writing more neatly and fluently and are taking real pride in their work. As their confidence grows, they're able to focus more on what they want to write, rather than how to form each letter. This is an important step towards becoming fluent, independent writers.

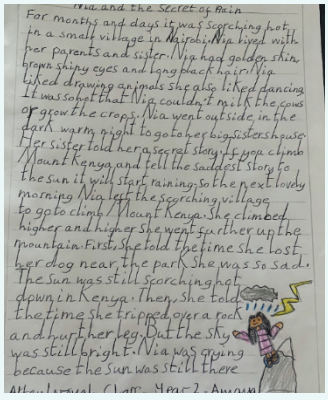
Handwriting has become something children enjoy and celebrate. Please ask your child what they've learned and how their writing has improved – they'll be proud to show you.

Over the summer holiday, you can help by encouraging handwriting at home. Writing postcards, keeping a short journal, or helping with shopping lists are all great ways to practise.

And don't forget the Summer Reading Challenge at your local Idea Store – a brilliant way to keep up reading skills and develop a love of books during the break.


The Weird Woods
Archibald sprinted across the village towards his parents where they were rebuilding their huts. "Look at the dark ominous clouds" he panted.
"Yes," his father replied. "We need you to go and fetch some wood for our huts." Archibalds heart thudded like a war drum. But what about the holes? he gasped. If you go near, it will pull you right in. "But will be fine just stick to the path" reassured his Dad. Determined yet frightened, Archibald bore across the village. He shoved his axe a flickering lantern and a hunk of bread into his bag as if his life depended on it. With one last look at the threatening sky, he set off.
As Archibald shuggled through the eerie shadows, he felt a shiver down his spine. Nervously, he tiptoed through the forest. The mud was sticky like


At the edge of the enchanted forest, Violet perches on a crystalised stone. Her wings shine in the airy breeze like a glowing diamond. Violet is surrounded by enormous mushrooms, fire coloured butterflies fluttering on the smooth leaves.
The Queen of the forest (Violet) is musing about keeping her magical garden safe and casting her powerful spells. As she glances at the butterflys, trees behind her, water glowing, the tickling sounds calm her. The Queen of the forest possessions are hanging from the twisted branches lighting up the whole forest floor.


Nia and the Secret of Rain
For months and days it was scorching hot in a small village in Nairobi. Nia lived with her parents and sister. Nia had golden skin, brown shiny eyes and long black hair. Nia liked drawing animals she also liked dancing. It was so hot that Nia couldn't milk the cows or grow the crops. Nia went outside in the dark warm night to go to her big sisters house. Her sister told her a secret story. If you climb Mount Kenya and tell the saddest story to the sun it will start raining, so the next lovely morning Nia left the scorching village to go to climb Mount Kenya. She climbed higher and higher she went further up the mountain. First, She told the time she lost her dog near the park. She was so sad. The sun was still scorching hot down in Kenya. Then, she told the time she tripped over a rock and hurt her leg. But the sky was still bright. Nia was crying because the sun was still there

Maths Magic at John Scurr

This year has been a fantastic one for maths across our school, with exciting progress and impressive achievements from Reception all the way through to Year 6.

One of the standout successes has been the brilliant effort from our Year 4 pupils, who worked incredibly hard in preparation for the national multiplication tables check. Their dedication paid off, with results scoring well above the national average, a testament to their hard work, resilience and the support of their teachers and families.

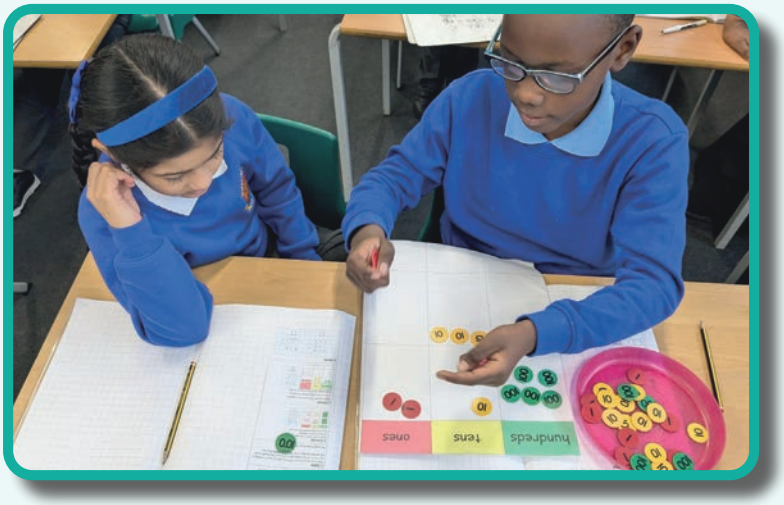
Meanwhile, our youngest learners in Reception have shown an amazing understanding of number through activities that encourage subitising – the ability to recognise the number of objects in a small group without counting. This early number sense has helped to lay strong foundations for their future maths learning.

A particular highlight this year has been the successful rollout of the Mastering Number programme from Reception to Year 3. This initiative has significantly boosted children's number fluency, especially in addition and subtraction. Teachers have reported greater confidence, quicker recall, and deeper understanding of number patterns across all participating year groups.

It's been wonderful to see such enthusiasm for maths in every classroom. As we look ahead to next year, we're excited to build on this momentum and continue helping our pupils grow as confident, capable mathematicians.

Ruby Muir







Park Life

On Wednesday 2nd July 2025, Year 4 enjoyed a relaxing return visit to the Stratford Olympic Park.

On our second 'Park Life' visit, we observed the changes in nature, from spring to summer. We braved the uncertain weather, to spend time developing our social skills and our relationships as a year group.

It was also a great way to celebrate all our hard work in Year 4. As Year 5 approaches, our Year 4 children know that they have some great memories and strong relationships to support them through the next year.

Ajanta Kabir









Year 6 At Gorsefield

Our Year 6 pupils enjoyed a wonderful morning at Gorsefield. They worked together in team building activities in the beautiful sunshine and tried many activities for the first time. A wonderful time was has by all the pupils who attended.

Joe Bentley and Ellis Hewitt









Our Brilliant Year 2 - A Term of Adventure and Discovery

What an action-packed term it's been for our brilliant Year 2! With books in our bags and curiosity in our hearts.

We began with a local walk around Bethnal Green, spotting key geographical features and using simple maps to explore our community. Next, our scientists got hands-on at a local farm, learning all about animals, habitats, and where our food comes from. Festive cheer followed with a visit to the Christmas Pine in Trafalgar Square, and creativity bloomed during our trip to the National Gallery, where the children admired world-famous art and created their masterpieces.

As part of our RE learning, we visited a local synagogue, where the children deepened their understanding of Judaism. Their thoughtful questions and respectful attitudes made us incredibly proud. We then rolled up our sleeves at Pizza Express, where we learned about food, nutrition, and design by making our delicious pizzas from scratch, a definite highlight!

A huge moment this term was our visit to the Tower of London, where history truly came alive. The children took part in an exciting Great Fire of London activity, deepening their understanding of this major historical event in a setting filled with stories from the past.

Next, we will travel back in time to the Ragged School Museum, where our pupils will experience life as Victorian children, complete with chalkboards, strict teachers, and old-fashioned desks.

And to round it all off, we end our term with our joyful ParkLife trip – a day filled with play, teamwork, and fun in the great outdoors.

Year 2, have been curious, kind, and full of energy at every stop. A big thank you to all the staff and parents who supported us this term. We can't wait for the adventures still to come!

Iqra Aziz













School Uniform Change

Frequently Asked Questions: About Our New Polo Shirts



Why are you doing this?

We have changed the pale blue polo shirts for our House Colours to help children find friends outside of their year group and to help teachers recognise and praise pupils as part of their House Point collections. We also want children to feel like they belong to a **'house'** and this will support them in competitions and a reason to **'be the best that they can be!'**

Do the shirts have to be worn every day?

Ideally we would like children to wear their colours everyday but we are very conscious that you will need wash days and times when the shirt might not be ready to be worn. On those days – a plain white polo shirt can be worn. If your child has 2 shirts to wear – that should be enough to see you through the week – but each family has different expectations about how often clothes are cleaned. The white shirt can be used for back up and to make things more affordable.

Can I choose which house my child is in?

We have selected pupils for their houses randomly but also tried to ensure each class a mix of boys and girls in each house and that each house is represent fairly. We have tried also to ensure siblings are in the same house. Houses are therefore selected by the school only.

Do I have to buy the polo shirt from school?

We are happy for you to source your own Polo shirt but we have found good quality versions at a reasonable price of **£6 each**. If you can source the same colours (ensuring the colours are an accurate match) then please do go ahead. We have selected colours that are part of other school uniforms locally.

What do we do on PE days?

On PE days – we are keeping things the same- for now, but next year we will change to T-shirts in House colours.

Is any other part of the uniform changing?

We don't have any other plans to change uniform – all that is being removed is the pale blue polo shirt.

Do you think labeling children in houses will be detrimental and mean they might exclude their classmates for not being that colour?

The school will address this through the induction into new classes next year and monitor if this happens. We are focusing on our school values of Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Reflection, Resourcefulness and Readiness through our houses and this will guide how we talk about our Houses and friendship groups.

Our children are experts at including all children in their games.

Click below

ALSO AVAILABLE ON AMAZON

If your child is in Red or Green house – then choose Classic red and Kelly Green – but all other colours are in line with the new colours.

Polo shirts are still available at school for £6 and we will be open again from the last Thursday in the holiday.

Some of our Lucky Summer Fayre Raffle Winners

We also managed to raise over £3,000 which is truly amazing. Thanks to you all for making the summer fayre such a success. The funds will really help towards improving facilities and experiences for our pupils and families

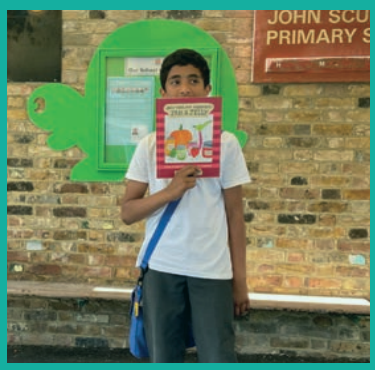




















John Scurr Primary Dates 2025-26

Pupils are expected to attend for 190 days

Autumn Term 2025	Spring Term 2026	Summer Term 2026
From: Monday 1st September To: Friday 19th December **Half Term Holiday:** **Monday 20th October to Friday 31st October (10 days)** **Christmas Holiday:** **Monday 22nd December to Friday 2nd January, 2026** **INSET- Monday 1st September**	From: Monday 5th January To: Friday 27th March **Half Term Holiday:** **Monday 16th February to Friday 20th February (5 days)** **Easter Holiday:** **Monday 30th March to Monday 10th April** (school resumes Monday 13th April)	From: Monday 13th April To: Wednesday 22nd July **Half Term Holiday:** **Monday 25th May to Friday 29th May (5 days)** **Summer Holiday begins** **Wednesday 22nd July**
69 days	54 days	67 days

School Closure Days 2025-26

INSET Day (school closed to students)

- Monday 1st September 2025

Bank Holidays

- Friday 3rd April – Good Friday
- Monday 6th April – Easter Monday
- Monday 4th May – May Bank Holiday
- Monday 25th May - Spring Bank Holiday
- Monday 31st August – Summer Bank Holiday
- **Ramadan Starts** 18/19 February, 2026 TBC

Arrangements for Eid –exceptional leave is given for pupils and staff who celebrate, if this falls on a school day.

Eid Al-Fitr 20/21 March, 2026 TBC
Eid Al-Adha 27/28 May, 2026 TBC (half term)

INSET and Twilight for all staff 2025- 2026

INSET Day- Monday 1st September

4 days divided into 8 twilights – mostly within the first and the first and third term

How to Apply for Free School Meals

The government gives additional funding to schools for those children entitled to free school meals.

We use this money to ensure the pupils receive a well-balanced lunch and it helps the school to improve the quality of education.

The way parents are able to check if they are entitled is by clicking here

Tania Bashir



Register Here

THE HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES & FOOD PROGRAMME

CRICKET COACHING PROGRAMME

SUMMER HOLIDAYS

VENUE: STEPNEY GREEN SCHOOL
BEN JONSON ROAD
STEPNEY
E1 4SD

WEEK ONE: MONDAY 28th JULY to THURSDAY 31st JULY 2025

WEEK TWO: MONDAY 4th AUGUST to THURSDAY 7th AUGUST 2025

WEEK THREE: MONDAY 11th AUGUST to THURSDAY 14th AUGUST 2025

Every day, 10am-3pm

