

John Burns Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 11th September 2026



Dear Parents,

ABSENCE – MEDICAL APPOINTMENTS

Please note that when one child has a medical appointment, this does not mean that siblings should also be absent from school. Unless a sibling has their own scheduled appointment, they should attend school as normal at 8:40am. Time away from lessons, even for a short period, disrupts learning and impacts progress.

We ask for your full cooperation in making sure that:

- Absences are reported promptly and in line with school procedures.
- Children without medical appointments attend school on time.
- School attendance remains a high priority for your family.

YEAR 6 PREFECTS

We are thrilled to announce and celebrate the election of our new Year 6 Prefects! These students have been chosen by staff and peers for consistently demonstrating kindness, responsibility, and leadership throughout their time at school. As prefects, they will play an important role in helping to support younger children, assisting staff, and representing our school with pride at various events.

Congratulations to each of them — we are so proud of you and look forward to seeing the positive impact you will make this year.

Head Girl	Head Boy
Bella	Alex
Deputy Head Boy	Deputy Head Girl
Zaidan	Naya
Prefects	
Leonardo Hassaan	Zeeshan Logan



BELLA'S PERFORMANCE IN THE LITTLE MERMAID

A huge well done to Bella for her first public performance as Ursula in her drama group's wonderful production of *The Little Mermaid*!

Bella performed on stage at the Andrew Lloyd Webber Foundation Theatre in Chiswick to a full house, and what an achievement it was! She showed fantastic confidence, stage presence and commitment to the role, bringing Ursula to life with great energy and character.

We are incredibly proud of Bella for taking on such a challenging role and performing in front of a full audience. What a fantastic first public performance — well done, Bella!

YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

All information regarding applying for a secondary school place is available [here](#).

Any parent with any questions or needing further assistance with applying for a secondary school place can ask to speak to a senior leader, who will be very happy to help.

Name of school	Date	Time	Other information
Ark Bolingbroke Academy www.arkbolingbrokeacademy.org	10 October* 15 October*	9.30am - 12.30pm 5.15 - 7.15pm	* Please check our website for the times of the Principal's talks
Ark Putney Academy www.arkputney.org	28 September 29-30 September* 1 October* 19-23 October*	4 - 7pm 9 - 10.30am 9 - 10.30am 9 - 10.30am	* Tours by appointment
Ashcroft Technology Academy www.atacademy.org.uk	21 September 23 - 25 September	6 - 8pm 9 - 11am	Please check the school's website for updates
Burntwood School www.burntwoodschool.com	2 July 16 September 22 September 1 October	9.15 - 11am 6 - 8pm 9.15 - 11am 9.15 - 11am	Please check the school's website for updates. Book at www.burntwoodschool.com
Chestnut Grove Academy www.chestnutgrove.org.uk	16 September* 24 September 1 October*	9.15-10.30am or 10.30-11.45 5 - 8pm 9.15-10.30am or 10.30-11.45	*To book a tour for open mornings, please visit www.chestnutgrove.org.uk/admissions/open-events
Ernest Bevin Academy www.ernestbevinacademy.org.uk	1 July 23 September 25 September 2 October	9.30 - 11am 5 - 7pm 9.30 - 11am 9.30 - 11am	Tours are welcome during the school day, please email to book: admissions@ernestbevinacademy.org.uk
Graveney School www.graveney.org	15 October* 15 October*	8.45am - 12pm 5 - 8pm	*Tours by appointment. Please check the school's website for updates
Harris Academy Battersea www.harrisbattersea.org.uk	24 September 29 September 1 October	5 - 7pm 9 - 10.15am 9 - 10.15am	Please check the school's website for updates
Saint Cecilia's CE School www.saintcecilias.london	7 July 17 July 22 September 6 October	9am - 12pm 5 - 8.30pm 9am - 12pm 9am - 12pm	Please check the school's website for updates
St John Bosco College www.sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk	1 October 8 October 15 October	4.30pm - 6.30pm 9 - 11am 9 - 11am	Tours by appointment. To book a place phone 020 7924 8310 or email tours@sjbc.wandsworth.sch.uk
Southfields Academy www.southfieldsacademy.com	1 October 6 October 8 October 13 October 14 October 15 October 20 October	8.45 - 10.15am 8.45 - 10.15am 5.30 - 7.30pm 8.45 - 10.15am 8.45 - 10.15am 8.45 - 10.15am 8.45 - 10.15am	For other visits during the school day please email Sean.French@southfieldsacademy.com or call 020 8875 2661

Children with underlying health conditions are more at risk from flu

Make sure your child has
their flu vaccine early this
year if they suffer with any
of the following:

- Spleen problems
- Neurological conditions
- Heart conditions
- Kidney or liver disease
- Diabetes
- Long term lung conditions
(including asthma)
- Weakened immune systems
due to disease or treatment

Scan the QR code to book an appointment at one of
our community clinics.

Thursday 10 September
15:00 – 18:00

St John's Therapy Centre, SW11 1SW

Wednesday 16 September
15:00 – 18:00

Endlesham Hall, SW12 8JL



September 2026



EY + Y1

SCHOOL-BASED WIMBLEDON TENNIS SESSION DATES

Thursday 17th September

Thursday 24th September

Thursday 1st October

Thursday 8th October

Thursday 15th October

Thursday 22nd October

Explore LEARNING SUMMER READING CHALLENGE WORKSHOP

Through a series of puzzles and challenges,
children will develop their songwriting skills and
create a song that will be performed
at The Jungle Jam

SEP, 23
2026

3.30 PM-
4.30 PM

FREE to
Register
Now!

READ to BEAT

JEANS FOR GENES DAY

FRIDAY 18TH SEPTEMBER

£1 donation



Children are invited to wear a
pair of jeans/denim skirt or
pinafore to school to raise
money for Genetic Disorders
UK.



Children **MUST** wear their
usual school polo shirt and red
jumper to school.



Children are permitted to wear
trainers with their jeans.

Well done to following Times Table Rock Stars champions:

		Regular Rock Stars!
	Top of the Year 6 Leader Board	Zion
	Top of the Year 5 Leader Board	Ahad
	Top of the Year 4 Leader Board	Liana
	Top of the Year 3 Leader Board	Hezekiah
	Top of the Year 2 Leader Board	-
	Top of the Year 1 Leader Board	-

Greatest TT Rockstars presence over the past week... **Year 5**

ATTENDANCE THIS WEEK

100%	Purple	Perfection!
97% - 99%	Blue	Excellent Attendance
95% - 96%	Green	Good – but room for improvement
91% - 94%	Amber	Cause for Concern
90% and below	Red	Persistent Absence

Year 1	93%
Year 2	85%
Year 3	90%
Year 4	93%
Year 5	86%
Year 6	91%

The classes with the highest attendance this week are Year 1 and Year 4 with **93%**

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

Every Friday at John Burns is Golden Award Assembly. The 14 golden winners for this week are:

★ Liam Boscherini	★ Isaac Strianese
★ Naailah Nur	★ Prince-Naijjharn Larmond
★ Hannah Bezanty	★ Ethan Bach
★ Noah Allen	★ Greyson Self
★ Nestoras Aidonopoulos	★ Nariyah Hunter-Bryan
★ Isabel Hochschild	★ Ahad Ali
★ Zaidan Ahmed	★ Selma Salih

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

All After School Clubs will start w/c Monday 21st September.

Confirmation has been issued for the Computing/Coding Club. Letters confirming places for the other clubs will be issued next week.

As always, we greatly value your continued support and partnership. Please keep an eye on our newsletters and school communications for key dates, updates, and opportunities to get involved.

Have a lovely weekend!

Mr Grogan

Headteacher

DATES & EVENTS

Events may be subject to change and alteration

Autumn 1 Week 3	
Monday 14/09/26	Year 5 Chris Riddell Author Event @Burntwood School (9:45-10:30am)
Wednesday 16/09/26	Year 6 Swimming Session 2
Wednesday 16/09/26	National Fitness Day (activities) – all children to have PE kits in school
Thursday 17/09/26	EY Wimbledon Tennis Session 1 (9:00-9:50am)
Thursday 17/09/26	Y1 Wimbledon Tennis Session 1 (10:00-10:50am)
Friday 18/09/26	Jeans for Genes charity event – wear Jeans to school (£1 donation required)
Autumn 1 Week 4	
w/c Monday 21/09/26	After School Clubs Commence
Wednesday 23/09/26	Year 6 Swimming Session 3
Thursday 24/09/26	Early Years Wimbledon Tennis Session 2 (9:00-9:50am)
Thursday 24/09/26	Year 1 Wimbledon Tennis Session 2 (10:00-10:50am)