

John Burns Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 2nd October 2026



Dear Parents,

KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE AROUND FOOD

You may have heard of **Benedict's Law**, which has brought greater attention to allergy safety in schools. We all have a part to play in keeping children safe.

Please remind your child **not to share or swap snacks or other food** with friends. We also ask everyone to follow our **no-nuts rule** when preparing food to bring into school. If your child's class is going to use or sample food as part of a lesson or activity, please read the email from their teacher and respond when asked. Your reply helps us check that the activity is safe for everyone.

We also ask that you do not send edible treats for the class on your child's birthday, as we are unable to give them out.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE MATTERS

We are working closely together as a school family to improve attendance levels and ensure that every child has the opportunity to achieve their full potential.

Why is good attendance important?

✓ By law, all children of compulsory school age must receive a suitable, full-time education.

Once your child is registered at school, you are legally responsible for ensuring that they attend regularly. If your child does not attend regularly, you may receive a penalty notice or, in some circumstances, face prosecution.

✓ Good attendance is a skill for life.

Regular attendance has a positive impact on your child's whole school experience and helps them develop the habits they need for the future.

✓ Children learn new things and develop important skills every day.

Being in school regularly gives children the opportunity to learn, practise and build on their knowledge and skills.

✓ There is a direct link between attendance and academic achievement.

When children miss school regularly, they can miss important learning, which can make it more difficult to keep up with their classmates.

✓ Children need to establish good habits and routines during their primary years.

Developing a positive attitude towards attendance and punctuality will help children build the routines and discipline they will need as they grow older and enter the world of work.

✓ Children miss more than just lessons when they are absent from school.

They can miss opportunities to develop friendships, take part in activities, build confidence, and develop important social and emotional skills.

*Thank you for your continued support in helping your child attend
school regularly and on time*

Y3/Y4 WINTER SOUNDS Concert

A magical evening of music,
singing & festive cheer!

We are delighted that your child will be taking part in the
Year 3 and Year 4 Winter Sounds Concert
at Fairfield Halls.



Wednesday
9th December 2026



Fairfield Halls,
Croydon

**HAVE YOU GOT
YOUR TICKETS?**

If you have already confirmed that your child will be attending,
**please remember to purchase your tickets for this
special evening.**

We would love to see as many families as possible there
to support our young performers and celebrate their hard work!



Purchase your tickets here:

<https://www.fairfield.co.uk/events/winter-sounds-1-2026>

The ticket link is also available on the Y3/4 Winter Sounds
Parent Letter.

We can't wait to see you there!

Come along, sing along and help us make it
a wonderful evening for our talented
Year 3 and Year 4 pupils!



LITTER TRANSFORMED:



Recreate Challenge!

We are excited to invite all children in Years 1–6 to take part in the **Litter Transformed: Recreate Challenge**.

Children are invited to use recyclable materials to create something amazing! This is a fantastic opportunity to get creative while thinking about recycling, sustainability and our wonderful world.



Get creative
and make
something
amazing!



WHAT CAN I MAKE?

Use recyclable materials to create something imaginative, useful, funny or fantastic!



WHY TAKE PART?

- Get creative
- Think about recycling
- Explore sustainability
- Celebrate our wonderful world



WHERE DO I BRING MY CREATION?

Please bring your creations to:

**Miss Bennett
or Mrs Oakley**



**ENTRIES MUST BE
BROUGHT INTO SCHOOL BY:**

**MONDAY 5th
OCTOBER**

We can't wait to see all the
wonderful, imaginative
creations!

REDUCE • REUSE • RECREATE

Grab a poster from the office!

Our school values are not just for the classroom—they are values that help children become kind, responsible, and respectful members of their families and communities. By encouraging children to practise these values at home, we help them understand that positive behaviours are important in every part of life. When families and school work together to reinforce the same expectations, children develop stronger relationships, greater confidence, and a consistent understanding of how to make positive choices. This partnership helps children build lifelong habits that support their wellbeing, behaviour, and success both in school and beyond.

School Values at Home

Autumn 1 School Value:
Show Respect

This has been created by the School Council (September 2026) and supports children in showing their school values at home.

Our school value of **Show Respect** means we treat others the way we would like to be treated. Here are some examples of how you can show respect at home:

Respect for Family Members	Helping at Home	Respecting Shared Spaces
- Say "please" and "thank you." - Use kind words when speaking to others. - Listen when someone is talking without interrupting. - Speak in a calm voice, even when upset. - Say "good morning" and "good night."	- Put toys away after playing. - Make their bed each morning. - Help set or clear the table. - Feed a family pet (with an adult's help if needed). - Keep their bedroom tidy. - Help fold laundry or match socks.	- Clean up after eating or doing crafts. - Put dirty dishes in the sink or dishwasher. - Take care of books, furniture, and other belongings. - Turn off lights when leaving a room. - Keep noise levels reasonable, especially if someone is resting or working.

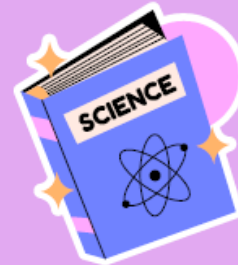
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Y1-Y6 SCIENCE INVESTIGATION MORNING

FRIDAY 9TH OCTOBER

9:00-10:00AM



EY + Y1 PHONICS SESSIONS

PARENTS INVITED

Early Years and Year 1 parents are invited to join their child's phonics lesson on:

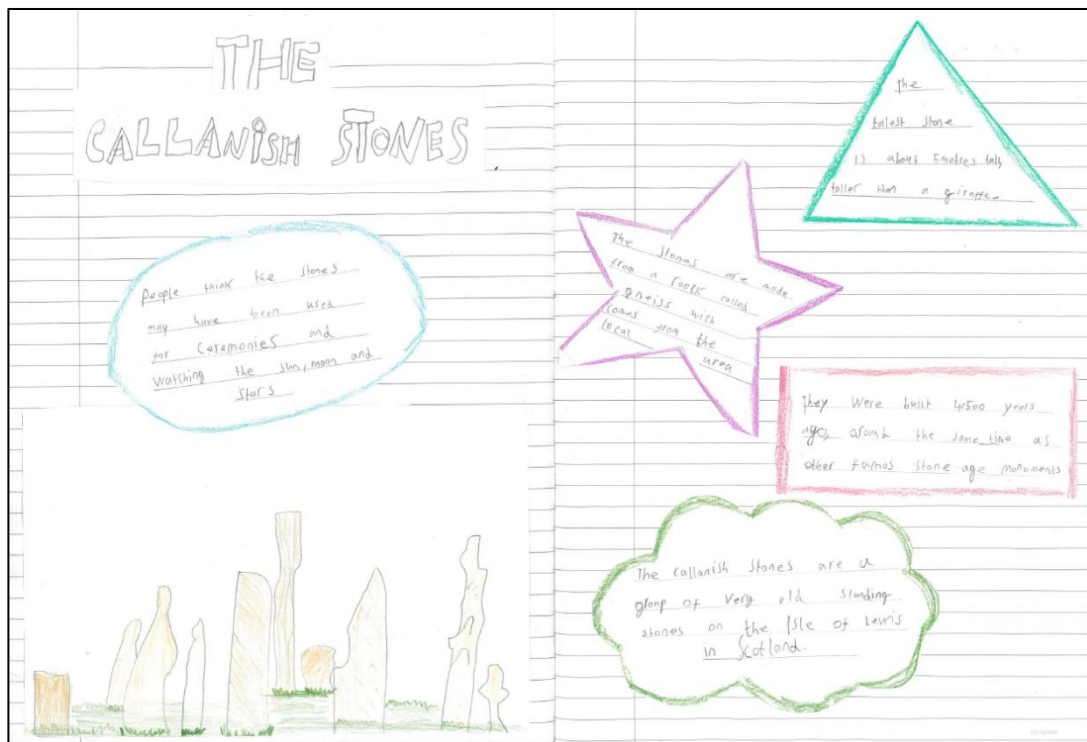
TUESDAY 6TH OCTOBER
(9:00-9:25AM)

This is a fantastic opportunity to see how we teach phonics and learn how you can support your child to recognise sounds and blend words.

HOME LEARNING



Sara (Year 5)



Rueben (Year 3)

Well done to following Times Table Rock Stars champions:

		Regular Rock Stars!
	Top of the Year 6 Leader Board	Logan
	Top of the Year 5 Leader Board	Ahad
	Top of the Year 4 Leader Board	Chelsey
	Top of the Year 3 Leader Board	Sydney
	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

Reception	94%
Year 1	99%
Year 2	98%
Year 3	95%
Year 4	90%
Year 5	90%
Year 6	98%

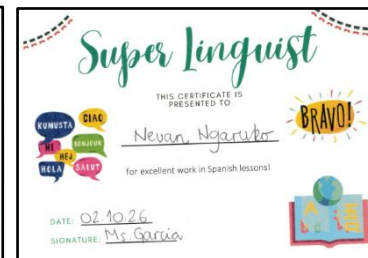
The classes with the highest attendance this week is Year 1 with 99%

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

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

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| ★ Wasal Mawlawizada | ★ Mereym Acar |
| ★ Jack Beckwith | ★ Subhan Mawlawizada |
| ★ Kiyonne Brown | ★ Harper Braham |
| ★ Mahid Sandhu | ★ Ava Smith |
| ★ Liana Disha | ★ Nemiah Johnson |
| ★ Waliid Muhudin | ★ Mohamed Nur |
| ★ Bruna Aguiar Salomao | ★ Kaiden Wilks |

STAR MUSICIANS, SUPER LINGUISTS



Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mr Grogan
Headteacher

DATES & EVENTS

Events may be subject to change and alteration

Autumn 1 Week 6	
Tuesday 06/10/26	EY + Year 1 Parents' Invited Phonics Session (9:00-9:25am)
Wednesday 07/10/26	Year 6 Swimming Session 5
Thursday 08/10/26	EY Wimbledon Tennis Session 4 (9:00-9:50am)
Thursday 08/10/26	Year 1 Wimbledon Tennis Session 4 (10:00-10:50am)
Friday 09/10/26	Year 1 – Year 6 Science Investigation Morning (9:00-10:00am)
Friday 09/10/26	Year 3/Year 4 Girls' Football Tournament (9:30am-2:00pm)
Friday 09/10/26	Year 6 Primary Ambitions 1:00pm – 3:15pm
Autumn 1 Week 7	
w/c Monday 12/10/26	Back to My Roots Week
Monday 12/10/26	Year 2 Educational Visit Kew Garden
Monday 12/10/26	Year 1 Bollywood Dance Workshop (9:00-9:40am)
Monday 12/10/26	EYFS Bollywood Dance Workshop (9:45-10:25am)
Monday 12/10/26	Year 2 Bollywood Dance Workshop (10:35-11:15am)
Monday 12/10/26	Year 6 Bollywood Dance Workshop (11:20am-12:00pm)
Monday 12/10/26	Year 5 Bollywood Dance Workshop (1:00-1:40pm)
Monday 12/10/26	Year 4 Bollywood Dance Workshop (1:45-2:25pm)
Monday 12/10/26	Year 3 Bollywood Dance Workshop (2:30-3:10pm)
Tuesday 13/10/26	Back to My Roots Cultural Dress Day
Tuesday 13/10/26	Back to My Roots food tasting event (3:15-3:45pm)
Wednesday 14/10/26	Language Celebration – Parents Invited to read a book to their child's class in home language (throughout day)
Wednesday 14/10/26	Year 6 Swimming Session 6
Thursday 15/10/26	EY Wimbledon Tennis Session 5 (9:00-9:50am)
Thursday 15/10/26	Y1 Wimbledon Tennis Session 5 (10:00-10:50am)
Thursday 15/10/26	Y6 TFL Workshop (1:30 – 2:30pm)
Friday 16/10/26	Wear Red Day – Show Racism the Red Card
Friday 16/10/26	Year 6 Primary Ambitions 1:00pm – 3:15pm