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## Weekly Newsletter # 9 – 8 November 2024

### Children's Choirs at St John the Divine

The Children's Choirs at St John the Divine, Kennington, are open to boys and girls aged 6+. Choristers receive free weekly training in singing and music theory, with opportunities to perform in churches and cathedrals across the UK, including an annual residential at St John's College, Cambridge. No prior experience is needed, and all are welcome to join our supportive and fun environment. The Boys' Choir rehearses on Tuesdays at 4-5:15pm, and the Girls' Choir on Wednesdays at 4-5:15pm, at St John's Church Hall, 19 Frederick Crescent.

**Joe Tobin Choir Director will be in the bottom hall from 3:15 on Monday 11 November to speak with anyone who would like to know more.**

Alternatively, you can contact Music Coordinator Anna Cooper at [music@sjdk.org](mailto:music@sjdk.org) or 07518 754672 for more information.



<https://www.sjdk.org/>

### FOJR Christmas Card Project

Your child's artwork has been sent away to be transformed and we've now received the beautiful order forms, so you can see exactly what they've created. We have sent these home with the children who created a design, this week. Don't forget to log in and see what products are available this year for our Christmas School Fundraiser. As a school we will raise valuable funds from your purchases so you're not just getting professionally printed gifts and cards, but helping your school at the same time. The deadline for ordering is approaching- 16<sup>th</sup> November- so don't miss out!

<https://schoolprintworld.co.uk/school-christmas-card-project/>



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## John Ruskin Book Fair



### JRS Autumn Bookfair 2024

After school in the **BOTTOM HALL:**

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> November – Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> November**

Scholastic has provided some super readings from some of our favourite books. Check out the link for a listen and find a book you may be interested in!

### Chapter One

Free readings and home learning resources from your favourite authors

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/chapter-one>

We've asked some of our favourite authors to read one chapter from their books to give you a sneak peek of some the books you may find on your Book Fair and help build the excitement for reading!

or Liz Pichon's **TOM GATES**



WATCH NOW!

<https://bookfairs.scholastic.co.uk/chapter-one/liz-pichon>

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## Anti Bullying Week

We wanted to let you know that Anti Bullying Week is 11 – 18 November.

This year's theme is "Choose Respect"



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As usual, we will be joining in with Odd Socks Day. Children should wear their odd socks to school on Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> to celebrate how we are all unique.

Click on these links to watch a short video and find resources to use at home:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZ\\_CkltlgS4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sZ_CkltlgS4)

<https://anti-bullyingalliance.org.uk/anti-bullying-week-2024-choose-respect/parents-and-carers>

The Anti-Bullying leaflet has been emailed to all parents but in case you missed it, click on the link to access it here - [Anti-Bullying Leaflet](#)



## Sign of the Week

The Sign of the Week is 'Cloudy' and 'Foggy'

[Signing 2024-25](#)



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# ROAD SAFETY WEEK

by  Brake, the road safety charity

**17-23 November 2024**

Road Safety Week is an annual event that takes place in November and is coordinated by road safety charity, Brake. The awareness week aims to inspire communities to take action on road safety and promote life-saving messages.

This year, Southwark Council are running a competition to design a Road Safety Sign to help us address the issue of speeding vehicles. The winning signs will be put up around Southwark.



## Activity – create your design

### In the centre of your paper

- Draw a shape – will it be a triangle, rectangle, red circle or blue circle sign?
- Make this big enough for your design to sit inside.
- Now draw your sign design.

### Around the outside of your sign

- Label why you have chosen to use this shape sign.
- Label why you have chosen the pictures and/or wording in your design.
- Why do you think this will be effective?



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## Example

I have used positive language and said "thank you" to show I expect them to follow the rules.

I haven't used too many different colours so the message stands out.



I have used a blue circle to show what I want the driver to do.

My picture shows happy children - this is because children will be happy when the drivers go more slowly.

## Final Design

- Once you have finished your design and added the labels, make sure your name, school and class are on the back of the paper.

Then, hand it to Miss Cane by **Monday 18 November**

Good Luck and we look forward to seeing all of the entries and the winning signs around Southwark.



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## Term Dates 2025-26

### Autumn Term

*INSET days: Monday 1 and Tuesday 2 September (school closed to pupils)*

**Wednesday 3 September - Friday 24 October**

*Half Term - Monday 27 October - Friday 31 October*

**Monday 3 November - Friday 19 December (school closes at 2pm)**

### Spring Term

*INSET day: Monday 5 January 2026 (school closed to pupils)*

**Tuesday 6 January - Friday 13 February**

*Half Term - Monday 16 February - Friday 20 February*

**Monday 23 February - Friday 27 March (school closes at 2pm)**

### Summer Term

*INSET day: Monday 13 April (school closed to pupils)*

**Tuesday 14 April - Friday 22 May**

*(May Day Bank Holiday will be taken on 4 May)*

*Half Term Monday 25 May - Friday 29 May*

**Monday 1 June – Friday 17 July (school closes at 2pm)**

*INSET day: Monday 20 July (school closed to pupils)*

Link to term dates 25-26 - [Term Dates 2025-26](#)



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**Online Parent Workshop**

**HELPING YOUR CHILD MANAGE THEIR  
FEARS AND WORRIES**

**NOV-DEC 2024**

**5 WEEK ONLINE GROUP FOR  
PARENTS/CARERS AIMED AT HELPING YOU  
SUPPORT YOUR CHILD IN OVERCOMING  
ANXIETY WHILST DEVELOPING THEIR  
INDEPENDENCE AND BRAVE BEHAVIOURS.**

**THIS COURSE IS BASED ON CBT  
EVIDENCE-BASED GUIDED SELF-HELP  
TECHNIQUES.**

**WEDNESDAY 1-2PM**  
**13TH NOV, 20TH NOV, 27TH NOV, 4TH DEC,  
11TH DEC**

**TO SIGN UP, PLEASE CONTACT ROSA OR ANNA :**

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## Southwark Council Bulletin

[Read the latest local news here](#)



## Dates for week commencing 11 November

Monday 11 November

**The Nest workshops – Years 1, 2 and 6**

**2.00-2.30 Burgundy Class swimming**

**3.30-4.00 Book Fair**

Tuesday 12 November

**Odd Socks Day**

**The Nest workshops – Years 3, 4 and 5**

**10.00 Year 6 at Junior Citizenship**

**10.00-10.30 Turquoise Class swimming**

**10.30-11.00 Scarlet Class swimming**

**3.30-4.00 Book Fair**

Wednesday 13 November

**3.30-4.00 Book Fair – last day**

Thursday 14 November

**3.30-4.30 Homework Club for Y1 starts**

Friday 15 November

## Forthcoming Dates

**Y3 Trip to Horniman's**

**Thursday 21 November**

**Christmas Assemblies**

Year R & LU Christmas assemblies - Monday 9th December

Year 2, 4 & 6 Christmas assemblies - Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December

Year 1, 3 & 5 Christmas assemblies - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December



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