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15 March 2024

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Hat Parade

Olympics or Paris or Paris Olympics!

On Wednesday 27 March Y6 pupils and classes will be running stalls to raise money towards their school journey. We will also be hosting our annual Hat Parade. The theme this year is Paris, The Olympics or The Paris Olympics! We love to see your hats (adults can join in too). The parade starts at 2.45pm immediately followed by the stalls. Children will need cash as the stalls are cash only.

Passion Sunday

This is the 5th Sunday in Lent, when Christians begin to concentrate their thoughts on the Passion or suffering of Jesus.



Summer Term Assemblies all at 9.15

Friday 3 May Y4
Friday 10 May Y3
Friday 17 May Y2
Friday 24 May Y1
Friday 14 June Y5
Friday 21 June Reception
Friday 28 June Nursery

Y6 perform The Switch 7.30pm

Wednesday 17 July

Nursery Assembly

We were all so proud of Nursery as they performed their first assembly this morning. Well done everyone. We loved you.



Ramadan Mubarak

Ramadan Kareem to all our Muslim community members who are observing the fast this month.



Some of our Japanese families will be observing HIGAN from Sunday which is a celebration to mark the Spring equinox.

Happy St Patrick's Day to all our families of Irish descent who will be celebrating on Sunday.



Dates for your Diary

Friday 15 March Popcorn Night TONIGHT!
Monday 18 March Y2 National Gallery
Wednesday 20 March Y2 Japanese Day
Thursday 21 March Y1 Coding
Friday 22 March Y5/6 Stand Up! Workshop
Friday 22 March Y1 V&A
Monday 25 March Y6 Tower of London
Monday 25 March Y5 Moonwalkers
Monday 25 March Chamber Choir performance (please return your letters)
Tuesday 26 March 10.15am Reception Performance of The Gruffalo to parents
Tuesday 26 March Y3 Roman Day
Tuesday 26 March Y2 Wagamama
Tuesday 26 March Jumble Sale
Wednesday 27 March 2.45 Hat parade and Y6 Stalls
Thursday 28 March 13.30 School Closes

Attendance for the week
Our target is 95%+

Missing school is missing out

Year 1	93.93
Year 2	94.84
Year 3	93.13
Year 4	94.85
Year 5	93.61
Year 6	92.64
School	93.85

Well done Year 2

Parent Donations

£50

Donation



Scan to pay

Payments for outstanding debts for Autumn, Spring clubs and music to be clear by 21st April please



The Fitzjohn's Spring Clean Jumble Sale is back!

Tuesday 26th March 3.15-5pm



ONLY GIVE WHAT YOU WOULD BUY



YES PLEASE:

- ✓ Books
- ✓ Toys, games, puzzles
- ✓ Backpacks, lunch bags
(clean and stain free)
- ✓ Balls, rackets, sport equipment
- ✓ Soft toys
(washed)
- ✓ Dress ups
- ✓ Bikes & scooters

NO THANK YOU:

- ⊘ Broken items / missing pieces
- ⊘ Clothes or shoes (please use the collection bin by KS2 entrance)
- ⊘ DVD
- ⊘ Party bags / magazine plastic toys
- ⊘ Used slime, play dough, putty
- ⊘ Baby toys or items

Collection starts Friday 8th March

Please clean and wash everything



ITEMS FOR AGES 3-12 YEARS ONLY



All the money raised will go towards sport, art and music at school.



This week in class	
Nursery	It's been a fun-packed week in Nursery! We've been busy rehearsing daily for our assembly. Thank you for coming to watch us, we're so proud of the children! I'm sure you'll agree, they were incredibly brave today. Thanks again to Roi, Julian's dad for supporting us by playing piano. Zoolab came to visit on Wednesday and we met Tiger Lilly the snake, Philippé the cockroach, Darth Vada the scorpion and Millie the millipede. The children chose whether they'd like to touch or hold the animals. We were also lucky enough to visit the ducklings in class 2! What a special treat. We been enjoying painting this week, as well as threading and small world play. This week our phoneme is /f/. We discovered fish, frog, fan, four, five, football and Filippa all started with /f/. We're looking forward to you joining us for stay and play next week!
Reception	Reception have been busy enjoying getting immersed in the Gruffalo this week. We are learning our lines, songs and dances, and working at saying them loudly in the hall. We enjoyed looking at the Gruffalo Cookbook, and decided to make our own gingerbread mice. Some children wrote the recipes, the shopping list and then we headed to Tesco to get the ingredients. Back at school we then made the biscuits. It was so lovely having lots of parents in for our maths stay and play on Wednesday. We could show off our learning to them- this week it has been exploring odd and even numbers and remembering the number bonds to 10. In phonics we are getting very good at remembering our digraphs and tri-graphs. This week we wrote words ending in -ing, and compound words (two words that together make a new word e.g. popcorn).
Class 1	This week in literacy the children have been learning all about riddles. They chose their favourite fairy-tale character and wrote a riddle about them. In maths we have focused on subtraction and counting back using the number line. In science we have been observing the changing weather and also checked on our homemade rain gauge in the garden. We measured that 1 inch of rain had fallen in the last 10 days. On Thursday and Friday we also used our written instructions from last week to build and decorate our gingerbread houses from the story 'Hansel and Gretel'. We had lots of fun sticking the walls together and decorating them with sweets, chocolates and fruit. A BIG thank you to Megan for helping us construct them and to the parents for sending in the food.
Class 2	Today we said goodbye to our ducklings! We thoroughly enjoyed having them in our classroom. We watched them grow, swim, eat and drink and learnt so much about their habitat and life cycle. We hope they enjoy being back on their farm. In literacy this week we have been putting the finishing touches to our adventure stories based on 'The Great Wave.' The children have been using command, statement, exclamation and question sentences to make their story more exciting. In maths, we have been investigating shape, including counting the faces and vertices of 3-D shapes. We are looking forward to a busy week next week, with the National Gallery on Monday, Keats on Tuesday and our Japanese themed day on Wednesday!
Class 3	This week, Class 3 visited the Camden Learning Centre, where we learnt how to create and edit a stop-frame animation of the Pompeii volcano eruption of AD 79. Anita, our teacher there, will send us the animations so we can show them as part of our Roman Day. Lots of fun! In maths, we compared fraction sizes, and learnt that the larger the denominator, the smaller the fraction – for example, 1/6 of a pizza will be a smaller portion than 1/5, because it has been cut into more parts. In literacy, we planned and wrote a newspaper report all about the Pompeii eruption and its survivors, making sure that we included a punchy headline, an introduction and a quote, as well as a suitable final paragraph or conclusion. In science, we investigated a variety of magnetic and non-magnetic materials using pole magnets. In French with Lisa, we recapped food vocabulary by reading a French version of 'The Hungry Caterpillar' together. Bon appetite!
Class 4	This week, Year 4 have started a new unit in maths: Fractions. We have learnt to count in fractions up to and beyond one whole. In Literacy, we have been reporters, writing newspaper articles about Marco Polo's incredible discoveries from China. In RE, we have learnt the story behind the Holi festival. We have considered good and bad situations and how good can come out of bad. In Science, we made simple circuits with a light bulb.
Class 5	This week, Class 5 has learned in Maths how to calculate the area of rectangles and compound shapes as well as estimate the area of non rectilinear shapes. In Literacy, we learned about Haiku poems, while in History we looked into primary and secondary sources. In RE, Class 5 learned about the Easter story and Jesus' sacrifice, while in Science we discussed how the Earth rotates around the Sun, causing day and night.
Class 6	We concluded our topic on algebra by learning how to tackle one and two-step equations - some pretty impressive learning I can tell you. In Literacy, we learned how to add formality to our newspaper reports by using the subjunctive mood and creating sentences that use both the active and passive voice (verbs). We learned about the life of a Victorian Prisoner in History; children went into the hall and performed a range of physically demanding tasks like picking oakum and lifting a heavy 'iron shot' so that they could empathise with how difficult it might have been inside prison walls. They used this experience to write a diary about 'a day in the life of a Victorian prisoner'. In our Science topic, we performed an experiment all about shadows - ask your child about it. Finally, in PSHE, we talked about gender stereotyping and how not to prejudice people based upon generalisations or misconceptions prevalent in society.

TONIGHT
FRIDAY 15 MARCH 2024
DOORS 5.45PM



Disney
ENCANTO

POPCORN NIGHT
FRIDAY | 15 MARCH | 5:45 PM
Join us to watch - ENCANTO
£2 Entry Hotdogs & Snacks.
Includes popcorn



Year 2 have spent the week looking after these little quackers! Today they left us to begin their new life on the farm.

The deadline for returning ballot papers is **10am on Monday 18th March** in the ballot envelope c/o the School Office

If any parent still to cast their vote cannot attend the school on Monday morning you can return the envelope via your child's bag (in the case of siblings, the eldest child) and it can be given to the class teacher .

FITZJOHN'S SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES: 2024/2025

AUTUMN TERM 2024	
INSET Days - pupils not in school	Monday 2 and Tuesday 3 September
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 4 September
Half term holiday	Monday 28 – Friday 1 November 2024
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 4 November 2024
INSET Day – pupils not in school (Parent/Teacher Meetings)	Monday 18 November 2024
Term Ends	Friday 20 December 13.30
SPRING TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Monday 6 January 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Tuesday 7 January
Half term holiday	Monday 17– Tuesday 21 February 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	MONDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2024
Term Ends	Friday 4 April 2025
SPRING HOLIDAYS	Monday 7 April – Monday 21 April 2025
SUMMER TERM 2025	
INSET Day - pupils not in school	Tuesday 22 April 2025
TERM BEGINS FOR PUPILS	Wednesday 23 April 2025
Half term holiday	Monday 26 May - Friday 30 May 2025
SECOND HALF-TERM BEGINS	Monday 2 June 2025
Term ends	13.30 Tuesday 22 July 2025
PUBLIC HOLIDAYS	
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December
New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January
Good Friday	Friday 18 April
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April
May Day	Monday 5 May
Spring Bank holiday	Monday 26 May
<p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">Please do not book holidays during term time.</p> <p style="color: red; font-weight: bold; margin: 0;">We do not set learning for children who are taken away on holiday. They should read, keep a diary, practise their number bonds or timetables.</p>	

Free event for parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (

Parents and carers of children with special educational needs and disabilities (SEND) can come along to **Swiss Cottage Library on Wednesday 20 March, from 10am to 1pm**, to find information about support, activities and services for them and their family. Try out free wellbeing activities during taster sessions, find out about courses, workshops and activities, as well as local places that families of children with SEND can visit, especially at weekends and school holidays. This free event at Swiss Cottage Library, 88 Avenue Road, NW3, is jointly organised by Camden Adult Community Learning and Camden Libraries.

Dear Parent,

Our Easter Chess Camp will kick off in 2 weeks! Hurry up and book now while there are still spaces available! 🐰

The camps are both fun and educational, children can enjoy chess amongst other activities such as football and puzzles. After a full 4 day week of chess, your child will have improved their chess skills significantly.

Dates:

Week 1: March 25-28 (Mon-Thurs)

Week 2: April 2-5 (Tues-Fri)

Week 3: April 8-11 (Mon-Thurs)

(Full week booking only - 4 days)

Half day: 9am-1pm

Full day: 9am-4pm

Pick from two locations:

Swiss Cottage

Kensington (St. Mary Abbots Centre)

Elite Camp at both venues

You are welcome to book a half-day or full-day and our camp is open for complete beginners to tournament players 4 to 14 years of age.

Click the link below for bookings:

<https://wallace-chess.class4kids.co.uk/>

If you need assistance with your booking or have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Have a nice day,

Have a nice day!

Kind regards,

Clara Santos

PA Wallace chess Ltd.

PH: 0787 965 5581

www.wallacechess.com

We are proud of the range of after-school clubs we have but we also need to be mindful that the staff are still working whilst these are going on. Please leave site as soon as you have collected your child at the end of the day and as soon as you collect from the club.

If you are waiting for another club with an older/younger sibling please wait in the library. Please remind your child that football must not be played before or after school unless it is they are in football club.



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North Road, Highgate, N6 4BG



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Easter Family Workshops

Get creative this Easter with our fun family workshops. From sculpture to sewing, there is something for everyone!



FANTASY CLAY HOMES

Tuesday 2 April

Create an Imaginary house out of clay inspired by the story of the Foundling Hospital.

PATCHWORK MAPS

Wednesday 3 April

Use fabric and simple stitching to make patchwork memory maps of places that are important to you. 11am workshop features BSL interpretation.

JOURNEY BOOKS

Thursday 4 April

Create a travel book using bookbinding techniques and fill the pages with drawings.

PAPER BACKPACKS

Friday 5 April

Create your own paper backpack and fill it with your favourite possessions.

Workshops run 11am- 1pm & 2-4pm.

£3 per child & accompanying adult

Free tickets available: see website for conditions

For enquiries call 020 7841 3595 or email us at learning@foundlingmuseum.org.uk

Book your place at foundlingmuseum.org.uk



**Foundling
Museum**

PRIMARY SCHOOL T-SHIRT & HOODIE SALE!

FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL HAS CREATED A NEW SITE TO BUY SCHOOL LOGO T-SHIRTS, HOODIES AND MORE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS. THE FITZJOHNSNW3 LOGO REPRESENTS OUR COMMUNITY AND AREA, AND IS IN AN EXACT REPLICA OF THE STREET SIGN DIRECTLY BESIDE THE SCHOOL ENTRANCE. THE HISTORY OF THIS LOGO IS UNIQUE TO OUR LOCATION AND HISTORY. OTHER LOGOS AVAILABLE ARE THE HOUSE SIGNS OF AIR, WATER, EARTH AND FIRE AND THE SCHOOL BUILDING LOGO.

<https://shop.spreadshirt.co.uk/FitzjohnsNW3>

Great For Sports Day, leavers, etc

Click here to be taken to the site.

T-SHIRTS: BETWEEN £12 - £17
HOODIES: £27 - £37
DEPENDENT ON SIZE
ALL ITEMS CAN BE PERSONALISED



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Free Money!

You may all already know that everyone from Reception to Year 6 is now entitled for Free School Meals as these are being funded by the government and the Mayor of London.

What you may not know is that the school gets extra money into our account for all those children who fulfil certain criteria.

Please could everyone check on this link to see if you are entitled - if you are then we get extra money!

<https://pps.lgfl.org.uk/>

Corporate Funding - can you help?

Are you working in one of the banks or one of the big tech companies (Google, Microsoft, Facebook)? We are looking to speak to parents who work there about some corporate funding opportunities for the school.

Please get in touch with:

Lee (Oscar's (Y2) and Rae's (N) dad): leefels79@gmail.com

or Nitzan (Roni's (Y5)

dad): nitzanyudan@hotmail.com

Turn your weekly shopping into BIG donations for our school

No matter who you shop with, or how you shop, you can now raise FREE MONEY for Fitzjohn's!

Supermarket	Home delivery		Click & Collect	
	First order	Existing customer order	First order	Existing customer order
TESCO	£3.50	£1.75	£2.50	£1.75
MORRISONS	£3.50	£1.50	£3.00	£1.50
ASDA	£2.50	£1.00	✗	✗
SAINSBURY'S	£1.23	90p	£1.23	✗
ICELAND	1.50%	0.50%	✗	✗
OCADO	1.50%	0.50p	✗	✗

Minimum spend requirements apply. Full retailer TSC's apply. Don't on sites may change. Term time to time, rates above were correct as of 18/03/2023.

Raise a donation every time you shop with your supermarket

Last year we raised close to £1,000 just from parents using easyfundraising for their online shopping. It takes a couple of minutes to set-up, and that's it!

These donations really help us, so it would be great if you could take a moment to get started:

[easyfundraising for Fitzjohn's](https://www.easyfundraising.com/)

Thank you!



Thank a Teacher

If you want to thank anyone working in our school this is a great way of doing it.

From experience I know that they are greatly appreciated and can act as a springboard to the National Teaching Awards.

<https://thankateacher.co.uk/>

Assemblies (all at 9.15am)

Our assembly programme has concluded for this term. Thanks to all the staff and children.



We have limited stock of these high quality branded umbrellas for sale. I have the same brand through The Magic Circle (of which I am a Member—have I said?) and they are very good.

On sale for £25 (cash preferred please)

If you would like to buy one please ask Nashima in the office.

STANDING ORDER MANDATE

To The Manager	
Bank Name	
Bank Address (optional)	
Bank Sort Code	
Bank Account Number	
Please Pay	
Payee Bank Name	Lloyds TSB
Payee Account Name	Fitzjohn's School Association
Payee Sort Code	30-93-80
Payee Account Number	00008235
Payment Amount (circle)	£30 £50 £100 £250 £500 Other: £
Frequency	STANDING ORDERS from my account as detailed in this instruction on the ___ day of every month
Date of First Payment	
Reference	Fitzjohn's Parents Appeal
Customer Details	
Print Name	
Signature	
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Address	
Email	
Phone number	
GIFT AID IT—UK TAXPAYERS!	
<p>For every pound you give to us we get an extra 25p from the INLAND REVENUE so please sign below if you are a UK taxpayer*</p> <p>I am a UK taxpayer and under the GIFT AID scheme, I would like the Fitzjohn's School Association to claim back the tax on any donations I make until further notice OR have made in the past 4 years.</p> <p>Signature _____</p> <p><i>*To qualify for Gift Aid what you pay in UK income tax or capital gains tax must be at least equal to the amount we will claim in the tax year from the Inland Revenue. NB. Please notify us if you change your address. NB. You can cancel your standing order form at anytime.</i></p>	

PLEASE RETURN THE COMPLETED FORM TO THE FITZJOHN'S PRIMARY SCHOOL'S OFFICE.

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