



# SJRC News

Friday 23rd February 2024



## Stars and Superheroes of the Week

*A massive congratulations to the following children for being awarded  
Star/ Superhero of the Week today!*

*Well done to;*

**Dimitrios** for developing his independence with managing routines in **Nursery Class.**

**Penny- Lou** for trying her best to write words during Exploration and Phonics in **Peter Class.**

**Zayn** for trying his best with his letter formation in **John Paul Class.**

**Ivy** for participating enthusiastically in all class activities in **Elizabeth Class.**

**Stanley** for getting on a lot quicker and more independently recently in **Baptist Class.** He has been on fire in Maths!

**Spencer** for contributing more to classroom discussions, and **Jemima** for always challenging herself and taking such pride in her work in **Jerome Class.**

**Chloe** for trying her best and challenging herself in **McAuley Class.**

**Louis** for his contributions in class discussions in **Felton Class.**

**Sebastian B.** for always working hard, and being kind to others in **Joseph Class.**

**Maron** for using modal verbs effectively in his writing when creating a Lenten promise in **Campion Class.**

**Lexie** for great improvement in both English and Maths work in **Dempsey Class.**

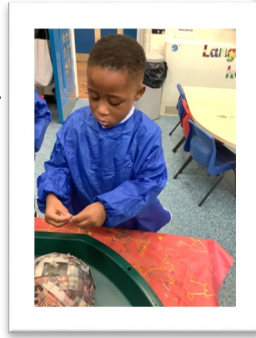
**Maya** for demonstrating the correct technique when kneading bread, and being patient whilst other children had a go in **Fisher Class.**

*We are very proud of you all!*

## **EYF\$ (Nursery and Reception) News**

This term, Reception are learning about Space. This week, they have been learning about the Solar System. Take a look at some of the children making paper mâché planets.

Miss Krzesniak is very proud of Skye in Peter Class for being enthusiastic about her reading, and trying her best!



## **Year 1 + 2 News**

In KS1 this week, the children have been excited to start their, 'Great Fire of London' topic. In assembly, they shared the fantastic research that they had done. Some children



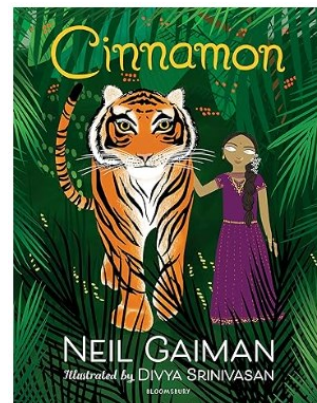
have even visited the main sights in London where the fire happened. The children have had fun comparing London in 1666 to 2024. They made some wonderful comparisons using different conjunctions like 'but' and 'because'. For example, "London in 1666 was filthy and covered in the plague, but now the plague doesn't exist."

## **Year 3 + 4 News**

In Year 3/4 this week, the children started their new topic in English with a lesson on the five senses, where they had to describe items in a bag, using only actions and drawings—no words were allowed!

This was to lead into the book, 'Cinnamon,' by Neil Gaiman. The book is about a South Asian princess who is blind and mute, until she meets a mighty tiger who teaches her to talk.

Miss Allen would like to give a special mention to Garcelle and Sofia in McAuley Class for their amazing weekly entries in their Reading Records!



## **Year 5 + 6 News**

Mrs Wu would like to give a special mention to Sabrina and Kacie who have been extremely helpful with the younger pupils during Wet Play this week!

As part of DT in Year 5/6, they wanted to compare the nutritional information of homemade bread to bread sold in the shops. Ms Oye said, "First, they compared the ingredients used in the shop bought bread and the ingredients they used in our class. There was definitely a vast difference. They were able to taste the shop bought bread which was very soft and chewy (yummy!) and then they spent the morning mixing the dough and leaving it to prove for an hour and a half before shaping them into rolls. This was baked for 15 minutes and the excitement from the children for their hard work was wonderful to see! The result was amazing and the children were able to taste their wonderful creation. The final verdict, homemade was the best! It was so good, that Ms Raphael could smell the wonderful aroma coming from the classroom and had to taste our delicious creation for herself."

Ms Raphael said, "It is the BEST bread I have ever tasted!"

The children commented on how fun the baking session was and how they all got to make their own piece of bread.

"I really liked the bread as it tasted very nice." *Darasimi*

"I liked making the bread because it was a fun experience to make my own food."  
*Reuben*

"I like baking the bread, and after I tasted it, it made me feel like a real chef." *Keduse*

"It was fun and we all got to go through the process of kneading it and watching it rise."  
*Bradley*

Most children wanted to save some of their bread to take home, but we're not sure if they resisted temptation before arriving home!



### **Dates for Your Diary—Spring Two**

- ⇒ **St. David's Day**— Friday 1st March (Children to wear one item of yellow to school)
- ⇒ **World Book Day**— Thursday 7th March 2024
- ⇒ **Jerome Class Assembly** — Friday 8th March 2024
- ⇒ **Mother's Day**—Sunday 10th March 2024
- ⇒ **Baptist Class Assembly** — Friday 15th March 2024
- ⇒ **St. Patrick's Day**— Sunday 17th March (Children to wear one item of green to school on Monday 18th March)
- ⇒ **Class Photographs** — Wednesday 20th March 2024
- ⇒ **Elizabeth Class Assembly** — Friday 22nd March 2024
- ⇒ **Holy Week in School**—Monday 25th March– Thursday 28th March 2024
- ⇒ **Finish for Easter Holidays**—Thursday 28th March 2024 (School closes at 2:00pm—No After-School Club)
- ⇒ ***Maundy Thursday***—*Thursday 28th March 2024*
- ⇒ ***Good Friday***—*Friday 29th March 2024*
- ⇒ ***Easter Sunday***—*Sunday 31st March 2024*
- ⇒ ***Easter Monday***—*Monday 1st April 2024*
- ⇒ **Return to School**—Monday 15th April 2024







**FOOD  
FESTIVAL**  
FEBRUARY

## ONIONS

## ONIONS FUN FACTS

1. **UNDERGROUND TREASURES:** ONIONS GROW UNDERGROUND AS BULBS, JUST LIKE A HIDDEN TREASURE WAITING TO BE DISCOVERED.
2. **LAYERS OF GOODNESS:** WHEN YOU CUT OPEN AN ONION, YOU'LL SEE LOTS OF LAYERS. EACH LAYER IS LIKE A PIECE OF FLAVOUR WAITING TO BE COOKED.
3. **CRYING MYSTERY:** SOMETIMES, ONIONS MAKE US CRY WHEN WE CUT THEM. BUT THERE'S A TRICK!  
IF YOU CHILL THE ONION IN THE FRIDGE BEFORE CUTTING, IT MIGHT NOT MAKE
4. **GARDEN FRIENDS:** ONIONS CAN HELP PROTECT OTHER PLANTS IN THE GARDEN. THEIR STRONG SMELL CAN KEEP PESTS AWAY.
5. **FUN FACT:** DID YOU KNOW THAT ONIONS CAN GROW IN DIFFERENT SHAPES AND SIZES? SOME CAN BE AS SMALL AS A MARBLE, WHILE OTHERS CAN BE AS BIG AS A TENNIS BALL!



# What's in season?

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## THIS WEEK'S HOUSE POINTS

**MERCY**

**2,780 POINTS**

**HOPE**

**3,980 POINTS**

**FAITH**

**4,180 POINTS**

**PEACE**

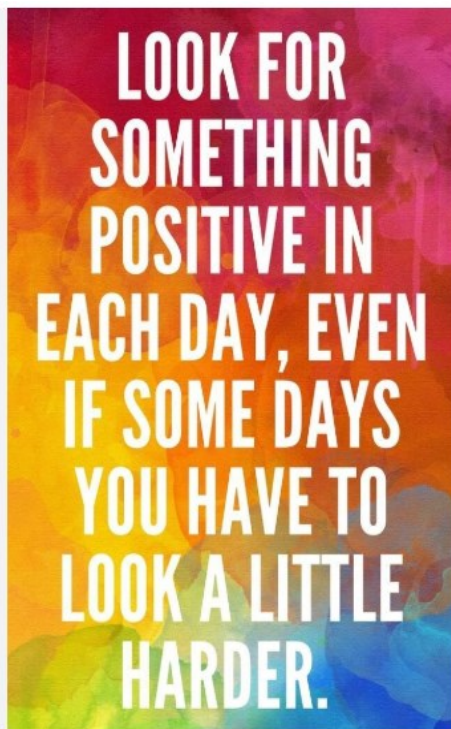
**3,140 POINTS**

**“JESUS WAS TRANSFORMED. HIS FACE SHONE LIKE THE SUN AND HIS CLOTHES BECAME AS DAZZLING AS THE LIGHT, WHITER THAN ANY NORMAL CLOTHING COULD EVER BE.”**

*MARK 9: 2-10*

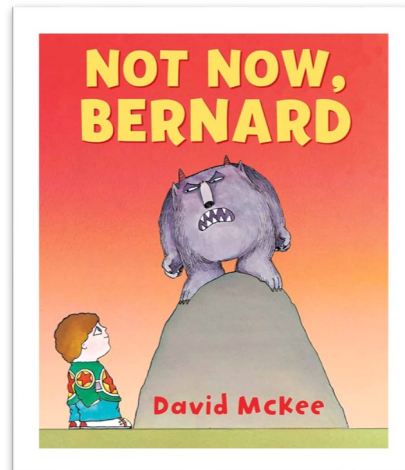


### **Thought for the Week**



### **D.E.A.R**

Mrs Soutter would like to recommend, 'Not Now Bernard,' by David McKee. She says, "This was my absolute favourite book when I was a little girl, here at St. Joseph's. I just love it!"



### **Birthday Shoutouts**

*We would like to wish those who celebrated their birthday this week, are celebrating today or those who have a birthday at the weekend, a **very happy birthday!***

Dimitrios – Nursery Class

Lorenzo – Nursery Class

Faith – Elizabeth Class

Violet – Felton Class

Clara – Joseph Class

Jasmine – Champion Class

Tianna – Champion Class

Elijah – Fisher Class

