John Burns Primary School

Newsletter – Friday 16th October 2026

Dear Parents,



SCIENCE INVESTIGATION MORNING

A huge thank you to all our wonderful parents who joined us for our Y1–Y6 Science Investigation Morning! It was fantastic to see so many families taking part in hands-on science investigations alongside the children. Your enthusiasm, curiosity, and support made the morning such a special learning experience.

A heartfelt thank you also goes to our incredible teachers and TAs for planning and setting up such engaging, interactive experiments. Your creativity and dedication inspired our young scientists to ask questions, investigate, and discover through practical learning



SLEEP AND WHY IT MATTERS

the Sleep Charity

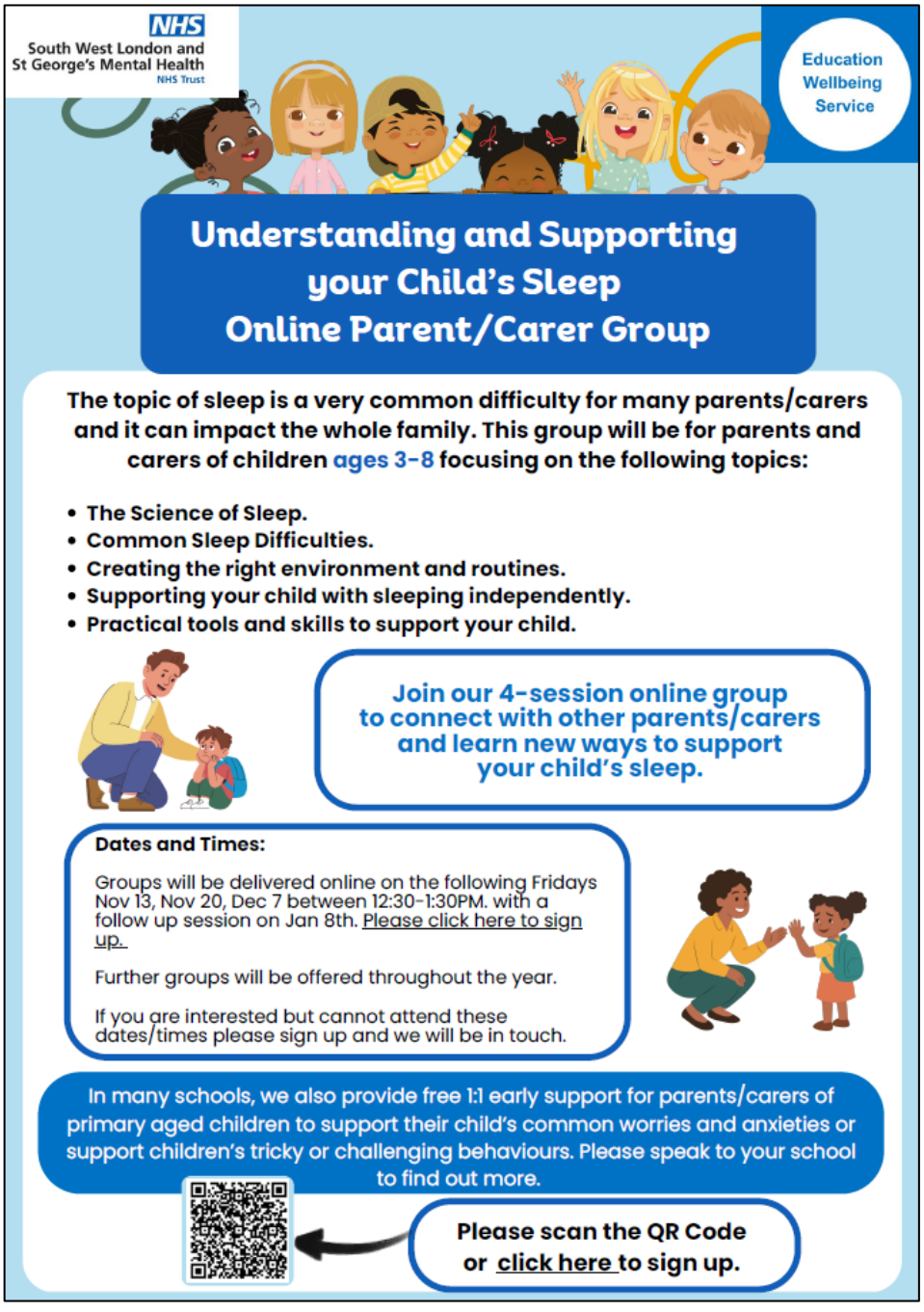
At any given time up to 40% of adults and 50% of children have difficulty with their sleep. Yet, almost 60% of adults felt that there was a lack of support for sleep issues. Sleep problems can leave people feeling isolated and lonely.

National Sleep Helpline: We are here to help

The free helpline is run by trained sleep advisors, many of whom are specialists in working with SEND. The helpline is open 4 times a week.

Monday & Wednesday 9am – 11am and Tuesday & Thursday 7pm – 9pm.

Telephone: 03303 530 541



PARENT WORKSHOP: Meet Dr Rose McGeown (Educational Psychologist assigned to the school)

We warmly invite parents and carers to join us for an informal workshop with Dr Rose McGeown, the school's Link Educational Psychologist, on Monday 9th November at 9:00am in school.

This session will be an opportunity to learn more about the role of the Educational Psychologist and how they support children's learning, development and emotional well-being within school.

Dr McGeown will share information about her role and how educational psychology can support children and families. There will also be time for parents and carers to ask any questions they may have.

We look forward to welcoming you and hope you can join us!

GIRLS' FOOTBALL FESTIVAL: Celebrating Talent, Teamwork and Opportunity

The Girls' Football Festival was a fantastic celebration of football, bringing together girls of different ages and abilities to enjoy the beautiful game in a fun, supportive and inclusive environment.

The festival provided an opportunity for the girls to showcase their footballing skills, develop their confidence and build friendships through sport. Throughout the event, the participants demonstrated great enthusiasm, determination, teamwork and sportsmanship, creating an exciting and positive atmosphere.







YEAR 2 KEW GARDEN TRIP

Mrs Oakley writes:

On Monday, Year 2 had a fantastic day exploring the wonders of Kew Gardens! During an exciting workshop, the children learnt about the life cycle of a plant, identified different seeds and the trees they grow into, and examined flowers and plants under a microscope, discovering fascinating details that are often too small to see with the eye.



Our little explorers ventured into the magnificent Palm House, where they discovered that different plants need different conditions to survive. The children were very brave as they climbed the spiral staircase to explore even more tropical plants, including towering palm trees, bamboo, banana plants and ferns. They learnt how warmth, light and moisture help these plants thrive.

Our artistic adventure continued at the Marianne North Gallery, where the children admired beautiful paintings of plants, flowers and trees from around the world. They spotted intricate details, vibrant colours and different shapes in the artwork, making links between art and the natural world.

After a busy day of learning and discovery, we enjoyed our packed lunches and some well-deserved playtime in the adventure playground before heading back to school.

BACK TO MY ROOTS WEEK

A huge thank you to our wonderful school community for making Back to My Roots Week such a fantastic celebration! The week was filled with colour, culture and learning, from Bollywood dancing and cultural dress day to language day and a series of inspiring pupil-led assemblies celebrating countries and cultures, including Jamaica, Pakistan and India.

A real highlight was our cultural food-tasting event, where we enjoyed an abundance of delicious dishes from around the world and discovered some truly talented and skilled cooks within our community! It was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate our diverse backgrounds, share our heritage and learn from one another.









Thank you to all our pupils, staff and families for making the week so memorable!

Please Label Your Child's Clothing

Help us keep your child's belongings safe!

We wanted to send a gentle reminder about the importance of labelling your child's jumpers, cardigans, bags and coats with their names clearly written.



Jumpers | Cardigans | Bags | Coats

It is very easy for items of clothing to get mixed up or misplaced at school. By labelling your child's clothing, you not only help us to keep track of their belongings but also make it easier to return any lost items promptly.

We kindly request that you take a moment to check your child's clothing and ensure that their jumpers, cardigans, and coats are clearly labelled with their name.

LOOKING FOR SOMETHING EXCITING TO DO WITH THE FAMILY THIS HALF-TERM?



DONS v ARSENAL U21s

TUESDAY 27TH OCTOBER

6PM KICK-OFF

PLOUGH LANE

A great evening out for families during the school holidays!

Come along, enjoy the atmosphere at Plough Lane and watch the next generation of footballing talent in action.



TICKETS:
https://tickets.afcwimbledon.ltd.uk/selection/event/seat?perfId=10229438052679&ot=0&gtmStepTracking=true

AFC WIMBLEDON WOMEN

KIDS GO FREE!

There's also a great offer for families at our AFC Wimbledon Women's matches, with kids going free.



WOMEN'S MATCH TICKETS:
https://tickets.afcwimbledon.ltd.uk/selection/event/date?productId=10229369422707

We'd love to see plenty of local families supporting the club this half-term!

Many thanks,
Andy May
Head of Sport & Education

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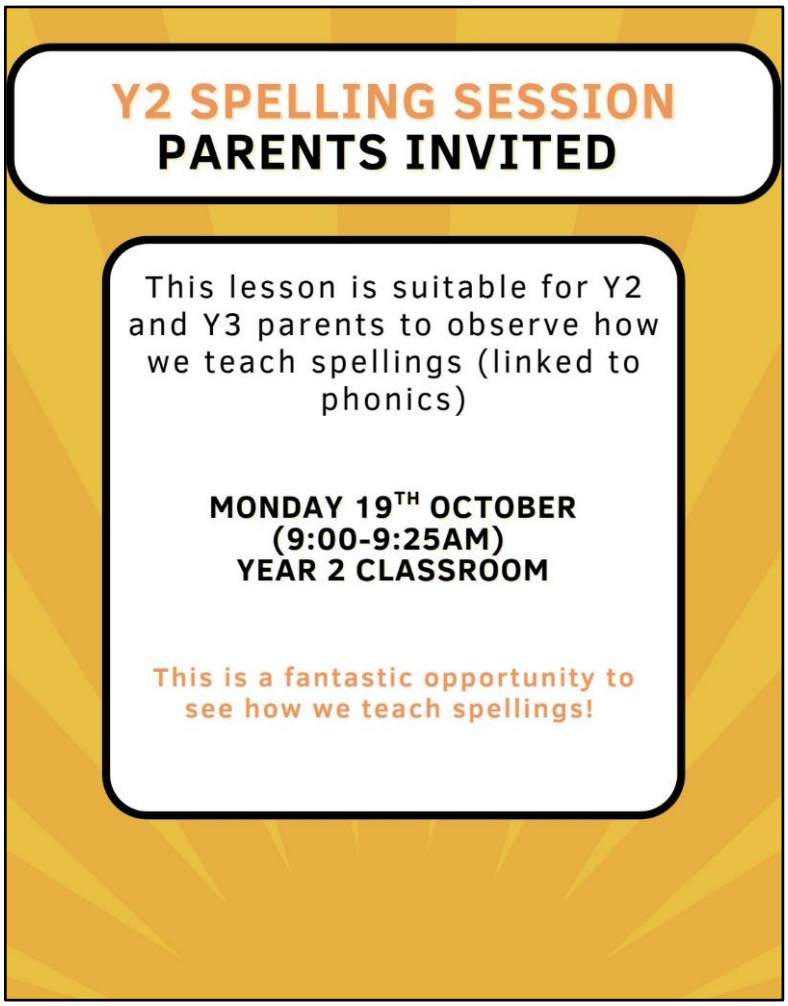
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YEAR 6 PARENTS

Please see information from City of London School for Girls.

For any families who are considering applying for **11+ entry to City in 2027**, please note that the registration deadline is slightly earlier than many other London schools and closes on **Friday 30 October**.

For more information, please follow this link: https://clsg.org.uk/registration/year7-2027/





We are delighted to announce that our PTA Autumn Disco will take place on Thursday 22nd October for children in Years 1–6. Please note: Children in Early Years will be taking part in their own end of term celebrations in class.

Tickets cost £5.00 and include a snack and a drink. They will be available to purchase from the school office from tomorrow morning and throughout the week, both before and after school.

On the day of the disco, children should come to school wearing their full school uniform as usual. Those attending the disco may bring a change of clothes to school, which they will change into at the end of the school day before the event begins.

Due to the number of children attending, parents are not required to stay for the disco. The event will be fully supervised by school staff and members of the PTA.

The disco will finish at 4:30pm, and children should be collected from the school playground, where staff will bring them downstairs for collection. We look forward to a fun-filled afternoon and thank you, as always, for your continued support of our PTA.



HOME LEARNING



Carter (Year 1)



Tommy (Year 1)



Jaxon (Year 3)

Well done to following Times Table Rock Stars champions:

		Regular Rock Stars!
TTRS	Top of the Year 6 Leader Board	Logan
	Top of the Year 5 Leader Board	Olivia
	Top of the Year 4 Leader Board	Nestoras
	Top of the Year 3 Leader Board	Asriel
	Top of the Year 2 Leader Board	Bonnie
	Top of the Year 1 Leader Board	-

Greatest TT Rockstars presence over the past week… **Year 3**

ATTENDANCE



Another one of our animals has been named! Year 6 received an attendance animal this week and have named the Golden Retriever - Ginger!

- Panda: Cookie (named by Year 1)
- Fox: Basil (named by Year 2)
- Shark: Jaws (named by Year 6)
- Golden Retriever: Ginger (named by Year 6)

Let's see who gets a visit next week! Keep up the great attendance!

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	**93%**
Year 1	**94%**
Year 2	**98%**
Year 3	**89%**
Year 4	**99%**
Year 5	**95%**
Year 6	**98%**

The classes with the highest attendance this week is Year 4 with **99%**

GOLDEN AWARD WINNERS

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

- ★ Maya Torres Cevidanes
- ★ Freddie Falla
- ★ Alexander Cortes
- ★ Sydney Territt
- ★ Elyssia Scott
- ★ Kaysia Brissett
- ★ Renad Salih
- ★ Ryan Poma Bustamante
- ★ Princess-Niayrhee Larmond
- ★ Kaeden Pusey-Neil
- ★ Hezekiah Crabbe
- ★ Tommy Bick
- ★ Rhys Demetri
- ★ Hassaan Ahmed

STAR MUSICIANS, SUPER LINGUISTS AND SPORTS STARS



Wishing you all a lovely weekend!

Mr Grogan

Headteacher

DATES & EVENTS

Events may be subject to change and alteration

Autumn 1 Week 8	
Monday 19/10/26	Year 2 Parents' Invited Spelling Session (9:00-9:25am)
Tuesday 20/10/26	EYFS Halloween Cinema Event (2:00-2:40pm) + EYFS Art Gallery Showcase (2:50-3:10pm)
Tuesday 20/10/26	Primary Penathlon KS2 children (invitation only) @Southfields Academy (10:00am-12:00pm)
Wednesday 21/10/26	Year 6 Swimming Session 7
Wednesday 21/10/26	Year 2 Educational Visit - Pudding Lane and Monument
Thursday 22/10/26	Open Morning (9:15-10:30am)
Thursday 22/10/26	Year 1 – Year 6 PTA Halloween Disco (3:30-4:30pm)
Autumn 2 Week 1	
Monday 02/11/26	INSET DAY 2 – School Closed to Pupils
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 6 Swimming Session 8
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 4 Kindness Workshop (9:00-10:00am)
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 5 Kindness Workshop (10:00-11:00am)
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 3 Kindness Workshop (11:00am-12:00pm)
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 6 Dr Me workshop (1:00-2:00pm)
Wednesday 04/11/26	Year 5 Dr Me workshop (1:00-2:00pm)
Friday 06/11/26	EYFS Diya Painting Workshop (9:45-10:25am)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 2 Diya Painting Workshop (10:35-11:15am)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 6 Diya Painting Workshop (11:20am-12:00pm)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 5 Diya Painting Workshop (1:00-1:40pm)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 4 Diya Painting Workshop (1:45-2:25pm)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 3 Diya Painting Workshop (2:30-3:10pm)
Friday 06/11/26	Year 6 Primary Ambitions 1:00pm – 3:15pm