Newsletter – Friday 13th November 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

A busy week in school with: some fascinating continued History Learning; Year 3 History workshops; a moving Armistice service in church on Wednesday; Cezanne class attending a Boxing trip with the London PE Network, and it's super to be celebrating and supporting Children in Need today with a Talent Show this afternoon! Individual photos were taken across both sites on Tuesday – a QR code should have come home to make orders. These can always be delivered to school to save on P&P costs and will be handed to you when they arrive.

In Collective Worship we are continuing to look at our termly theme of The Sermon on the Mount; this week we've reflected upon 'Judging Others' and considered how we focus on ourselves.

Parents' Evening Booking



Another reminder that our Parents' Evenings are approaching and will be held on Wednesday 18th November (EYFS/KS1) and Wednesday 25th November (KS2), both in the OJR Hall. Parent's Evening Consultation slots can be booked through our Arbor app as usual and are now live. Do let us know if there's anything we can assist with regarding these.

Years 4-6 'Young Voices' Concert at the O2 Arena

A reminder that we're delighted to be taking part and performing again in the 'Young Voices' Concert at the O2 on Tuesday 2nd February 2027! Last year we took all children in Years 5&6, however this year we are inviting any child who wants to attend from Years 4-6. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To register your child, please follow this link which will take you to the parent page: https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/journey/welcome . Many people have already signed up so please do so to avoid disappointment. Please see attached flier and QR code for details on parent/audience booking and refer to previous e-mail for more information. There are still spaces!

Charitable Giving/School Maintenance Fund



We always like to support our favourite causes and try to generate some income for school at this time of year but fully appreciate you may not be able to contribute to everything! We'll keep you updated on how much we raise regularly but do remember, children can always wear non-uniform/take part even if a contribution isn't given. You might want to look at your chosen charity for instance and contribute to that – any little help is always appreciated. Sor far we've raised:

- £273.71 (in addition to Miss Hannaway's sponsorship) for 'Power the Fight, and
- £255.25 for King's College Diabetes Support.

Reception 2027-2028 Open Mornings – 09:30, Old Jamaica Road

A reminder of tours of our OJR site for a series of Open Mornings for existing and prospective parents of Reception children starting school in September 2027. Please spread the word to any parents you know, or join us yourselves, for these on one of the following mornings:



- Tuesday 17th November, 09:30 @ OJR;
- Tuesday 1st December, 09:30 @ OJR;
- Tuesday 5th January, 09:30 @ OJR.

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Road Safety Week – 15th-21st November 2026

Next week, please make every effort to WALK, SCOOT or CYCLE to school and nursery. If you have to drive, please do note the 'School Streets' in place at KS2, Alexis St (no access to vehicles, unless residents, or blue badge holders, from 08:30-09:00 and 15:00-15:30). If you have a permit for this area, please do not park near the gates on Linsey Street. At Old Jamaica Road, please do not park in front of the gates, or on the yellow zig zag area, this is for the safety of all our children. Children in Reception will be given reflector badges and a fun activity sheet on Road Safety from TfL. All Year 3 have had Road Safety training where they learnt to cross roads safely. Cycle Confident Level 2 will be offered to Year 6 next summer and we hope to offer Level 1 for Years 3&4 children too.



Pre-loved Uniform Shop

The uniform shop at Alexis St is very well-stocked at the moment and will be open on Wednesday 18th November, after the start of the day. We welcome a small donation to school funds, if you are able. Do come and get some uniform ready for January!

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https://mailchi.mp/coramfamilylives.org.uk/coram-family-lives-newsletter-nov26?e=82d627eec2



Events next week: ***please also find our dates letter attached as usual.***

All children from Reception – Year 6 taking part in 'One Day Creative' Anti-bullying week workshops.

Monday 16th November	• Year 1 Teddy Bear Hospital medical workshops with practitioners from King's College in school; • Violin lessons for KS2 (Years 3-6); • Monday after-school extra-curricular continue, ending at 16:15 (Alexis St) and 16:30 (OJR).
Tuesday 17th November	• Tour of OJR site for prospective Reception 2026-2027 parents and carers from 09:30; • Cezanne class attending a Festival of Sport at Bacon's College – PE KITS ON THIS ADDITIONAL DAY PLEASE.
Wednesday 18th November	• Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 Parents' Evening in the OJR hall; • Reception Lantern Making Workshops with a local artist as part of the 'Illuminate Rotherhithe' event.
Thursday 19th November	• Years 1&2 to the Unicorn Theatre to see a production of 'Santa's First Christmas'.
Friday 20th November	• Non-uniform day in aid of the School Fund – Maintenance Grant and trips. Any contributions gratefully received. Children at KS2 will also be running a Bake Sale at Alexis St after school to contribute to school funds.

Wishing you, along with our whole community, a lovely weekend! ☺
God bless, from the St. James' team.

