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End of Term Message

It has been great to see the children's achievements this term; these have included Black History Month projects, new leadership groups, class assemblies and Christmas performances, a football tournament, a sports festival, Maths Masterclasses, varied trips and workshops - to name a few!

We will shortly be breaking up for the Christmas holidays on Thursday 21st December. Please be reminded that school will close at 1.30 pm on this day, and the children will be dismissed on to the key stage one playground. Parents and carers should be ready to collect their child from the playground, unless they have been booked to go to KG Doodles.

Before this, we would like to share some exciting news and pass on our congratulations to Miss Appleby. Miss Appleby will be joining the senior leadership team as Acting Assistant Headteacher at St Jude's. She will continue as the class teacher of our Reception class, but will have additional leadership time on a Friday afternoon. The class will be covered by Mr Cutts during this time, with our usual teaching team to support. This will ensure consistency for the children with familiar adults. Miss Appleby's role will be largely focussed on developing and monitoring our Curriculum at St Jude's, and we are really looking forward to the opportunities this brings.

Sadly, we will be saying goodbye to one of our team at the end of this half term. Mr Taylor is leaving St Jude's to take on a different teaching role. We wish Mr Taylor all the best and thank him for all his hard work and dedication whilst working at our school. From Wednesday 10th January, the children in Year 3 will be taught by Ms Powell-Farquharson. Ms Powell-Farquharson has met the class recently and is really looking forward to joining our St Jude's family. We have also arranged for her to come in during the last week of term, before the holiday, to ensure a thorough handover with Mr Taylor. I am sure you will join us in welcoming her!

Finally, due to medical reasons, I will not be in school from Thursday 11th January for a few weeks. Mr Rojas will be at St Jude's daily, supporting the senior leadership team and overseeing the day-to-day running of the school.

We wish you all a restful, relaxing Christmas holiday with your family and friends and look forward to seeing you again on Wednesday 10th January.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

Mrs Reid
Head of School

*Merry
Christmas*
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR



Message from the PTA

The PTA Execs would like to say. A big thank to everyone who attended and supported making the Christmas fair a huge success this year! Special thanks to Nicola, Vanessa and Anna for organising a wonderful fair! We managed to raise a fantastic £996.90! This is the most we have raised since pre-pandemic!

Tea towels- We have raised £345.35! A big thank you to our sponsors Mark Allen who gave us £400 to help with the production of the bags and tea towels!

Who are Mark Allen?

<https://www.markallengroup.com/who-we-are/>

Please remember to use #easyfundraising when you do your Christmas shopping. Over 8,000 brands will donate to St Jude's Primary School, Herne Hill for free - so you can raise donations when you buy gifts, decorations, your festive food shop and so much more! Sign up today:

<https://join.easyfundraising.org.uk/stjudesprimaryschoolhernehill/x6s2ug/s2s/VWGH49yq/R3017/facebook/>



Whoops-A-Daisy Angel

The Reception children did wonderful in their production of Whoops-A-Daisy-Angel.

They look so wonderful in their costumes and they delivered their lines brilliantly.

Well done Reception!



Our Christmas Story

We are exceedingly proud of our St Jude's children for their brilliant Christmas performance, and a big thank you to the parents who helped with the costumes and rehearsals to make this a success. It was an amazing feast for the eyes and ears.

Well done!



Neurodiversity Celebration Week at St Jude's

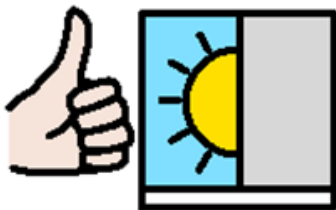
At Jude's we frequently discuss and celebrate how we are all different; in fact, how no two people are the same. Depending on how our brains are wired, we think, move, process information and communicate in different ways. We may DO things differently to our friends and THINK differently and that is OK, because we are ALL different from each other, which makes the world such an amazing place. Neurodiversity Celebration Week gave our children the opportunity to:

- Celebrate the strengths and talents of people with learning differences
 - learning about different types of neurodiversity
- remember the importance of being kind, tolerant and accepting of everyone

Neurodiversity is an umbrella term used to describe alternative thinking styles such as Dyslexia, Autism, ADHD and Tourette's Syndrome. But regardless of labels, neurodiversity is about recognising those who think differently. As these examples show, the world benefits from different thinkers.

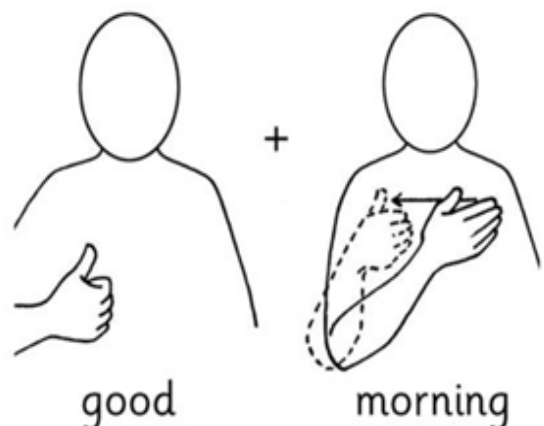
Each class focused on a different aspect of neurodivergence and had meaningful discussions in class. The following questions addressed:

Our experiences were shared in a whole school assembly where we started by Makaton signing 'Good morning'!



Good morning

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These are some of the questions discussed:

*What is sensory
overload?*

How can we help
autistic children
at school?

What examples are there
of successful people with
Dyslexia?

**WHAT IS IT
LIKE TO LIVE
WITH
TOURETTE
SYNDROME**

What might a child
with ADHD find tricky
about the classroom?
How can we help?

Neurodiversity Celebration Week is celebrated worldwide in March 2024. Please take a look at the resources sections of the [Neurodiversity Week website](https://neurodiversityweek.org/), which share some interesting material for schools, children and parents.



Friday Stars !

Reception

Reception Friday Star is Evie! She showed exceptional kindness while helping children with their writing.



Class 1

Class One's Friday Star is Isobella! Isobella learned her lines for our performance the first day, also our songs and actions. From that day she has been helping others in every rehearsal! Well done Isobella, we are so lucky to have you!



Class 2

Class Two's Friday Star is Alex. Alex has really impressed us this week with his motivation and effort when performing in the Christmas Nativity show. Well done for delivering your lines so clearly and performing so confidently. We are all so proud of you!



Class 3

Class Three's Friday Star is Chloe! This week, like every week, Chloe has a real drive for doing her best efforts when learning, and is a real friend to those around her, whether in class or outside during play time. Well done, and keep up the good work!



Class 4/5

Class Four/Five's Friday Star is Arelie. Arelie is always kind to those around her but this week she was spotted being extra kind to another child who was sad in the playground. What a great friend!



Class Five/Six

Class Five/Six's Friday Star is Chance! Chance has been real have-a-go hero this week doing some fantastic descriptive writing. I was really impressed with his use of inverted commas and expanded noun phrases. Well done Chance!



Dojo Winners

With 423 points, this week's dojo winners are Year 3!

You got most of your points this week for being on task and following instructions!



Saints and Workers of the Week



Each week, the staff nominate children to be our Saints and Workers of the Week.

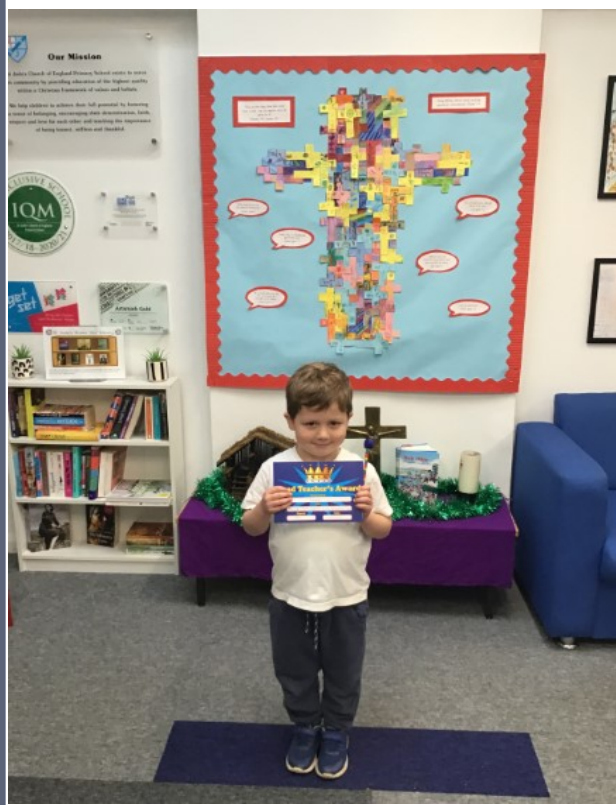
Saints of the Week are children who have worked really hard to live out our Christian school values:

- We work well together
- We are prepared and helpful
- We are resilient
- We are there for one another
- We celebrate each others' success

Saint of the Week

Nate, Reception

**For being very helpful in the lunch hall
and making sure that your table is
clear.**



Worker of the Week

Kayla, Year 4/5

Trying so hard in all her learning!



Important Dates

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Class Assemblies

Please find the dates below; these are subject to change but we will notify you as soon as possible. They will be held in the **school hall at 9.05am**.

Reception— Tuesday 26th March and Tuesday 2nd July

Year 1—Tuesday 21st May and Tuesday 16th July

Year 2— Tuesday 19th March and Tuesday 7th May

Year 3— Tuesday 30th January and Tuesday 18th June

Year 4/5— Tuesday 30th April

Year 5/6—End of Year Production (date TBC)

Whole School

Phonics Workshop for Reception and Year 1 Parents—Wednesday 17th January, 9am in the hall.

Christmas Jumper Day! Wednesday 20th December (all children and staff welcome to wear their favourite Christmas jumper for the day!)

Christmas Lunch—Wednesday 20th December

Christmas Service at Herne Hill Baptist Church—Wednesday 20th December, am

Sports Inspired Festival

On Tuesday last week, we went to Brixton Rec for a sports festival. We played six sports including boccia boxing, dance, volleyball and dodge ball. My favourite was dodge ball because we annihilated our opposition.

The reason why I am writing this is because we managed to bring home the trophy, and I couldn't have done it without my loyal team mates.

By Grayson Gyasi, Year 4/5



Lambeth's Winter of Food & Fun

Please find at this link the directory of activities and services happening during the Christmas holidays for Lambeth's children and young people:

https://www.lambeth.gov.uk/lambeths-winter-food-fun_

There are free and fun activities for children and young people aged 4-16.

There is a section on the website for services for children / young people with SEN, or activities can be viewed by geographical area.



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