



St John's Primary School Newsletter

14th October 2024

Dates for your diary:

- 14th October PC Michael Dix visiting Years 5 & 6
- **16th October at 9am Harvest Festival for Foundation and KS1 parents**
- 15th October am Year 3 walk to Castle Gardens
- 15th October Ambulance Visit to Foundation Stage
- **15th October 6 – 7pm Year 6 Yenworthy Meeting**
- **24th October at 2pm & 2.30pm – Stay and Learn for parents / carers across all classes.**
- 6th November Flu Vaccinations
- 8th November PTFA Spooky Disco
- **12th November 3.30 – 5.30pm Parents' Evening**
- **14th November 3:30 – 7.00pm Parents' Evening**
- **21st November 5.30 - 6.30pm Parents' Forum**
- **25th November INSET Day - School closed for children**
- 26th November Year 6 visit to Cineworld Didcot.
- 29th November Mufti Day for PTFA Christmas Hampers
- **9th December pm (Times to be finalised) Carol Service at St Mary's**
- 11th December Years 3 & 4 visit to Watermill Theatre
- 12th December Years 5 & 6 visit to Watermill Theatre
- 16th – 20th December Year 6 Residential to Yenworthy
- 20th December at 1pm End of Term
- **6th January 2025 INSET Day - School closed for children**



Stars of the week

Foundation - Cormac

Year 1 - Marcello & Matthew S

Year 2 - Max

Year 3 - Nyra

Year 4 - Rosie

Year 5 - Harry

Year 6 - Rafe



Huge respect and congratulations to all the children who spoke so passionately at our House Captain hustings and elections. They should all be exceptionally proud of themselves.

In **AIR**, Joan & Zoe (Year 4), Charlie, Harry, Luke B. & Jack (Year 5) and Lila (Year 6).

In **WATER**, James, Rory & Bella (Year 4), Tommy, Sophie, Skylar & Alfie (Year 5) and Elsie, Edie, Bea & Dylan (Year 6).

In **FIRE**, Monty, Polly & Andrew (Year 4), Marshall, Ollie & Luke S. (Year 5) and Elin & Eva (Year 6).

In **EARTH**, Ronnie, Emma & Peter (Year 4), Benjamin & William (Year 5) and Jack, Niamh & Ruby (Year 6).



Our new House Captains will be announced and receive their badges

on Monday 21st October. We will also celebrate our new Head Boy and Head Girl on the same day.



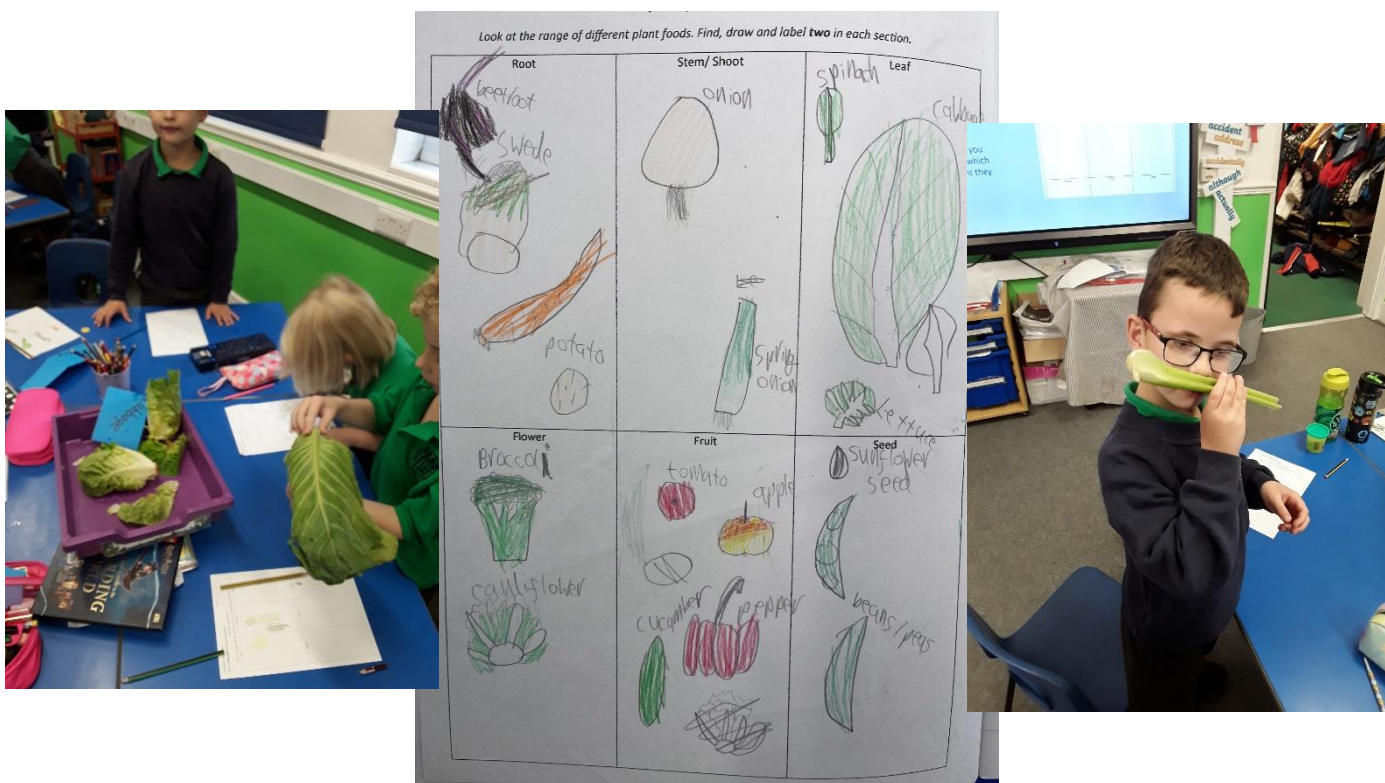
Year 6 have continued to delve deep into World War II and discover what it was like for children during the war. They experienced life as an evacuee in their trip to Steam and then, they explored Anne Frank's diaries in school – mapping out the small living spaces she shared on the hall floor.

The children are talking with increasing depth and understanding about how the War affects so many people in so many different ways.

Steam staff commented positively upon the behaviour, interest and enthusiasm of the children. They were excellent ambassadors for the school and a real credit to you and our community.



In Year 3, children have been exploring a whole host of edible plants to identify the parts of the plant they actually were: fruits, stems, leaves, seeds, roots or flowers.



Year One have been working hard in Maths comparing amounts.

The children have used straws to show the less than and greater than signs.

They went on to make posters showing their learning and Marcello & Matthew S. shared theirs in our Friday Assembly.

A HEAD'S UP:

In the Summer Term, we will be hosting a **Careers Fayre for Year 5 and Year 6**. If you or someone / a company you know would be interested in getting involved, please would you make the School Office aware. We would like to amass a range of industries and job types to inspire and enthuse the children.

Perseverance, Ambition, Curiosity, Kindness