




<b>Diary Dates:</b>
<b>Sharing Assemblies</b>
Palm Tree Class <b>Tuesday 28th January</b>
Cherry Tree Class <b>Tuesday 11th February</b>
Oak Tree Class <b>Tuesday 3rd March</b>
Holly Tree Class <b>Tuesday 17th March</b>
<b>Swimming Spring 1</b>
Elm Tree Class
<b>Half-Term</b>
Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February

**Our Attendance Award for the w/c  
6th January went to:**  
**Silver Birch Tree Class - 100%**  
Well done to **Silver Birch Tree Class**  
for their high attendance.

**Rights Respecting Article for  
w/c 20th January**  
**Article 16**  
Right to Privacy  
Every child has the right to privacy.  
The law should protect the child's  
private, family and home life.  
**The British Value for the week is:**  
Rule of Law

**GOLDEN CUPS for Behaviour for the  
w/c 13th January  
went to:**  
 **WILLOW & OAK**   
**CLASSES**

**Spanish phrase of the week:**  
 **Estar listo**  
Be ready / prepared

**Spring 1 Newsletter 1  
Friday 17th January 2020**

**Message from the Headteacher**

Dear SJB Parents and Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back! I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas. 2020 has begun with the children settling straight back in to their learning as if they were never away.

There have been many trips already this fortnight - Year 1 exploring identity and heritage through their visit to the Hackney Museum; Year 3 delving in to the world of Ancient Egypt at the British Museum and Year 4 learning about Ancient Rome from their trips to the Temple of Mithras and the Museum of London. Thank you to those parents who come along on the trips. It's always lovely to see our parents supporting learning.

As I'm sure our parents and carers are aware, the internet and especially social media has become a big influence in the lives of our children. Almost every single child has access to the internet and as the online community grows, so does the potential for misuse. It is important that children are constantly monitored and informed of their rights and responsibilities when online. Certain apps and websites have rules and restrictions which need to be followed.

Please have conversations with your children regarding their online activity and always follow the appropriate legal guidelines. It is the best way to keep your child safe from online abuse, from being victimised or from them using the internet irresponsibly themselves. For more information, have a read of the websites listed below:  
<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>  
<https://www.net-aware.org.uk/>

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,  
Toni Mason

**St John the Baptist Belief of the Week for w/c 20th January 2020**  
**Respect**  
Look after the school and our belongings so we have a pleasant place to work  
**'Love your neighbour as yourself.'**  
**Matthew 22:39**



**St John the Baptist C of E Primary School**

### Temple of Mithras



Last week, Elm and Maple tree classes visited the Temple of Mithras which is located in Bank. The forgotten temple was discovered beneath London's streets and is a surviving piece of the Roman city of Londinium. The trip helped us investigate the ancient Roman world, where democracy was invented, for our topic unit - Rule of the People.

### Hackney's Got Style



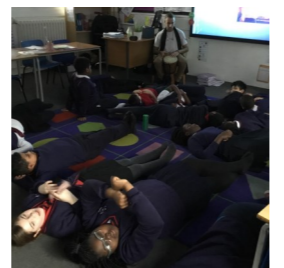
Year 1 caught the 394 bus last Friday to the Hackney Museum to visit the exhibition 'Hackney's Got Style'. It linked to the topic 'Welcome to the Barbershop' which focuses on children learning about their identity and heritage. We were able to explore the styles and trends of African and Caribbean cultures that were brought to Hackney over the last 70 years. We saw how hair accessories have evolved, the changes in fashion and what an old fashioned barbershop looked like. We had a wonderful time!

### Ancient Egypt at the British Museum



Rowan and Silver Birch Tree Class visited the British Museum last week to explore the Ancient Egyptian galleries. We are learning about 'African Kingdoms' this half-term and looked at the mummification process during the ancient Egyptian era as well as the different artefacts the exhibition holds. We also looked closely at the ancient script of hieroglyphics.

### Mindfulness



Chestnut tree class loved having a visitor yesterday who spoke to them about the importance of focusing on our well-being, breathing, mindfulness and happiness. We talked about the importance of knowing our own emotions and how we can use breathing to help us to deal with different emotions. The children loved learning how to use 'bear breathing', 'snake breathing' and 'blowing candles'. The children said they felt more energetic, happier and calmer.



## Well done to all our Stars of the Week

### w/c 6th January



Albie, Naimah & Bryanna

### w/c 13th January



Ogonna, Jola, Kuzey & Ayla



Medine, Lucas, Jay, Philip, Dajaun & Samantha



Rochelle, Chiamaka, Samuel, Destina, Kieran, Folart, Geven & Yaw-Noah

### Upcoming Events

DATE	EVENT
20th January	Palm Tree Class at Shoreditch Library
21st January	Cherry Tree Class at Shoreditch Library
23rd January	Holly Tree Class at Shoreditch Library
24th January	EYFS Family Fridays (8:45 - 9:30) / Rowan Tree Class at Shoreditch Library