

**Term Dates:**  
**Spring Half-Term**  
Monday 15th  
February - Friday  
19th February

**Spring 2**  
Monday 22nd  
February 2021 -  
Thursday 1st April  
2021

  
**GOLDEN CUPS**  
**awarded to:**  
**Willow & Chestnut Tree**  
**and**  
**Palm & Oak**  
**Tree Classes**  


**Rights Respecting Article for**  
**w/c 1st February 2021**  
**Article 14**

(Freedom of thought, belief, and religion)  
Every child has the right to think and believe what they want and also practice their religion, as long as they are not stopping other people from enjoying their rights. Governments must respect the right of their parents to give their children guidance about their rights.

**Word of the week:**  
**Radiant**

Definition: expressing great happiness, hope, or beauty



**Spring 1 Newsletter**  
**Friday 29th January 2021**



To all of our pupils, parents and carers,

We have managed to complete our first half term of 2021 and we are sure that your children are looking forward to a break from their remote learning either in or out of school. We hope that you and your family have a chance to relax and spend quality time together.

It was so lovely to see the snow this week, hopefully you were able to get out and enjoy it!

This week we have had a focus on Online Safety. It is so important that children learn how to keep themselves safe online, especially now that they are spending so much time in front of a screen.

If you would like more information about how to keep your children safe online, I can recommend the 'Think You Know' website which has detailed guidance and excellent resources to support parents with this -  
<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Support-tools/home-activity-worksheets/>

As we approach the end of this half term, I want to say thank you for your continued efforts with remote learning. We know that this extended period of remote education presents so many challenges for children and parents. We recognise the impact the pandemic is having on children's education and their lives in general and we know they are missing their friends and their usual routine.

When they return to school it will be our job to establish where they are with their learning, their wellbeing and their relationships and we will start from that point and give them what they need to grow and develop. Let's hope that the improving data around infection rates and hospital admissions continues to improve so we can get the children back into school very soon.

Please can I remind those of you with children in school that should your child develop COVID-19 symptoms and subsequently test positive over half term, you must inform the school so we can take any further action necessary and inform any close contacts to self-isolate. Please inform the school via the office email: [office@st-john.hackney.sch.uk](mailto:office@st-john.hackney.sch.uk) which we will be checking regularly.

Wishing you a safe and healthy half term.  
Best wishes,  
Toni Mason

**St John the Baptist Belief of the Week for w/c 8th February 2021**  
**Celebration**

Welcome, celebrate and care for each other to make our school a safe and happy place.

Rejoice with those who rejoice

**Romans 12:15**

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

### SJB 'Can't stop the feeling' Video



### SJB is Happy Video



Thank You to our staff for participating, bringing out your best dance moves, lip-synching and contagious smiles for our SJB video. To all our SJB students and families, even in current times, there's always a reason to dance.  
Nothing can't stop that feeling and always remember to stay HAPPY!

### BADU's FREE Lockdown Services

BADU has a variety of online activities for children and families, weekday evenings and weekends. They are also running a special online February half term program. All our activities are FREE and can be accessed via zoom. We also have a phone support service for families, dedicated to mental wellbeing and a point of contact for signposting to other services. The aim of this service is to provide a talking space for families. If you have any families that you are concerned about or feel could benefit from a regular check in call, please contact [natasha@baducic.org](mailto:natasha@baducic.org)



## Well done to all of our Stars of the Week for this Term!

### Year 1

Ozan  
Shaziah  
Ali  
Easton

Arael  
Mariama  
Vitoria  
Milla

### Year 2

Daniel  
Eedee  
Arissa  
Ethan

Lily  
Belgrace  
Seymagul  
Jasmine

### Year 3

Michelle  
Kieran  
Jessica  
Antalya

Kieron  
Lulia  
Khyrell  
Estelle

### Year 4

Faith  
Morolda  
Kaiden  
Deljah

Elif  
Lezaii  
Michelle  
Nok

### Year 5

Aaron  
Lewis  
Lili  
Osato

Lily  
Charlie  
Samantha  
Claudia

### Year 6

Geven  
Moriah  
Bolu  
Tiffany

Lenasce  
Ava-Rae  
Emma  
Fatuma

## Year 1

How to make Winter Ice Ornaments by Year1 Class

1. Put water into a shallow bowl
2. Decorate with native flora, twine/rope.
3. Freeze.
4. When completely frozen , hang outdoors during the cool days/evenings.



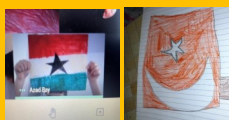
## Year 2

have been working really hard and producing outstanding work whilst learning remotely. We have been learning a lot about parliament. Did you know there are 650 MPs? We have been campaigning to be MPs in the past weeks and created campaign posters.

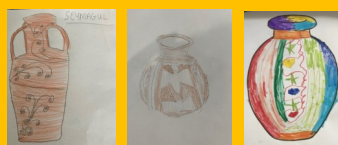
Year 2s used this year's Children Mental Health Week theme, Express Yourself, to find ways in which we can be kind, spread peace and unify people.

Through our discussions, we noticed that some people may be sad and feel alone because they aren't able to communicate with others due to a language barrier. We think that

even if there is a language barrier, there are simple ways, such as a smile or learning how to say hello in a different language, that can help ensure everyone is happy and no one is excluded. We have learnt about our friends' family languages, food, traditions and country flags. It was such a joy learning Turkish, Kweyol, Yoruba and Twi phrases that we use to communicate with our friends.



Our interpretation of clay pots as made in Nigeria.



## Our SJB Students' Work

### Year 3

have had a go at Ancient Egyptian weaving. In ancient times, fabrics were a way of spreading symbols, images and communicating.

This week in Maths, Year 3 have been learning about the value of money. We have learnt that there are 100 pennies in a pound, 8 different value coins and 4 different types of notes. We were taught that it does not matter how many coins or notes you have, it's the value of these coins / notes that is important.



### Year 5

These eagle art works are our Anglo-Saxon inspired artwork. We have been learning about what Anglo-Saxon life in Britain was like and how they lived. We took a look at some of the artwork they produced and had a go at making our own.



In RE, we have been learning about rituals and ceremonies. In class, we made up our own ritual/ceremony and then came up with our own sacred symbols.



Half Term Holidays!

## TTRockstars



The children have been dusting off their times tables skills and seeing how fast their fingers are in a school-wide Battle Of The Bands. Most parents probably remember learning times tables when they were at school as being a bit of a chore, but children genuinely enjoy using this app to develop their knowledge. They use it to practice by themselves, play against each other or even against their teacher as they bid to become Rock Heroes! Each week, we ran a new tournament and it was great seeing our students take part. It's a great way to support their learning at home during lockdown.

## Prayer of the Week

Dear God,

Help me celebrate my achievements and school.  
Help me celebrate my friends and family.

Help me to graduate and be an A\* student.

Help me celebrate my birthdays and my education.  
You have given me this life to celebrate and have guided me to celebrate You.

To be able to celebrate, I will have a happy life and make others have a happy life.

Also, I want to celebrate the little things like seeing the sun shine in the morning and breathing but I thank God for everything. Amen



Jamelia, Year 6

