



ST JAMES
Preparatory School

4N Newsletter: Spring Term, Week 11

This week in 4N...

The children have had a busy and event-filled week in Year 4. On Monday, the children had an interesting visit from author Zohra Nabi, talking about her new book 'Deep Dark'. It sounds like a fascinating tale set in Victorian London.

On Tuesday, ten Year 4s attended the Cross-Country Competition at St James Senior Boys' School. It was a wonderful event organised by Miss Robertson, even though she is still at home recovering. The children all finished their races and were enthusiastically cheered on by their friends. Well done especially to Malu who won the Gold Medal in the Year 4 girls' race!

Wednesday was supercalifragilisticexpialidocious as we were invited to watch the Senior Girls and some of the Prep perform Mary Poppins. It was a fantastic production and the children should be proud. The bees stole the show in my opinion!

We have also been working hard in Maths on finishing off our Fractions work, including subtracting fractions from mixed numbers and finding decimal equivalents for tenths. English has also been focused on finishing our persuasive letters, persuading a fictional bad guy to change their ways. We wrote a letter to the Big Bad Wolf trying to persuade him to stop eating poor innocent pigs! The children need to write their own persuasive letter to a villain as writing homework this weekend.

Next week is the final week of term, with school finishing at 11:30am on Wednesday 2nd April.

Have a great weekend,

Mr Norris

The Cross-Country competition was lots of fun!



Aria completed her purse this week. Well done!

Things to remember

- We are looking forward to our **Easter Service on Tuesday 1st April**. Parents can reserve a space here: <https://forms.office.com/e/e6RMkx32mu>. There will be light Easter refreshments available from 8.15am in the Courtyard ahead of the main event at St Mary's West Kensington, Hammersmith Rd, London W14 0QL, starting at 9.15am. This will conclude by 10.15am.
- The Spring Term ends on Wednesday 2nd April at 11:30am.
- The Senior Girls' School has asked the Nursery and Prep children to join forces in donating soup for our local charity, *Under One Sky* (UOS). Boxes of 'Cup a Soup' or similar (but not fresh, already-made soup) are being collected from now until the start of the Easter holiday. The seniors have a plan to use the boxes in the lead up to the school's 50th anniversary - and then they will make their way to those less fortunate than us - those living on the streets of the city we all call home. Thank you for your kind and generous support.
- On Thursday 1st May, children will have the opportunity to take part in the Junior Mathematical Challenge in school. This is a challenge aimed at children in Year 8 but we encourage any child who is interested to take part and really stretch themselves! We recommend attempting some past papers, available at: <https://ukmt.org.uk/competition-papers/jsf/jet-engine:free-past-papers/tax/challenge-type:67/#free-past-paper-anchor>
Please contact Ms Foster via Class Dojo if you have any questions.
- Mrs Wyatt has asked me to remind you that children are expected to wear school uniform every day except Tuesday. Children will be given time to change for clubs at the end of the day. All children with long hair (below the collar) should also tie it up.
- In the first round of this year's Annual Sanskrit Speech Competition, Year 4 were the winners - congratulations. As part of this celebration and prize, Year 4 will be performing this live on stage at Central Hall, Westminster, on the evening of Friday 2 May, as part of our 50th Birthday performance. They will be performing, in Sanskrit and English, part of the Mundaka Upanishad, beginning with 'Truth alone wins, not untruth. Through Truth, the divine path extends out, through which the wise, whose desires have been fulfilled, reach the place where there is that supreme treasure of Truth.' We do hope all will be available for this performance, to celebrate their success. Please inform Mrs Clark confirming your child's participation so we can update our numbers accordingly. We do hope you have booked your free tickets already, but if not, you can reserve your place here: <https://www.stjamessschools.co.uk/50-years/2025/01/07/50th-birthday-celebration-event/>

Year 4 Homework Timetable 24 – 25 (~30-40 minutes every day)

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Spelling 20 min	English 30 min	VR / NVR 20 min	Maths 30 min	Comprehension/ Writing 30 min
TTRS 10 min	Sanskrit 15 min	TTRS 10 min	Sanskrit 15 min	Oxford Reading Buddy 10 min

Children need to read their scheme reader book every night and log this in their reading record.

My fundraising link - https://www.justgiving.com/page/sam-norris-1735997742809?utm_medium=FR&utm_source=CL

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Mr Norris is running the Brighton Marathon for Age UK H&F!

April 6th 2025

If you are able to support me and the important work of Age UK in the local community, then please scan the code!

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There will be no spelling words for Monday 30th.