



6 November 2024

Dear Parents & Carers,

Welcome back after half term, we hope that the break from School went well for you. It has been lovely to see how much the children had to tell one another about their various adventures over the holiday period.

The JD School Council from 2023/24 had a final fundraising meeting to allocate the remainder of the money raised during the last academic year. They have opted to pay for another Smile Train operation to help a child in the developing world with a cleft pallet repair, as well as to protect three acres of rainforest. Thank you for the part you all played in raising the money.

### **Christmas Card Orders**

If you are planning to order any of the Christmas items with your child's design on (e.g. cards, mugs or coasters), please be aware the deadline for completing orders on Scopay and the online form below is 4pm on Wednesday 6 November. Any profit from the sale of these items is used to fund the Junior Department Christmas activities, decorations and party games.

<https://forms.office.com/e/jd3yaBRp9d>

### **Junior Department House Colours**

Pupils in JD can earn House Colours if they participate in an inter-house competition and win. The House Colours consist of a strip of ribbon which should be sewn across the top edge of the breast pocket on your child's blazer. There is no cost for the ribbon, as Mrs Elliott has it in stock and will send children home with a strip after each successful competition. We are aware that some parents may not be comfortable with sewing, but local stitching shops will often take this on at a low cost for you.

This year to date: In JD2 St Chad's won the Inter-house Netball on 22 October which means the following pupils are entitled to wear House Colours: Cecily, Angel, Ethan, Theo, Felix, Adam and Kiki.

House Music Competition: As overall winners, St Peter's House participants are eligible for House Colours: Eliana, Hreyansha, Jola, Joshua, Lauren, Luis, Meredith, Natalie, Nekudzo, Olivia, Sarinah and Stephanie.

As winners of the Junior Choir competition, St Chad's House participants are also eligible for House Colours: Ajani, Amelia, Angel, Cecily, Christina, Ethan, Felix, Hanna, Jerome, Kiki, Luna, Poppy and Theo.

Please note that if receiving House Colours for a second time, pupils still only wear the single stripe.

### **Year 5 and 6 Hockey Competition - Thursday 7 November**

Pupils will be collected from JD by PE staff at 11.35am and taken to the tournament. They will return before the end of the School day. They will need shin pads, long socks and gum shields (if you have them), as well as warm layers, a packed lunch and a bottle of water.

Thywill, Alexander, Orlando, Adam, Chimno, Sarinah, Giselle, Ina, Kiki and Grace.

### **JD Open Morning**

I want to make you aware that on Thursday this week, JD is open for parents of pupils looking to join in September 2025. We aim to run this morning with minimal disruption to lessons, but your children may come home and tell you about a lot of visitors on this date. We will use the opportunity to ask some Year 6 pupils to act as guides and show visitors around the department.

### **Remembrance**

Pupils are encouraged to wear a poppy on their blazer in the run up to Remembrance Day. It is helpful to write your child's name on the back of their poppy in case it becomes detached from their blazer.

### **Monday 11 November - JD1 at Duxford**

JD1 will be observing the 11am silence whilst at the Imperial War Museum in Duxford. A reminder to please make payment for this trip on Scopay if you have not yet done so.

Yours faithfully,

Mr D Ludford  
Head of Junior Department

# Junior Gazette

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## Terrible Tudor Times

*On Monday the 21st October JD2 went to Peterborough Museum to study the Tudors, which was their topic.*

We left school at approximately nine-thirty.

When we arrived there we were welcomed inside. Excited children were split in to two groups: year five and year six.

We learnt about two main things Tudor clothes and Tudor medicines. While year five learnt about the Tudor medicines year 6 learned about the Tudor clothing. pupils dressed up as wealthy people from around that time.

Year 5 had to start with the gruesome bits. For example, if you had a toothache and you went to the barber

surgeon they would put ground up earthworms on your teeth! They also showed us what would happen if you had an arrow stuck in your bottom!

And then the two year groups swapped. We also had the opportunity to go down into the cellar to see the remains of the original Tudor building.

Finally we were onto our last



activity. We made the Tudor rose. We made our Tudor roses out of coloured card which was made into a makeshift necklace.

JD2 had an amazing day at Peterborough museum!



## House Music

*For the first time House Music was held at Peterborough Cathedral.*

Many of the Junior Department participated in the Junior choir category.

House Music was a brilliant occasion. A staggering amount of 48 children from JD participated with gusto, enthusiasm and smiles.

The junior choir competition was won by St. Chad's House. The overall winner of the competition was won by St. Peter's house.



### MERIT WINNERS

- Yr 3 Poppy
- Yr 4 Christina
- Yr 5 Luis
- Yr 6 Kiki