



JPS News



Opening Doors to Make a Difference

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you enjoyed the half-term break. We are looking forward to a very busy term at Julian's!

We are delighted that Julian's is a *School of Sanctuary* in addition to being a *Unicef Gold Rights Respecting School*. We provide a welcome and safe environment for everyone. To launch *Refugee Week*, we are inviting all children to wear an orange sticker on our *Day of Welcome* which takes place on Monday 15th June. This is in recognition of refugees and United Nations Conventions on Rights of the Child, Article 22. The theme this year is *Courage and Acts of Kindness*. The children will participate in online events, assemblies and art activities. We have included a reading list of refugee and migrant stories in this newsletter if you would like to explore this theme further at home. Please see page 4.

The children thoroughly enjoyed *Science Week* last term and we have a photo round up for you on pages 5-6.

We will also be celebrating *Walk to School Week* which is scheduled 22nd-26th June. Further details may be found on page 8.

Our **Summer Fair is tomorrow** (Saturday 13th June) at our **West Norwood site from 12-3pm!** Please come, join in the fun and support our school. A huge thank you to our incredible PTFA for all their tireless work in organising it and thank you in advance to everyone who has volunteered their time to help out on the day. We look forward to seeing you at the fair!

Best wishes,
Alison and the team



School Calendar

Saturday 13th June - PTFA SUMMER FAIR 12-3pm, WN

Monday 15th June - Day of Welcome / Wear an orange sticker for Refugee Week

Tuesday 30th June - Sports Day: Year 6 at 10am / Year 3 at 1pm at St Joseph's playing fields

Wednesday 1st July - Sports Day: Year 4 at 10am / Year 5 at 1pm at St Joseph's playing fields

Thursday 2nd July - Nursery Sports Day at WN

Friday 3rd July - Sports Day: Year 2 at 10am at St Joseph's playing fields

Monday 6th July - Sports Day: Year 1 STR at 1pm/ Reception WN at 1pm

Tuesday 7th July - Sports Day: Year 1 WN 1pm/ Reception STR at 10am

Friday 17th July - End of the school year at 2pm

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Julian's Primary School

Summer * Fair

SATURDAY JUNE 13 2026
TIME: 12 - 3 P.M.
WEST NORWOOD SCHOOL GROUNDS
16 Wolfington Rd, SE27 0JF

£1 entry for adults
kids go free

TRADITIONAL STALLS, ENTERTAINMENT, FACE PAINTING, BBQ + BAR, LIVE MUSIC, AXE THROWING, GAMES + CRAFTS, RAFFLES
FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!!

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Refugee Week

15th -21st June 2026

The theme this year is:

**COURAGE!
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Refugee Week is a global arts and culture festival that celebrates the contributions, creativity and resilience of refugees and people seeking safety. It is a time to learn more about why people are forced to leave their homes, and to recognise the strength and courage it takes to rebuild their lives.

At our school, we are marking Refugee Week to celebrate the diversity of our community and to ensure that everyone feels seen, valued and respected. We want to create a space where all students, including those from refugee families, feel safe and proud of their identities. By taking part, we aim to build understanding, kindness and connection, and to recognise the important contributions that refugees make to our school and wider community.

15-21 JUNE 2026
THE WORLD'S LARGEST ARTS AND CULTURE FESTIVAL CELEBRATING
THE CREATIVITY, CONTRIBUTIONS AND RESILIENCE OF REFUGEES

DISCOVER WHAT'S ON AND TAKE PART
WWW.REFUGEEWEEK.ORG



	EYFS	KS1	KS2
Core text	Saving the Butterfly by	<i>Escape</i> by Ming and Wah, illustrated by Carmen Vela	<i>Escape</i> by Ming and Wah, illustrated by Carmen Vela
Other events	- Online story telling by Michael Rosen	- Sanctuary Seeking Assembly	- Sanctuary Seeking Assembly

All students:

1. Wear an orange sticker in relation to Article 22 Refugee children
2. Soft start slides to replace Early Morning Work where children will explore this year's theme.
3. All children will take part in an art activity across the school. based on theme of Courage.

Picture books



The Day War Came by Nicola Davies | Refugee Experience and War

A young girl is forced to flee from her bombed home country. Even in her newfound refuge, the scars of war linger, haunting her heart and the eyes of those around her who turn away. This book urges readers to recognise the importance of compassion and empathy in addressing the ongoing humanitarian crisis.

Interest age: 5-8 Reading age: 6+



Saving the Butterfly: A Story About Refugees by Helen Cooper | Family

In this poetic and powerful tale, a little brother and his big sister navigate the challenges of starting anew after a perilous sea journey. While the little one adapts and makes new friends, his sister remains haunted. The story beautifully unfolds as the siblings attempt to settle in their new home, where the only remnants of the past are the bonds they share.

Interest age: 4-6 Reading age: 5+



Tomorrow by Nadine Kaddan | War and Family

The picture book unfolds the story of Yazan, a boy yearning for the freedom of his pre-war life in Syria. Trapped inside, he resorts to paper planes and a pillow castle, but the reality outside is fraught with danger. This uplifting story beautifully captures the courage of a little boy navigating adversity and the enduring strength of family love in times of conflict.

Interest age: 4-6 Reading age: 6+



Home for Grace by Kathryn White | Refugee Experience and Empathy

When Jess and her mum befriend Grace, who appeared in a shop doorway with a cat named Luna, they navigate questions about her past and concerns for the future. A powerful exploration of homelessness, highlighting the importance of kindness and understanding.

Interest age: 6-8 Reading age: 6+



The Journey by Francesca Sanna | Immigration and Home

The Journey is told through the eyes of a young child whose family's safe world is shattered by the arrival of war. It is a powerful and poignant exploration of a refugee experience.

Interest age: 7-9 Reading age: 7+

Picture books

Boundless Sky by Amanda Addison | A Long Journey Home

The story weaves together the parallel journeys of a bird and a young refugee named Laila. Through its exploration of themes such as migration, resilience, and the pursuit of a peaceful home, the story not only captivates young readers but also imparts valuable lessons about empathy and understanding. It serves as a meaningful conversation starter for discussions on compassion, diversity, and the shared aspirations that unite us all.

Interest age: 3-7 Reading age: 5+



The Suitcase by Chris Naylor-Ballesteros | Welcoming Strangers

The story unfolds with the journey of a newcomer who arrives in a foreign land carrying just a suitcase. The stranger appears sad and weary, and the community is unsure how to approach or help. The book not only sparks conversations about immigration and acceptance but also instils a sense of empathy and understanding in young minds.

Interest age: 4-6 Reading age: 5+



My Name Is Not Refugee by Kate Milner | Immigration and Identity

The book follows the conversation between a young boy and his mother about the impending journey on which they are about to embark. They are about to leave home and seek refuge in a new country. It touches upon themes of empathy, understanding, and the shared human experiences that transcend borders.

Interest age: 4-8 Reading age: 5+



The Little War Cat by Hiba Noor Khan | War and Home

Basking in Aleppo's sunlit streets, a little grey cat revels in play around marble mosaics, sunbathes under palm trees, and lives a happy life. However, when humans with boots arrive, everything is disrupted. Friends vanish, food disappears, and the sun hides behind thick black smoke. Alone, scared, and hungry, a kind and patient human comes to her rescue.

Interest age: 4-8 Reading age: 5+



Wisp: A Story of Hope by Zana Fraillon | Immigration and Hope

An uplifting story that unfolds within the confines of a refugee camp, where a young child dreams of a brighter future. In this enchanting narrative, Fraillon weaves a tapestry of resilience, courage, and the transformative power of belief.

Interest age: 6-8 Reading age: 6+



Picture & chapter books



The Arrival by Shaun Tan | Refugee Experience and Belonging

We follow a young man who packs his bags, bidding farewell to his family to embark on a new life in a foreign land. The narrative unfolds as we share in his struggles, from communication barriers to finding shelter, employment, and sustenance. The story interweaves the experiences of other immigrants, culminating in a hopeful reunion with his family and the promise of a brighter future.

Interest age: 8-9 Reading age: 8+



Swallow's Kiss by Sita Brahmachari | Refugee Experience and Empathy

Blessing, a young girl living a new life with her Mama, holds onto the hope that her Papa will find them. The discovery of a lost bag of paper Wish Birds sets Blessing on a heartwarming journey. Following the trail of wishes to a community that crafted them, leading to new friendships.

Interest age: 7-11 Reading age: 7+



The Proudest Blue by Ibtihaj Muhammad and S.K. Ali | Refugee Experience and Home

Asiya's hijab is blue, the same colour as the ocean and sky. It waves to the world with a radiant smile. It is Falzah's first day of school, and her sister Asiya's first day of wearing her hijab. This beautifully crafted narrative delves into themes of identity, resilience, and the warmth of familial bonds.

Interest age: 6-8 Reading age: 6+



The Last Garden by Rachel Ip | War and Empathy

Amidst the turmoil of a war-ravaged city, a young girl tends to the last remaining garden carefully. However, her neighbours are leaving: everyone is leaving because of the war. "The garden will be alone if I leave too..." thinks the little girl. With beautiful illustrations, *The Last Garden* serves as the perfect story to spark conversations on war and migration with younger children.

Interest age: 6-8 Reading age: 6+



Leaf by Sandra Dieckmann | Newcomers and Friendship

An illustrated tale that unfolds in a magical forest. When a polar bear arrives unexpectedly, the woodland animals are wary. Yet Leaf, a curious fox, befriends the outsider, uncovering the importance of acceptance and the beauty of diversity.

Interest age: 4-7 Reading age: 5+

Chapter books



Illegal by Eoin Colfer and Andrew Donkin | Journey and Hope

The graphic novel tells the story of Ebo, a 12-year-old boy who tries to escape his village. Driven by the hope of reuniting with his brother Kwame and sister Sisi, who have already ventured to Europe in search of a better life, Ebo embarks on a perilous journey across the Sahara Desert. The book is beautifully illustrated and takes readers on a powerful and timely journey.

Interest age: 10-16 Reading age: 10+



The Boy at the Back of the Class by Onjali Q. Rauf | Kindness and Friendship

This is a heartwarming tale of four children and their kindness towards Ahmet, a Syrian refugee. With curiosity, bravery and innocence, they break stereotypes, inspiring readers to be good people, no matter their circumstances. An inspiring story about the power of kindness and friendships.

Interest age: 7-11 Reading age: 10+



No Ballet Shoes in Syria by Catherine Bruton | Resilience and Friendships

The story follows Aya, a Syrian asylum seeker in Manchester, weaving a poignant tale of resilience and friendship. Aya's passion for ballet meets hope in the form of a class led by Miss Helena. This heartwarming story, ideal for those who seek optimism amid challenges, beautifully captivates readers.

Interest age: 9-11 Reading age: 9+



Boy, Everywhere by A. M. Dassu | War and Family

13-year-old Sami enjoys a peaceful life in Damascus until a bomb shatters his world. Fleeing Syria, his journey across Europe unveils the harsh reality of danger, poverty, and fear faced by refugees. Sami's story sheds light on the broader refugee experience. A timely and honest narrative essential for school libraries.

Interest age: 9-11 Reading age: 9+



The Crossing by Manjeet Mann | Immigration and Family

In a poignant tale of loss and survival, *The Crossing* follows Natalie and Sammy, two teenagers facing distinct challenges that intertwine in unexpected ways. Natalie seeks solace in swimming after her mother's death, while Sammy flees war-torn Eritrea. With raw dialogue and poignant events, this book serves as a crucial and empathetic exploration of the challenges faced by young people in war.

Interest age: 12-14 Reading age: 10+

Our Right of the Week is:

Article 24- Health, water, food, environment

Every child has the right to the best possible health. This includes access to clean water, healthy food and a safe, clean environment. Governments must work hard to stop pollution and protect children's health.



Julian's is a Rights Respecting school. We learn about a new right each week during Picture News class assemblies.

In Picture News this week, we will discuss:
EYFS- What sea creatures live in the ocean?
Primary- How can we protect the oceans?



To learn more about Rights Respecting Schools please see the website:
<https://www.unicef.org.uk/rights-respecting-schools/>

Science Week!

Last term we celebrated Science Week at Julian's. The theme this year was *Curiosity - What is your question?* The children in all year groups have also been learning about the different work of scientists with disabilities this year as part of the *Smashing Stereotypes* campaign.

We would like to say a huge thank you to all our parents/ carers who volunteered to speak with the children. It really helped to bring science to life and they loved it! All the children got involved in asking questions and being curious.



In **Reception** the children conducted a jelly experiment and they asked lots of questions, really getting into the theme of this year's science week.

- How is the jelly changing?
- Why do you think it is changing?
- Do you think the jelly is solid or liquid?
- Would cold water have the same result?



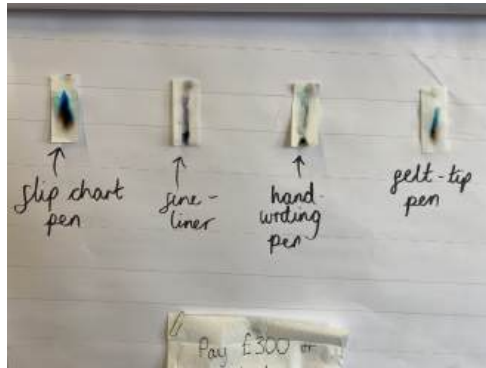
In **Year 2** we made a bird's nest, using chopsticks for beaks. It was lots of fun trying to work out how to keep the nest waterproof, solid and comfy. It linked very well with our habitat's topic in science. We also researched a scientist called Sophie Meekings and learned about all that she has overcome and achieved.



We were joined by Michael, a scientist and teacher working in nanotechnology. We learned about bacteria and how to identify different types using special microscopes. We tried on lab coats, goggles, gloves and looked at different test tubes.



Year 3 had a fantastic session with Mary, a virologist working in the NHS. The session was interactive, fun and engaging. The children got to try on PPE, use scientific equipment and look at different viruses.



Year 4 became detectives for the afternoon, asking questions and using chromatography to find out who wrote the 'ransom note'. They also had an interesting talk with Ed who works in renewable energy.



Year 5 were joined by Isla, an oncology doctor who is currently doing a lab-based PhD exploring using viruses to treat cancer. The children had a fantastic hands-on session with Isla and loved the opportunity to use some scientific equipment.



In **Year 6**, we learnt about a visually impaired astronomer Dr. Nic Bonne and the amazing work he has done in making the universe accessible to learn about for other young people. We have also been learning about the circulatory system and made some model hearts and model of the components that make up blood!

We were fortunate to have an incredibly informative and creative session with Kelly, a clinical scientist in genetics and parent of our school. She shared her work, expertise and knowledge about all things genetics and answered all the many questions that the children had. They created their own creature using 'genes' which supported their previous science topic Evolution and Inheritance.

Thank you so much to everyone who helped to make this year's Science Week a success.

Congratulations Emilia and Ida!

Over half term Emilia (6LM) and Ida (3CS) competed in the All England Dance Regional Finals (East Region). They have qualified to compete in the All England Dance National Finals to be held during the summer holidays. This is a huge achievement for both of them. Well done!



Dipping in the River Wandle with 6LM

6LM went pond dipping at the River Wandle as part of their geography learning about rivers. They got into the river and classified the living things they found and learnt all about what makes a healthy river. We did some bird watching and managed to identify many different types along the river bank.



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Walk to School Week 22nd-26th June



We are looking forward to celebrating **WOW Walk to School Week** from **22nd–26th June**.

During the week, we will encourage children to use **active travel** - walking, cycling, scooting, or wheeling - to travel to and from school whenever possible. For our Streatham children, this can include walking, scooting, or cycling to the bus pick-up point. Active travel helps children stay healthy, supports the environment, and reduces traffic around school.

Each class will collect points for active journeys throughout the week, with rewards for the classes for their participation.

Odd Shoes & Ride in Style Day!

To finish the week, we will celebrate with **Odd Shoes & Ride in Style Day** on **Friday 26th June**. Children are invited to wear odd or colourful shoes and, if they have a bike or scooter, bring it to school decorated in their own creative style.

We would love families to share photos of their active journeys, odd shoes, and decorated bikes or scooters with their child's class teacher so we can celebrate everyone's participation throughout the week.

Thank you for your support.



Stop Motion in 5M!

5M have crafted some amazing stop-motion animations inspired by Shakespeare's *The Winters Tale*!





Let's Talk About Fears and Worries with Lambeth MHST



FREE



Coffee Morning for Parents/Carers

This is a workshop to help parents/carers recognise signs of anxiety in your child and to think about ways you can support your child, or to get extra help if needed.

Join us for a safe and supportive space,
all are welcome!

Thursday 25th of June

9:15-10:15am

At Julian's West Norwood Primary School

If you would like to secure your spot please email:
inclusion@juliansprimary.org.uk

We look forward to seeing you there!