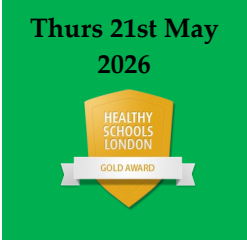




**All Souls CE Primary School  
School Newsletter Summer Term 1 Week 6**



*Our School Vision: Experiencing life in all its fullness,  
we grow to be the best that we can be – Based on John  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Wow, what a busy term this has been, the time has flown by and the children have all been working so hard. I would like to begin this week's newsletter with a huge thank you to all our amazing runners, parents, children and staff, for their fantastic efforts as they took part in the Run Kids Run event at Kings Cross on Sunday morning. It was amazing to have so many members of our school community participating; well over 120 individuals at the last count. Talking of counting, we also raised over £795 in donations. I have put the QR code at the bottom of this page in case some of you still have contributions to make. Also, a big thank you to Miss Cooley for all the behind the scenes organisation, and to the staff who gave up their Sunday morning to support the event - either with registration or as a course marshal.

On Wednesday, some of our mainstream children joined the Village at the annual local authority mini-marathon event. Everyone had a great time and really enjoyed taking part.

Huge congratulations go to our Y5 Wondermaths team who won their heat in the London-wide competition yesterday in Islington. They will now compete against 12 other finalists in a few weeks time. We are so proud of you and all your efforts to get to this stage!

Which leaves me to finish by wishing you all a lovely week long break. Apparently the sun is set to shine. We look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 1st June.

Happy half Term everyone!

Jo Plesniak  
Head of School



# The Importance of Handwriting



Thank you to those parents who stayed behind after the poetry recital on Tuesday for the parent workshop on handwriting. We started by considering how we rate our own handwriting skills and noted that as adults, it's not something we tend to prioritise - unless, of course, you're a teacher! However, research is increasingly showing how important it is that children develop accurate and fluent handwriting skills from a young age.

## The writing process

transcription

composition

handwriting

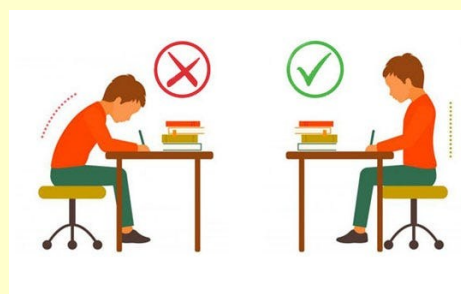
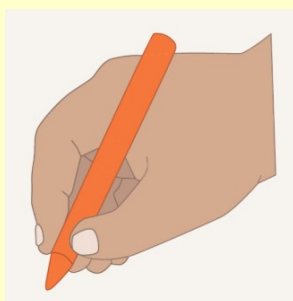
spelling

This image shows how the writing process is broken down into two components: transcription (the 'how' we write) and composition (the 'what' we write). If children struggle with the 'how' - and that includes

handwriting - then their brains will be too stretched to concentrate on the 'what'. This is why we are working hard to secure children's handwriting skills early in their school journey. As they move through the school, we want them to be able to write neatly and fluently without much thought, so they can concentrate on everything else they need to when writing.

Children in EYFS and Key Stage 1 have daily handwriting lessons. We do not expect children to start joining their letters until some point towards the end of Year 2. We will only encourage this when they are consistently forming all their letters correctly.

Please support us at home by encouraging two things when your children are writing: correct pencil grip and good posture. We have high expectations for the children's handwriting in school and it is a big help if they are echoed at home - whatever the adults feel about their own handwriting skills!







Congratulations to our amazing team of mathematicians in Y5 who came first in their heat in the Wondermaths competition yesterday and will now compete in the finals in July.



## Mini MARATHON





Butterflies 96%	Year One 99%	Year Two 91%	Year Three 96%	Year Four 89%	Year Five 95%
Year Six 96%	Willow 95%	Sycamore 37%			

**Well done to Year 1 for their excellent attendance this week.**

**Please use the email [absent@allsoulsprimary.co.uk](mailto:absent@allsoulsprimary.co.uk) to let us know if your child is unwell or is unable to attend school**



## UPCOMING EVENTS



**Friday 22nd May - INSET Day - School closed for training**

**Monday 1st June - Y5/6 residential at Treginnis Farm**

**Tuesday 2nd June - Multiplication check for Y4 begins**

**Thursday 4th June - Y5/6 and Village Trip to Mudchute City Farm**

**Monday 8th June - Phonics screening for Y1 begins**

**Thursday 11th June - Y5 Music Workshop**

**Wednesday 17th June - Y3/4 residential at Sayers Croft**

**Thursday 25th June - KS1 Sports Day**

**Friday 26th June - KS2 Sports Day**