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## Newsletter

*The Lord is my shepherd, I'll not want. He makes me lie down in green pastures, He leads me beside quiet waters, He refreshes my soul. He guides me along the right paths for his name's sake. Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me. Psalm 23 v 1- 4.*

Dear Parents and Carers

That's it. The end of the academic year. Whether it's your first at St. James' or your last, the year end is always an emotional one. May I wish you all a wonderful summer break and I hope that it's filled with smiles and laughter. Someone once reminded me of a sad story, that at some point in your childhood, you went out to play with your friends. None of you knew it, but it was the last time you did this together. It's a sad but true story that unwittingly you played with your friends for the very last time and were completely oblivious to it. Make every day count, enjoy every moment. I reminded the children this morning in our final assembly of the year to stay safe, to listen to their adults and to come back to school in September safe and sound.

### Worship

We always finish on a high in worship, with a wonderful collective worship last week from Mr Jewell all about Robert Wadlow (the tallest man to have lived) and linking it with the story of David and Goliath and the backstory of all the sons on Jesse in the bible.

I led worship yesterday about the parable of the lost sheep and that Jesus will find us when we need Him the most. It is no coincidence that as a Christian I support West Bromwich Albion, and I am always proud to sing along in with the crowd at the Hawthorns or away games [West brom fans roaring the lords my shepherd](#)

We finished the year with a very special Eucharist service for our Year 6 leavers and our Year 5 children. It was lovely to see so many parents there too. Each child gets a candle, an ichthus badge, a bible, a medal and a card signed by every member of staff. The St. James' family carries on, even when they leave 'home'.

### Goodbyes

Mrs Gibson is retiring after many years at St. James'. She has done so much for our community and we will miss her wisdom and knowledge very much. Miss Hartley will take over as Admissions Officer in the school office from September. Thank you Mrs Gibson, for everything. Enjoy retirement and lots of dog walks with Nellie!

Mrs Lambon is also leaving us. Katy started at St. James' in 2003, as a newly qualified teacher and has been a fantastic servant to our children and community. She was Assistant Headteacher prior to starting a family, with Peter. Mrs Lambon took a sabbatical from St. James' last year and now joins the team at Pokesdown Community Primary School, where I am sure she will be treasured. Katy is a wonderful teacher and I know we will miss her at St. James'. Thank you Mrs Lambon, for everything you have done for the children of St. James' for so many years.



## Photography Competition

This summer, we are looking for the St. James' Photographers of the Year 2025 and we would love as many of you as possible to take a photo, over the holidays, of anything that you think represents, 'God's Wonderful World.' You don't need a camera - a phone or iPad will do and you don't need to be an expert - just give it a go! It could be anything from flowers in the garden to the waves of the sea at the beach, birds in the sky or ants in the ground - the choice is yours!

The top photos will be printed and displayed around the school and we might even try to produce our own calendar, ready for Christmas!

Send your photos to [office@stjames.academy](mailto:office@stjames.academy) with child's name, age and title of the photograph.

We can't wait to see what comes in!



## Reading Challenge

Head on down to your local library this summer and take part in the 2025 Reading Challenge! Nothing better than losing yourself in a book over the holidays.

This year's challenge is called Story Garden and is all about:

- adventures in nature
- the great outdoors

Inspiring children to tap into a world of imagination through reading, exploring the magical connection between storytelling and nature.

Children can sign up:

- in person at [Find a library | BCP](#)
- online by visiting [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Aimed at 4 to 11 year olds, the challenge is to read up to 6 books to receive rewards along the way and a medal and certificate upon competition.

## Holiday Activities

See attached leaflets for some free outdoor activities organised by the local parks in BCP. Don't forget to take some photos of the wildlife!!

## Holiday Support

We know that many of you will have a lovely time over the holidays but please remember that help is at hand if you are struggling. The below information from BCP should help to give you some activity ideas and to know where to turn in trickier times.

### Early Help & Targeted Intervention Service:

Early Help Access Point Public 01202126668 [EHAccessPoint@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:EHAccessPoint@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

**BCP Food Map:** [Food Map](#) The Access to Food map shows all the different types of community food support available in our area, and how you can access them.

### Activities and Events:

Follow **BCP Council Family Information** and **BCP Council Family Hubs** on Facebook.

**The Parks Foundation:** [Home - The Parks Foundation](#) also on Facebook. The individual cafes have their own Facebook pages where they publicise their own events or you can view them on the Parks Foundation website. Also **Kingfisher Barn Visitor Centre**. See attached

**BCP Family Hubs:** see timetables for individual Hubs as the offer varies. Activities and drop-ins for all ages including teens. [Family hub timetables](#)

**BCP Libraries:**

**Summer Reading Challenge:** [Summer Reading Challenge | BCP](#)

**What's on in libraries:** [Activities for children and young people at your local library | BCP](#)

**Family events:** [Family Events - Bournemouth](#)

**BCP Family Information Directory:** Holiday Activities: [Search Results](#)

**Primary Times:** [Family activities and events for primary school children | Primary Times](#)

**BCP Mumbler:** [Summer Holiday - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumbler](#) [Free Things To Do with Kids in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole this Summer - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumbler](#)

**Soft Play Cafes:** [Kids Play Cafe - Come and stay whilst your kids play](#)



## Online Safety over the Summer

Hopefully, everyone will be out playing in the sun but, just in case, attached to this newsletter is some advice for keeping safe online over the Summer.

We are also attaching information for parents on Squid Games.

Our Online Safety page on the website will be updated over the next few days so please check there for lots of useful advice about keeping safe online.



## Music Lessons

**Piano lessons** to Year 3 and above - sign up directly with Mr Bacon - see poster with **new QR code** later in newsletter.

**Recorder lessons** - still places available for year 2 and above - sign up directly with Mrs Bright - [kathrynbright@ntlwprld.com](mailto:kathrynbright@ntlwprld.com)



## Extra-curricular Clubs

Please see timetable attached later in this newsletter of our new school clubs will start w/c 22 September - details on how to sign up via Arbor will be sent out at the beginning of September.

We also have 3 external clubs that you can sign up directly - these clubs start w/c 8th September - details are also later on in newsletter.



## Relish

All parents must pre-order by midnight the day before. All payments must be made through Arbor meal payments as usual. **You will be able to view the new menu and order meals for the Autumn Term from the 18th August 2025.**

## Reminders:



### Attendance and Fines

Did you know that being registered late, also equates to absence? School starts at 8:30am, when learning begins in the classroom. The gates close at 8.40am. We also finish the school day at 3pm for Reception, Years, 1, 2, 3 and 4, and 3:10pm for years 5 and 6.

As a school, we are under increasing pressure to improve our attendance at St. James'. This year's attendance is 95% and Persistent Absentees at 12.9%. Whilst these are better figures than national average, we have a duty to improve children's attendance. The school is held to account by the local authority and directed to issue letters and fines. Whilst I will always prioritise positive relationships with families, sometimes we have little or no option than to issue a fine based on term time absences, such as holidays and lateness.



### School Uniform

Thank you to those children who are always dressed so smartly in St. James' colours. We continue to look our smartest and we are taking pride in our appearance and our belonging to St. James'. Please try to ensure your child is dressed appropriately, following our uniform policy. Our uniform details are all on the website and children should be wearing their summer uniform when returning back in September. Reception children winter uniform. Thank you for your support.



### PE Days 2025/26

All children must wear their school PE kit all day on their PE day. Your child's PE days will be:

**Mondays** - Harbour

**Tuesdays** - Year 5

**Wednesdays** - Year 3 and Year 4

**Thursdays** - Year 1 and Year 2

**Fridays** - Early Years and Year 6



### Key Dates

The calendar section on the website should give you major events throughout the academic year, but I will give concise reminders below:

**Monday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025** - Children return to school for the 2025/26 academic year.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup> October** - break up for half term

**Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November** - children return for the final autumn term

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December** - break up at 1.20pm for Christmas holidays.

Please check our website for your child's learning and important information on the year group pages. Also, the calendar section will give you important dates in advance. You can also see pictures and news on our social media accounts (Facebook and Instagram), follow us to find out more about the amazing things happening at St. James'.

As always, thank you all for your continued support.



**Alastair Brown**  
**Headteacher**

*Learning as a family in Jesus, through Love, Hope and Forgiveness. Matthew 19:26 “with God all things are possible.”*

*‘The school’s values are firmly rooted in the Christian ethos of the school. Pupils know why learning through ‘love, hope and forgiveness’ matters. They make clear links with these values and the school rules to ‘be ready, be respectful and be safe’. Leaders have high expectations for behaviour, and pupils live up to them. In lessons, pupils listen carefully and are keen to learn. As a result, they achieve well.’* **Ofsted report, January 2023.**

# Mundeford Woods July & August Programme

Meeting point: in front of the community centre



## An Evening with Bats

Thurs 24 July | 9pm - 10pm

Join us for a quiet evening stroll around the park to look and listen out for bats using our special bat detector.

Wrap up warm, and bring a torch if you have one.

This activity is weather dependent.



Free event

## Minibeast Hunt

Tues 12 Aug | 1.30pm - 2.30pm

Bugs love warm weather so now is a great time to discover them.

We'll take a walk around the park to see what we can spot and use magnifying jars and I.D sheets to gently take a closer look.



Free event

Scan for park information, including accessibility



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Get in touch with our team member, Will, on: [will@parksfoundation.org.uk](mailto:will@parksfoundation.org.uk) or: 07723 289747

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# Muscliff Park | August Programme

Meeting point: by the community centre



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# Seafield Gardens | July & August programme

Meet by the base of the water tower



## GreenFingers

Weds 2 & 16 July | 10.30am - 12.30pm  
Weds 6 & 20 Aug | 10.30am - 12.30pm

Join our friendly volunteer group to get involved in practical conservation in your local park.

### Volunteering



## Nature Tots

Weds 2 July | 10.30am - 12pm

Fun in the park for you and your youngsters, with outdoor play, and learning about nature. Involves craft and hands-on activities. Suitable for ages 2-4yr olds.

### Free event



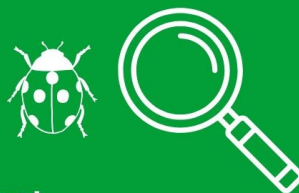
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# What's On at Winton Park Café



We're a member of Chat Café Local, joining together to combat loneliness. Winton Park Café will always welcome you for a chat.

## Carers' Café

Every Tuesday | 10.30am - 12pm

Have a natter, share information and ideas with other carers. Free event. Drop-in session. 10% discount on café purchases.

## Winton Woollies Knitting

Every other Tuesday | 12.30pm - 2.30pm

Bring along your arts and crafts, share hobbies, and perhaps learn something new. Free event. Drop-in session. 10% discount on café purchases.

## Welcome Wednesdays

The second Wednesday of the month | 11.30am - 2.30pm

For those 65yrs+, join us and the McCarthy Stone Foundation for a free drink and some food.

## Winton Park Café board games

Every Friday | 10.30am - 12.30pm

Free event. Drop-in session.

10% discount on café purchases.

Pop into Winton Park Café to use our large outdoor games for free. We have Jenga, Connect4 and Snakes & Ladders.



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# Winton Recreation Ground | July & August Programme

Meet at The Parks Foundation office, by the pond (unless stated otherwise)

## GreenFingers

Weds 2, 16 & 30 July | 2pm - 4pm  
Weds 13 & 27 Aug | 2pm - 4pm

Join our friendly volunteer group to get involved in practical conservation in your local park.

Meet outside the café.

**Volunteering**



## Butterfly Walk & Crafts

Weds 23 July | 2pm - 3.30pm  
Weds 30 July | 11am - 12.30pm  
Thurs 11 Aug | 11.30am - 1pm

A walk around the park surveying butterflies followed by crafts to make and paint some of the butterflies we saw.

**Free event**



Scan for park information, including accessibility



## Moth Morning

Sat 9 Aug | 9am - 10am

Discover the amazing moths that live in our parks. Get up close to these beautiful insects and learn about the species that visited overnight.

**Free event**



## Pond Dipping

Sat 9 Aug | 10.30am - 12pm

Take a look below the surface - we'll discover what species live in and around the pond and learn more about them.

**Free event**



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# What Parents Need to Know about SQUID GAME

AGE RESTRICTION

15+

Suitable only for 15 years and over.

With themes of horror and violence, it's important for parents and carers to understand the potential risks posed to young audiences by the nine-episode Netflix-exclusive TV show, *Squid Game*. The series, rated 15+, is about a world where contestants who are deeply in debt play children's games in order to win cash prizes. The losers, however, are violently killed. The show's popularity has meant it has spread in various guises across online platforms, with a heightened risk of children and young people potentially viewing unsuitable content. That's why we've created this guide to help parents and carers understand exactly what *Squid Game* is all about.

## INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

Some might argue that *Squid Game* contains content that might not even be suitable for older teens, let alone young children. Characters are brutally tortured and killed through obstacles or getting swept as a result of rule developments and enforced by a masked game master. The show also features sexual content and threats of sexual violence, as well as a strong theme of gambling that runs throughout the whole show.

## APPEAL TO YOUNG PEOPLE

Whilst the content is very much adult-themed, some features of the show seem to appeal to young children at face-value. The name "*Squid Game*" may be interpreted as a programme aimed at children rather than adults. The content itself, such as the bright and childish aesthetics, may also appeal to young children, particularly as there's a focus on playground games to go with it.

## SIMILAR CONTENT SUGGESTIONS

When using social media and streaming sites, content is recommended based on what the user has consumed i.e. what they have watched or searched for. Therefore, there is a greater chance of your child being exposed to similar violent or horror-themed content on social media after watching a show like *Squid Game*.

## VIRAL SPIN-OFFS

As well as Netflix, *Squid Game* has grown in notoriety and prevalence on other platforms, like TikTok and YouTube, with clips of the show going viral. On YouTube Kids, a number of successful channels have taken advantage of the *Squid Game* trend, creating content such as "How to Draw *Squid Game* Characters" videos. Its popularity has also led to the creation of app games that put the player in the role of a contestant who is killed if they lose a game.

## SCENE RE-ENACTMENTS

*Squid Game*'s pervasive presence on social media has encouraged many content creators to re-enact scenes from the show, which has led to reports of children wanting to also imitate these scenes displayed on social media at home and in school. Much of this content stems from the "Red Light, Green Light" game from the first episode, where contestants attempt to make it past a giant animatronic girl before she shoots them.

## Advice for Parents & Carers

### USE PARENTAL CONTROLS

Netflix has easily accessible built-in parental controls that allow you to set up a profile for your child with a specific age rating, block them from watching certain shows and even lock their account so it can't be accessed by anyone else. Netflix also allows you to access your child's viewing history to make sure they're not watching anything inappropriate for their age.

### CHECK AGE RATINGS

Age ratings on TV shows and films are a way to gauge what is suitable for audiences of different ages. If you are unsure about the content your child is watching, check the age rating to see if the TV show or film is deemed suitable for their age group. If not, try watching the show yourself or talking to other parents who have seen it before to get a better understanding of why it's been rated a certain way.

### MONITOR ONLINE ACTIVITY

*Squid Game* has become a social media craze and it's possible your child will see some content related to the show on various platforms. Therefore, it's important to be aware of which websites your child has visited on their smartphone, tablet or laptop, and to also keep an eye out for which accounts they are following on social media platforms, such as Instagram and TikTok.

### HAVE OPEN CONVERSATIONS

Making sure your child is comfortable talking you about what they see online can go a long way to ensuring you are kept in the loop about their online use. Showing an interest in what your child is doing online gives you the opportunity to discuss what is and is not appropriate for their age group, and how they might recognise their own feelings towards content they see.

### MONITOR BEHAVIOUR

Due to the viral nature of the show, even if your child has not seen *Squid Game*, it's important to keep an eye on their behaviour. There have been reports from schools of children "playing *Squid Game*" in the playground and acting aggressively towards the losers as a way to replicate the consequences of losing in the TV show. Viewing content that makes your child feel uncomfortable could also cause them to feel distressed or distracted, so it's important you can easily spot the signs.

### WATCH THE SHOW

If you're trying to figure out whether you should let your child watch *Squid Game*, it might be a good idea to watch the show yourself first. Doing so will allow you to get a better understanding of the show's content and themes, as well as help you decide if this is something you'd feel comfortable with your child being exposed to.

## Meet Our Expert

Carly Page is an experienced and highly respected freelance technology journalist, editor and consultant. Previously the editor of tech tabloid *the INQUIRER*, Carly now works as the news editor for *Computer Shopper* and *IT Pro* and writes for a number of publications including *Forbes*, *Technradar*, *The Mirror*, *uSwitch* and *Wired*.



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# 10 Top Tips for Helping Children STAY SAFE ONLINE THIS SUMMER

Over the summer our children will, of course, have significantly more spare time now they are out of school. For many youngsters, it may be that a considerable amount of this extra freedom is spent online, using social media apps, video games, streaming services and other digital tech to have fun. For that reason, it's even more important for trusted adults to focus on online safety during the summer break – ensuring that our children are not only aware of the most common threats but also know what to do if they encounter something in the digital world that upsets or disturbs them.

## 1 ENGAGE WITH THEIR ACTIVITIES

It might not always be convenient, but try to make time to show interest in what your child's doing online. Ideally, get involved – by joining in with video gaming and discussing the apps they're using. It will make your child more likely to come to you with any future online worries or concerns.

## 2 FOSTER CRITICAL THINKING

Teach your child to question what they see in the digital world. As fake news increasingly uses AI to create believable audio, video and images, it will become even more important in future years to question the content that we see – and to know how to confirm it as true.

## 3 BE A DIGITAL ROLE MODEL

Take opportunities to demonstrate your empathy and understanding of others online, giving your child a positive template to follow. Watching you being a good digital citizen will help your child to learn an appropriate level of respect for the feelings, thoughts and privacy of other internet users.

## 4 EMPHASISE THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Among the internet's oceans of content, of course, are things which can be upsetting and concerning for young ones. There's always a chance that your child could stumble across inappropriate material, so it's wise to discuss in advance what they should do if this happens. Underline that they can always come to you if something online has worried them.

## 5 FIND A BALANCE

Communicating and competing online is fun, but shouldn't replace in-person socialising, exercise or being outdoors. Work with your child to find a healthy balance between their online and offline activities. Take into account what they're actually doing online: researching something or cooperating in a game, for example, is more valuable than simply browsing TikTok.

## 6 STAY AWARE

Keep an eye on your child's online activity and regularly check in with what they're doing. If you have serious concerns, you could discreetly view their browser history. The extent of monitoring should correspond to your child's age and maturity; younger children are likely to need closer observation.

## 10 REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN

Obviously, the digital world isn't without its dangers – but, when navigated safely, it remains an exciting, engaging and educational place. Be mindful of the many risks, of course, but don't let them discourage you from supporting your child to explore and enjoy themselves in the online space.

## 9 KEEP DEVICES UPDATED

Ensuring any devices that your child uses to go online have the most up-to-date firmware and software installed is hugely beneficial. Many people put off downloading these regular updates, but very often they contain vital software patches which help to keep your devices and data secure.

## 8 TEACH BASIC SECURITY

It's important that children learn to keep their personal data safe, and understand how strong passwords can help with that. Explain the basics of digital security (showing them examples, if possible) and when they're a little older you could move on to more advanced methods like multi-factor authentication.

## 7 TAKE (PARENTAL) CONTROL

It's wise to capitalise on the parental controls offered by most internet service providers and the devices and software that children use. These controls allow you to manage the kind of content your child is able to access, and they can usually be adjusted to reflect your child's specific age.

## Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



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## Free School Meal Eligibility & Pupil Premium Application Form

Your completion of this form enables the school to check for Free School Meal Eligibility and also if additional money (Pupil Premium) can be claimed from the Government.

Free School Meals can be provided to pupils if parents/guardians meet the eligibility **CRITERIA 1** overleaf.

**We urge you to complete this form even if your child does not take a school meal.**

Pupil Premium is additional funding given to schools for pupils who have been registered as being entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) at any point in the last 6 years. Schools receive this funding to support their eligible pupils and narrow the attainment gap between them and their peers. Other Pupil Premiums are available to the school if parents or guardians meet **CRITERIA 2** overleaf.

Further information about how the school spends its Pupil Premium can be found on the school website.

[To register please complete the boxes below using black ink and BLOCK CAPITALS and return it to your school](#)

Parent/Guardian 1										
First Name						Last Name				
Date of Birth	DD		MM			YYYY				
National Insurance Number OR										
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number			/			/				

Parent/Guardian 2										
First Name						Last Name				
Date of Birth	DD		MM			YYYY				
National Insurance Number OR										
National Asylum Support Service (NASS) Number			/			/				

Child(rens) first & last name(s)	Child 1	Year Group / Class	Child 2	Year Group / Class	Child 3	Year Group / Class

### DECLARATION:

I confirm that the details supplied are correct and accurate. I understand that my personal information is held securely and agree that the school can only use the information provided to process my claim for Free School Meals and / or Pupil Premium by contacting Surrey County Council, who will check entitlement via a secure government website.

I understand that I am responsible for informing the school immediately if I stop receiving one of the qualifying benefits.

By signing this form I am confirming that I have read and fully understood the above declaration.

Signed Parent/Guardian 1 ..... Signed Parent/Guardian 2.....

Date..... Date .....

**N.B. This form must be signed by the person who is in receipt of any of the qualifying benefit.**



# BCP Libraries Schools' Newsletter

July 2025



THE READING AGENCY

## Summer Reading Challenge






This year's Summer Reading Challenge launches soon - on **July 5th**. A HUGE thank you to all the schools who have welcomed us in to promote it with an assembly. We will have reached well over 20,000 children by the time the holidays start!



Please help us promote this summer's events by asking parents / carers to follow us on Facebook and Instagram. **@bcplibraries**



We've attached lots of documents with this email to help you promote the Summer Reading Challenge in your school and with your parents. Please send the **What's On** leaflet to all parents and carers so that they can access the free activities over the summer.

-  A copy of our **What's On** leaflet which details everything which is happening in all the different libraries over the summer
-  A flyer for parents / carers
-  An A3 and an A4 poster
-  An assembly PowerPoint
-  A fun nature-spotting activity



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Take opportunities to demonstrate your empathy and understanding of others online, giving your child a positive template to follow. Watching you being a good digital citizen will help your child to learn an appropriate level of respect for the feelings, thoughts and privacy of other internet users.

## 4 EMPHASISE THE SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Among the internet's oceans of content, of course, are things which can be upsetting and concerning for young ones. There's always a chance that your child could stumble across inappropriate material, so it's wise to discuss in advance what they should do if this happens. Underline that they can always come to you if something online has worried them.

## 5 FIND A BALANCE

Communicating and competing online is fun, but shouldn't replace in-person socialising, exercise or being outdoors. Work with your child to find a healthy balance between their online and offline activities. Take into account what they're actually doing online: researching something or cooperating in a game, for example, is more valuable than simply browsing TikTok.

## 6 STAY AWARE

Keep an eye on your child's online activity and regularly check in with what they're doing. If you have serious concerns, you could discreetly view their browser history. The extent of monitoring should correspond to your child's age and maturity; younger children are likely to need closer observation.

## 10 REMEMBER TO HAVE FUN

Obviously, the digital world isn't without its dangers – but, when navigated safely, it remains an exciting, engaging and educational place. Be mindful of the many risks, of course, but don't let them discourage you from supporting your child to explore and enjoy themselves in the online space.

## 9 KEEP DEVICES UPDATED

Ensuring any devices that your child uses to go online have the most up-to-date firmware and software installed is hugely beneficial. Many people put off downloading these regular updates, but very often they contain vital software patches which help to keep your devices and data secure.

## 8 TEACH BASIC SECURITY

It's important that children learn to keep their personal data safe, and understand how strong passwords can help with that. Explain the basics of digital security (showing them examples, if possible) and when they're a little older you could move on to more advanced methods like multi-factor authentication.

## 7 TAKE (PARENTAL) CONTROL

It's wise to capitalise on the parental controls offered by most internet service providers and the devices and software that children use. These controls allow you to manage the kind of content your child is able to access, and they can usually be adjusted to reflect your child's specific age.

## Meet Our Expert

A Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP), Gary Henderson is the Director of IT at a large boarding school in the UK, having previously taught in schools and colleges in Britain and the Middle East. With a particular interest in digital citizenship and cyber security, he believes it is essential that we become more aware of the risks around technology, as well as the benefits.



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# ST. JAMES' CE PRIMARY ACADEMY - EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

## AUTUMN TERM 2025



School Clubs running for 10 weeks from w/c 22nd September - w/c 1st December - sign up via Arbor

External Clubs running for 13 weeks from w/c 8th September - w/c 8th December - sign up directly with club

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Breakfast</b> 7:40am - 8:25am				<b>Breakfast Drawing and Colouring Club</b> Miss Daw/Miss Wingate Reception Classroom This club is for Years 1, 2 and 3 only, maximum of 15 children	<b>Breakfast Karate***</b> Danny (external club) Hall Details sent on separate email This club is for years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 running from the 12th September for 13 weeks
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Reading Club</b> (12:30pm - 12:55pm) Miss Finnigan/Mrs Jacobs Library This club is for years 1 - 6, maximum of 20 children	<b>Team Cross Country Club</b> (12:00pm - 12:40pm) Mr Slattery/Mr Parsons/ Miss Perry Meet Pacific Classroom This club is for invited children only	<b>Boys' Wellbeing Club</b> (12:00pm - 12:30pm) Mr Slattery/Mr Dodd Forest School Area Open to all year 5 and 6 boys - no sign up required		
	<b>Bible Club</b> (12:00pm - 12:30pm) Mrs Fakorede Year 3 Classroom This club is for years 4, 5 and 6, maximum of 15 children				
<b>After School Clubs 3.15pm - 4.15pm</b>	<b>Team Netball</b> Mrs Stopler Playground This club is for invited children only.	<b>Team Football</b> Mr Battams/Mrs Pine King's Park This club is for invited children only	<b>Team Athletics</b> Mrs Stopler/Mr Battams Playground This club is for invited children only.	<b>Glee Club</b> Mrs Dodd/Mrs Uzzell/ Mrs Byrnes Hall This club is for years 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum 50 children	<b>Sailing***</b> Miss Martin Mudford This club is for years 4, 5 and 6 running from 26th September for 6 weeks, maximum of 18 children
	<b>Gymnastics***</b> Leanne (external club) Hall This club is for years 1, 2 and 3 only, maximum 16 children	<b>Football Club***</b> Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 30 children	<b>Frogs Drama***</b> Rebecca Nightingale Reception/Year 3 Classes Details sent on separate email This club is for years 1 and 2 running from the 10th September for 13 weeks	<b>Football Club***</b> Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum 30 children	<b>Tennis***</b> Mrs Heasman (external club) Playground/Hall Details sent on separate email This club is for years 1, 2, 3 and 4 running from the 12th September for 13 weeks
	<b>Craft Club</b> Mrs Hubbard Reception Classrooms This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 20 children	<b>Dance Club</b> Miss Lunn Hall This club is for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 maximum of 20 children	<b>Benchball</b> Mrs Finnigan Hall This club is for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 maximum of 20 children	<b>Art Club</b> Mrs Allery Year 3 Classroom This club is for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum 15 children	
	<b>Design and Technology</b> Mrs Hetherington Meet in Hall This club is for years 3, 4 and 5 only, maximum of 10 children	<b>Lego Club</b> Mrs Hopkins/Mrs Webb Reception Classrooms This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 25 children		<b>Archery/Golf</b> Mrs Finnigan/Mrs Hall Meet in Hall This club is for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 maximum of 25 children	
	<b>Songwriting Club</b> Mrs Byrnes Studio This club is for years 5 and 6 only, maximum of 10 children	<b>Eco Club</b> Mrs Stoodley/ Mr Dodd Stour Classroom This club is for years 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 only, maximum of 25 children			<b>*** Paid For Clubs on Arbor</b>
		<b>Mindful Colouring</b> Mrs Finnigan Meet in Hall This club is for years 2, 3, 4 only, maximum of 20 children			<b>*** Sign up directly with Club Organiser</b>



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Contact: [HarryHLTC@outlook.com](mailto:HarryHLTC@outlook.com) / 07855 436701





# Karate Classes Restarting

The “**Sport Karate**” classes will be re-starting on **Friday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2025** at St James Primary school. At this time, we will be welcoming new beginners and existing students from Years 2 – 6. If this is not convenient, please note that we also offer external classes. [www.sekf.co.uk](http://www.sekf.co.uk)

The award-winning classes which have been featured by the BBC and Meridian TV on several occasions will be run by Collin Rudkin, 7<sup>th</sup> Dan Black Belt, ex-England international and his team of instructors.

All the SEKF instructors are enhanced DBS checked and have attended child safe - guarding / first aid courses and continue to update on a regular basis.

Sport Karate is an exciting and dynamic way of keeping fit, improving coordination whilst gaining self-confidence.

In keeping with the school’s Ethos, Collin Rudkin, and his team of Instructors, encourage a positive attitude and respect for others.

**Time:** 7.30am – 8.30am  
**At:** Sports Hall  
**Clothing:** Sports-Kit / Karate suit

**Cost for new members:** £27.00 (September) Then monthly Standing Order £40.00 starting 1<sup>st</sup> October.

Please message the details requested to Sensei Collin Rudkin and make payment to the bank account below using your child’s name and school code SJS as Reference prior to **Friday 5<sup>th</sup> September** to reserve your child’s place for this popular class. Parents will receive confirmation prior to the class starting and will be offered a refund if their child does not wish to continue after the first lesson or if the class is full.

### **Information required.**

Student Name: School attending: Class name / Year group

**Cost for Existing members:** £40.00 Monthly fee (Includes Saturday course)

Existing students are guaranteed their place and do not need to confirm if payment is made via Standing Order for the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month.

If you have any further enquiries, please contact Sensei Collin: 07966 303 585

**Payment details: Name:** Southern England Karate Federation  
**Account No:** 03807886 **Sort Code:** 20-96-96



# St. James' Church of England Primary Academy

## Term Dates 2025-2026

### **AUTUMN TERM**

Inset Day	Wednesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2025
Inset Day	Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> September
Inset Day	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> September
First Day	Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> October
Last Day	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> December (finish at 1.20pm)

### **SPRING TERM**

Inset Day	Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
First Day	Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> February
Last Day	Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> March (finish at 1.20pm)

### **SUMMER TERM**

First Day	Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May – 29 <sup>th</sup> May
Inset Day	Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> June 2026
Last Day	Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> July (finish at 1.20pm)



# St. James' Church of England Primary Academy

## Term Dates 2026-2027

### **AUTUMN TERM**

Inset Day	Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> September 2026
Inset Day	Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September
First Day	Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September
Half Term	Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> October – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> October
Last Day	Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> December (finish at 1.20pm)

### **SPRING TERM**

Inset Day	Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027
First Day	Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> January
Half Term	Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> February
Last Day	Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> March (finish at 1.20pm)
Inset Day	Thursday 25 <sup>th</sup> March

### **SUMMER TERM**

First Day	Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> April
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May
Half Term	Monday 31 <sup>st</sup> May – Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> June
Inset Day	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> June
Last Day	Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> July (finish at 1.20pm)