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NEWSLETTER

Cast all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. 1 Peter 5 v 7.

Friday 23rd October 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

That's the end of term 1. It has flown by, but we have seen some wonderful things – not least our wonderful Sports Teams winning, our incredible Junior Leadership Team leading Black History month, our Year 5 pupils leading a parent outcome session in the hall, a Year 2 and Year 4 joint Explorer Day... the list goes on. Now it is time for our children, and adults to take a much-needed half-term break.

Our Early Years toilets are being renovated over the holiday, so our smallest children will have something new and exciting to return to. We look forward to seeing you all, refreshed, on Monday 2nd November.

Worship

Last week, our worship had the theme of noise. I retold the story of Joshua and Jericho using a conch shell I obtained in the Caribbean. Joshua had to trust God's message, even though it must have seemed odd. Sometimes, we might get confused by God's messages, but He has a plan for us.

This week worship was about geese and working as a team. We can learn a lot from the animal kingdom, especially the goose. They fly together in a 'V' formation to reduce drag. They take turns at the front of the flight team, so that the others can enjoy a rest. They always honk encouragement along the way, so that each team member is supported. There is no 'I' in 'TEAM', but there is very much a 'TEAM' in ST. JAMES'.

Open Morning

Please pass on to friends and neighbours that we are having our Open Morning for prospective pupils on Saturday 7th November from 10am – 12pm. We would love to welcome them to the St. James' family.

Parent Consultations

Parent's evening will take place in the school hall on **Tuesday 17th and Wednesday 18th November**. A digital sign up will be sent to you nearer the time to secure your session with your child's teacher. Mrs Price (our tireless Inclusion Leader) will also be available for appointments on both nights in the hall.

You will have also noticed on the year group pages of our website, the year group videos. This has information about the year ahead, and a chance to virtually see your child's teacher.

Glee Club Christmas Performances

Our Glee Club is excited to be kicking off the Christmas season with two festive performances (posters attached at the end of the newsletter). The children have been working hard on their songs and are looking forward to sharing their talents with the local community.

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Supporters are very welcome at both events, and we would love to see as many family members and friends there as possible. Come along and help us start the festive season in style while cheering on our wonderful singers!

PSA Uniform Sale

Our wonderful **PSA** will be holding a **Second-Hand Uniform Sale** after school on **Wednesday 4th November**.

Weather permitting, the sale will take place outside. However, if the weather is unfavourable, it will be moved to the **Church Annexe**.

This is a great opportunity to pick up good-quality pre-loved uniform items at bargain prices while supporting the PSA. We look forward to seeing you there!

Playground After School

We kindly ask that children do not play in the school playground after the end of the school day, as a number of clubs and activities take place there each evening. Thank you for your support in helping us keep the area safe and available for these organised sessions.

Move in 7 Ways in 7 Days

- A physical activity log is attached to this newsletter - we are encouraging you to try and do a different type of physical activity each day
- You can do more than one activity a day if you wish
- Family members also welcome to get involved

Prize draw- anyone that completes 60 active minutes on each day of the half term is welcome to enter the prize draw to win some activity vouchers. Enter via the link below.
https://forms.gle/WjWkAnuU9FQHLcSLA

Physical Symptoms of Anxiety

The NHS will be running a webinar on Tuesday 10th November between 1pm – 2pm for parents, carers and staff outlining the physical symptoms of anxiety. Attached to this newsletter is a poster with a QR code or click on this link to book your place. https://bit.ly/4hlgrOb

Wellbeing Event

The Boscombe Family Hub are really keen to continue building positive relationships with our local schools and strengthening partnership working, ensuring that families are aware of and able to access the support and opportunities available through the Family Hub.

With this in mind, they wanted to share details of their upcoming **Wellbeing Event on Monday 16th November, 10am – 12pm, at Boscombe Family Hub**.

The event will take place alongside their usual Let's Discover and Play session, with a range of partner agencies joining them to provide information, advice and support around different aspects of family wellbeing. There will also be activities available for younger children.

Although the event is taking place during our usual early years session, the information and support available will be relevant to families with children and young people of all ages, and we're really looking forward to welcoming as many families as possible. Attached is an event leaflet.

Frogs Drama for Years 1 & 2

There are spaces available in our **Frogs Drama Club** after half term on Tuesdays.
The fee is **£36.00** for the remainder of the term, up to and including the week commencing **7th December**. If your child is interested in joining, please contact **Bex**. Details can be found on the poster at the end of this newsletter.

Reminders:

Attendance and Fines

Please remember that school starts at 8:30am and the gates close at 8:40am. Any children who arrive after this will be classified as an unauthorised absence. We also finish the school day at 3pm for Reception, Years, 1, 2, 3 and 4, and 3:10pm for years 5 and 6.
At the moment our attendance is 96.6% - let's see if we can get even nearer to 100%.

Relish

Remember - all parents must pre-order by midnight the day before - you can now pre-order for the whole of the term. All payments must be made through Arbor meal payments as usual.

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. Thank you for your support

PE Days 2026/27

In our new academic year, your child's PE days will be:
Mondays - Harbour
Tuesdays - Year 1 and Year 3
Wednesdays - Year 4 and Year 5
Thursdays - Early Years
Fridays - Year 2 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 2nd November – Children return for the final half of autumn term
Wednesday 4th November – Year 4 Swimming Lessons begin
Wednesday 4th November – PSA Uniform Sale – after school
Saturday 7th November – School Open Morning 10am – 12pm
Wednesday 11th November – Year 6 leading worship – Parents invited 9am
Tuesday 17th November – Parent's Evening in hall 3.20pm - 6.50pm
Wednesday 18th November – Parent's Evening in hall 3.20pm - 5.50pm
Tuesday 24th November – Bournemouth School's Carol Concert – Bournemouth Pavilion
Sunday 29th November – St Peter's Community Choir – St Peter's School
Monday 7th December – EYFS Nativity in the hall 2pm and 5pm
Tuesday 8th December – Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm
Wednesday 9th December – Year 1/Year 2 Christmas Production 9.15am

Friday 11th December – Year 3/Year 4 Christmas Production 9.15am
Saturday 12th December – Glee at Joy Festival – Bournemouth Square
Monday 14th December – Year 3/Year 4 Christmas Production 2pm and 5pm
Tuesday 15th December – Year 5 and 6 Carols by Candlelight – church 6pm
Friday 18th December – Break up at 1.20pm for Christmas holidays
Friday 18th June 2027 – Sports Day at King's Park Stadium
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 19:14 Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of Heaven belongs to such as these.'

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.***

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Open Morning

Saturday 7th November 2026
10am–12pm

Presentations at **10am and 11am**, with an opportunity to explore the school and speak to staff. School tours during school time are also available on request.

Call the school office on **01202 426696**.

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ST PETER'S COMMUNITY CHOIR

With Choirs from the Primary Schools of Avonwood, St James & Malmesbury Park.

With Hyde Brass Band.

Musical Director: Jane Wright

Merry and Bright

Sunday 29th November 2026 at 3.00pm

Doors open at 2.30pm

De La Salle Theatre, St Peter's School
St Catherine's Road, Southbourne.



Don't miss out on our AMAZING raffle, so please bring cash!

Tickets - £8.00 (plus booking fee)
Under 12's - £5.00 (plus booking fee)
available from Ticketsource:

https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/st- peters-community-choir

Limited tickets on the Door: £10 *(Cash only)*

Email:
stpcchoir1@gmail.com

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BSMA
Bournemouth Schools' Music Association

Pavilion Carol Concert 2026

Tuesday 24th November 7pm
Wednesday 25th November 7pm



Tickets from £13.50, concessions for children
(plus a Pavilion transaction fee per booking)
www.bhlivetickets.co.uk 0300 500 0595

Dorset Parenting Support Service

"Behaviours that challenge us" Information Session

Free one-off session for parent/carer(s) living in BCP and Dorset with children aged between 5 and 11 years

Join our one-off information session to find out more about how you can support and understand your child's challenges and difficulties. Session is delivered by a Child Clinical Psychologist.

Tuesday 2nd June 2026
10:00am - 12:00pm
Face to Face session, venue in BCP area

Wednesday 1st July 2026
10:00am - 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 22nd September 2026
07:00pm - 09:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 3rd November 2026
10:00am - 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

Tuesday 19th January 2027
10:00am - 12:00pm
Virtual session via Microsoft Teams

To book your place, please visit our website: actionforchildren.org.uk/dorset or scan the QR code

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Dorset Mental Health Support Team in Schools

NHS
Dorset HealthCare University
NHS Foundation Trust

PARENT/CARER/STAFF WEBINAR

PHYSICAL SYMPTOMS OF ANXIETY

A light touch webinar delivered by MHST about the nervous system and the physical effects of anxiety on the body. Coping strategies will also be shared.

This 1 hour will:

- explain the physical symptoms of anxiety
- describe why these happen
- look at coping strategies to manage

📅 Tuesday 10th November

🕐 1.00-2.00pm

📍 Online

to sign up : https://bit.ly/4hlgr0b

Recording will be available via https://linktr.ee/dorsetmhst

WELLBEING MORNING

Join us for a special wellbeing-themed **Let's Discover and Play** session for the whole family.

- ✅ **Meet local services and community partners**
- ✅ **Find information, advice and support**
- ✅ **Pick up useful resources**
- ✅ **Enjoy activities for children**
- ✅ **Support your family's wellbeing and connect with others**



Whether you're looking for **support**, **information**, or simply want to find out what's available in your area, we'd love to see you there.

Monday 16 November 2026
10am - 12pm
Boscombe Family Hub

Family Hub

Avonbourne Girls' Academy
The best in everyone™

Name:

School:

DORSET SCHOOL GAMES

Move in 7 Ways for 7 Days

Day & Date	What did you do and for how long?			Total # Minutes
Monday Date:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	
Tuesday Date:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	
Wednesday Date:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	
Thursday Date:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	
Friday Date:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	
Saturday Date:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	
Sunday Date:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	Activity: Minutes:	

How many activities did you do?

Remember:

- Spread activity through the day
- Take part safely and follow covid-19 guidelines
- All activities should make you breathe faster
- Try different intensity activities

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Term Dates 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM

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

SPRING TERM

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

SUMMER TERM

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

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Term Dates 2027-2028

AUTUMN TERM

Inset Day	Wednesday 1st September 2027
Inset Day	Thursday 2nd September
Inset Day	Friday 3rd September
First Day	Monday 6th September
Half Term	Monday 25th October – Friday 29th October
Last Day	Friday 17th December (finish at 1.20pm)

SPRING TERM

Inset Day	Tuesday 4th January 2028
First Day	Wednesday 5th January
Half Term	Monday 14th February – Friday 18th February
Last Day	Friday 31st March (finish at 1.20pm)

SUMMER TERM

First Day	Tuesday 18th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 1st May
Half Term	Monday 29th May – Friday 2nd June
Inset Day	Monday 5th June
Last Day	Friday 21st July (finish at 1.20pm)

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Term Dates 2028-2029

AUTUMN TERM

Inset Day	Monday 4th September 2028
Inset Day	Tuesday 5th September
First Day	Wednesday 6th September
Half Term	Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October
Last Day	Wednesday 20th December (finish at 1.20pm)

SPRING TERM

Inset Day	Thursday 4th January 2029
Inset Day	Friday 5th January
First Day	Monday 8th January 2029
Half Term	Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February
Last Day	Friday 30th March (finish at 1.20pm)

SUMMER TERM

First Day	Monday 16th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 7th May
Half Term	Monday 28th May – Friday 1st June
Inset Day	Monday 23rd June
Last Day	Friday 20th July (finish at 1.20pm)

FROGS DRAMA
NURTURING THEATRE WORKSHOPS!

TUESDAY or WEDNESDAY sessions every week straight after school till 4.15pm at ST JAMES!
Available to Year 1 and Year 2.

Starting wk of 7th Sept leading up to and including wk 7th December.

Limited spaces available!

Whether we dive to the bottom of the ocean or fly to space your child's imagination is at the helm so anything is possible!

We have 13 drama sessions leading up to the Christmas holidays!

We would love to welcome you!
£78 payable for 13 sessions this AUTUMN. Booking open now.

SUMMER HOLIDAY SESSIONS COMING UP TOO!



LET KIDS BE KIDS!

FROGS is a wildly creative space!

Themed drama adventures, clue hunts, our composed kids songs, silliness, dance & art!

Creativity, confidence and communication boosting for little ones all through drama play!

ACTORS & DRAMA TEACHERS WITH TONS OF EXPERIENCE WITH LITTLE PEOPLE!
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To book on & guarantee your place contact Bex Nightingale soon-
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