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## Newsletter

*For unto us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. Isaiah 9:6*

Dear Parents/Carers

Well, that's that, no more school for 2023 - another year gone in the history of St. James' CE Primary. Next year, the school will be celebrate its 168<sup>th</sup> birthday. A lot has changed since 1856, children, staff, the community...but one thing has remained constant...Jesus Christ. Christmas must have been as magical in 1856 as it is now with the invention of Christmas cards, the first Christmas trees being introduced from Europe, the giving and receiving of presents and a Christmas feast. This was, and still is, a celebration of the birth of Jesus.

Jesus was both Man and God, but he was raised by two real human beings. I am blessed to be a father of Alisha, Jesse, Joel and Dotty, and I know the joy and difficulty of parenting little ones. Jesus would have said 'Abba' first to Joseph, although he was God's only son. Joseph was indeed special; he chose to follow God's will and listened to the angel. He raised Jesus (along with his other siblings), but ultimately knew that He was destined for greater things.

Our wonderful Year 2 children performed on stage at the Bournemouth Pavilion during the Bournemouth schools Christmas carol concert last month. They beautifully retold the story of that very first Christmas, from the perspective of a baby not sleeping (a familiar tale in my house!), Joseph knew what to do and the song '[Joseph's Lullaby](#)' by [Mercy Me](#), reminds us about a father's love for his child:

*Go to sleep my Son  
This manger for Your bed  
You have a long road before You  
Rest Your little head  
Can You feel the weight of Your glory?  
Do You understand the price?  
Or does the Father guard Your heart for now  
So You can sleep tonight?  
Go to sleep my Son  
Go and chase Your dreams  
This world can wait for one more moment  
Go and sleep in peace  
I believe the glory of Heaven  
Is lying in my arms tonight*



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*But Lord, I ask that He for just this moment  
Simply be my child  
Go to sleep my Son  
Baby, close Your eyes  
Soon enough You'll save the day  
But for now, dear Child of mine  
Oh, my Jesus  
Sleep tight*



**2023 was a successful year at St. James' some of the highlights include;**

- A successful [Ofsted](#) inspection
- 42 finalists at the National Engineering awards, including 8 winners (7 of whom were girls)
- Winning the DCAT Enrich festival with our West End performance of [Mamma Mia](#)
- Winning the Bournemouth girls football tournament
- Winning the Bournemouth Year 5 boys football league
- Town sprint champions
- A new [website](#)
- Above national outcomes in Key stage 1 and Key stage 2 for Reading, Writing and Mathematics
- And, finally won the DCAT Christmas carol competition with our version of [Love Shone Down](#)

## School Uniform



Another reminder that our school uniform is an identity unique to the children of St. James'. It gives us a sense of belonging and pride. Recently, we have noticed quite a few children who are wearing clothes that are not associated with the St. James' uniform. The policy is on the website, under the parent section about our uniform. Traditionally, St. James' has a 'winter' uniform and a 'summer' uniform. We would expect all children to be wearing our winter uniform now, with a guideline of October half term for the change of uniform.

Our winter uniform comprises of:

- White long or short sleeved blouse or shirt
- Green St. James' school tie available from Stevensons
- Courtelle bottle green V-neck St. James' jumper or cardigan available from <https://www.Stevensons.co.uk>
- Bottle green pinafore dress (for Year R - Year 4)
- Bottle green skirt (suggested for Year 5 and Year 6 - short netball type skirts are not acceptable)
- Traditional styled grey trousers or shorts (for boys or girls)
- Long or short white or grey socks (trainer socks are not acceptable) or tights in grey or bottle green
- Warm practical waterproof coat or anorak, preferably in a single dark colour - no logos
- Black sturdy practical school shoes (boots, trainers or high-heeled shoes are not permitted)
- Optional warm practical hat - no logos

We do of course appreciate the cost of living, and school uniform is not cheap. The PSA provide a wonderful service with our pre-loved uniform exchange (limited amount in the office) and run sales after school on a regular basis, where you can pick up any item of school uniform for a fraction of the cost of Stevensons.

 **PE Days**

A reminder that these are the days when the children should come to school in their PE kits:

EYFS – Wednesdays

Year 1 – Tuesdays


Year 2 – Thursdays

Year 3 – Fridays

Year 4 – Tuesdays

Year 5 – Thursdays

Year 6 – Fridays

 **Upcoming Key Dates**

Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024 - Children return to school for the Spring term

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> January – Swimming starts for Victoria class

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> January – Treehouse Theatre pantomime

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Indoor athletics competition at Avonbourne sports hall

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February – Year 5 Winchester science centre visit

Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for Spring half term

Monday 19<sup>th</sup> February – Return for Term 4

 **Parent Champion for SEND - Confidential Support And Advice For Families**

The SENDIASS Advisor has asked us to inform you that while they are closed over the Bank Holidays, and their replies may take a little longer than normal over the Christmas and New Year period, they will otherwise be open for normal days and times.

Monday 25/12/23 Closed

Tuesday 26/12/23 Closed

Wednesday 27/12/23 Open

Thursday 28/12/23 Open

Friday 29/12/23 Open

Monday 01/01/24 Closed

Tuesday 02/01/24 Open

They are also asking for some feedback from parents or pupils who have made use of their information, or tried to access their information, as well as any pupils or parents who have made more in-depth use of their advice and support - this is so that they can make sure that they are reaching out to people in the ways that are most useful. More information can be found by clicking the following link: <https://sendiass4bcp.org/2023/12/08/sendias4bcp-ways-of-working/>

Our parent champion, Sarah, is next in school from **9:30am on Wednesday 10th January 2024**. Time slots will be allocated to individual families on a first come first served basis and are held in confidence during the school day. If you would be interested in meeting with Sarah then please let the office know by the end of the day on Tuesday 9th January.



## Website

Please check our website for your child's learning and important information on the Year group pages.



## Instagram

We know that lots of you enjoy our Facebook page but you can now follow us on Instagram too! Search us out on <https://www.instagram.com/stjamescofe/> and give us a follow or click on the link on the website.



## PSA

Thanks to our wonderful PSA for all their support and enthusiasm this term and for the craft gift last Friday and the Christmas party food for yesterday. We very much appreciate all of you and all that you do for the children of the school.



## Christmas Donations

Thank you so much to all of you who attended one or more of our Christmas performances last week. The collections, which you generously donated, amounted to **£328.59** with a little more to come from the card machine at church. These will be split between Snowdonia Mountain Rescue and The Steve Bernard Foundation.



## Extra-Curricular Clubs

We will be offering our extra-curricular club provision for the Spring term - please see timetable attached later on in this newsletter for your perusal over the Christmas period. You will be able to sign up the first week back in January, details to follow.



## Safeguarding

Remember, if you see anything that concerns you, safeguarding teams will be working all over Christmas. You can contact the local Multi Agency Safeguarding Hub on 01202 735046 or email [childrensfirstresponse@bcpouncil.gov.uk](mailto:childrensfirstresponse@bcpouncil.gov.uk) (out of hours number is 01202 738256).

Open hours Monday to Thursday: 8:30am to 5:15pm, Friday: 8:30am to 4:45pm

If any child is worried they can contact Child Line on **0800 1111** <https://www.childline.org.uk/>



## End to End Encryption

**CEOP** have released some advice for parents, young people and professionals following the recent decision by Meta to roll out end-to-end encryption on Facebook Messenger. The National Crime Agency are concerned that as a result of Meta's design choices, the company will no longer be able to see (child abuse) offending occurring on their messaging platform, and law enforcement will no longer be able to obtain this evidence from them.

James Babbage, Director General for Threats at the National Crime Agency says, “This problem won’t go away if anything, it will likely get worse. Offenders will still use Facebook Messenger to send illegal material and will use the vast quantity of data shared on the platform about children to select and groom future victims.”

CEOP’s parent advice page on this topic and more is available through the link below.

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/what-is-end-to-end-encryption>



**If you are in need of a little extra support this Christmas, here are Bournemouth Food Bank’s hours**

### **St. George's Hub**

Open as usual

Closing for the holidays after Thursday 21st December

Back on Tuesday 2nd January

### **Citygate Community Hub**

Open as usual

Closed on 25th, 26th December, and 1st, 2nd January

Open on 27th, 28th and 29th December

### **Garden Rooms Café**

Regular Hours: Monday -Thursday, 9:00am - 2:00pm

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Back on Tuesday 2nd January

### **Special Social Canteen, Friday 22nd**

12:00pm - 4:00pm: Enjoy a tasty lunch, heart warming carols, and classic Christmas movies.

5:00pm - 7:00pm: Experience live carol music, indulge in mince pies, and warm up with our delightful mulled juice.

May I wish you all a blessed and peaceful Christmas with the ones you love. May you learn as a family, through Love, Hope for next year and Forgiveness for anything we might have done wrong in 2023.

Enjoy these magical moments and we look forward to seeing you all on Thursday 4th January, 2024.

**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.*

*‘Every pupil and adult flourishes within the family at St. James’. SIAMS report June 2022.*



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



SPRING TERM 2024 W/C 15 JANUARY- W/C 18 MARCH 3.15pm - 4.15pm

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Breakfast</b> 7.40am - 8.25am		<b>Breakfast Drawing and Colouring Club</b>  Miss Daw/Miss Wingate Reception Classrooms Reception and year 1 only, maximum of 15 children	<b>Cheerleading Club</b>  Miss Soresman Years 3 and 4 only, maximum of 12 children		<b>Breakfast Karate***</b> Starting 12th January  Danny (external club) Hall Details sent on separate email
<b>Lunchtime Clubs</b> 12.10pm - 12.40pm	<b>Lunchtime Bible Club</b>  Mrs Fakorede Atlantic Class This club is for years 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum of 15 children		<b>Lunchtime Team Cross Country Club</b>  Mr Parsons/Mr Slattery King's Park Existing Team		
	<b>Lunchtime Classroom Fitness</b>  Mrs Tomlinson Mediterranean Class This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum of 15 children		<b>Lunchtime Library Club</b>  Mrs Lambon Library This club is for years 1 - 6, maximum of 30 children		
<b>After School Clubs</b> 3.15pm - 4.15pm	<b>Computer Club</b>  Mrs Clark/Miss Perry Galilee/Nile Classrooms This club is for years 4 and 5 only, maximum of 20 children	<b>Team Football</b>  Mrs Finnigan/Mr Battams King's Park Existing Team	<b>Team Netball</b>  Mrs Stopler Playground Existing Team	<b>Team Athletics</b>  Mrs Stopler Playground Existing Team	<b>Dance Club</b>  Miss Pain Hall This club is for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum of 16 children
	<b>Gymnastics***</b>  Leanne (external club) Hall This club is for years 1, 2 and 3 only, maximum 25 children	<b>Glee Club</b> Starting 9th January  Mrs Dodd/Mrs Uzzell Hall This club is for years 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum 45 children	<b>Zumba***</b>  Kat (external club) Hall Details sent on separate email	<b>Futsal</b> (Indoor football/ball mastery)  Mrs Pine/Mr Battams Hall This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum 20 children	
	<b>Football Club***</b>  Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 5 and 6 only, maximum 30 children	<b>Football Club***</b>  Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum of 30 children	<b>Multi Skills***</b>  Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum 30 children	<b>Football Club***</b>  Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum 30 children	
	<b>Dance Club</b>  Mrs Stoodley/Mrs Allery Year 1 Classrooms This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 20 children	<b>Lego Club</b>  Mrs Garmson/Mrs Ireland Reception Classrooms This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 20 children	<b>Team Tag Rugby</b>  Mr Lillis/Mrs Finnigan King's Park Existing Team	<b>Adventure Club</b>  Mr Dodd Studio This club is for years 5 and 6 only, maximum 10 children	
		<b>Art Club</b>  Mrs White Nile This club is for year 3 only, maximum of 10 children	<b>Adventure Club</b>  Mr Dodd Studio This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum of 8 children		
		<b>Timetable Rockstars</b>  Miss Finnigan/Miss Lunn Year 3 Classrooms This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum of 15 children			
					<b>***External Paid For Clubs</b>

# 2023-24 Term Dates

## SPRING TERM 2024

**Inset Day** Tuesday 2nd January 2024

**Inset Day** Wednesday 3rd January 2024

**First Day** Thursday 4th January 2024

**Half Term** Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

**Last Day** Thursday 28th March 2024 (finish at 1.20pm)

## SUMMER TERM 2024

**First Day** Monday 15th April 2024

**Bank Holiday** Monday 6th May 2024

**Half Term** Monday 27th May - Friday 31st May 2024

**Inset Day** Monday 3rd June 2024

**Last Day** Friday 19th July 2024 (finish at 1.20pm)



# STEVENSONS

## Opening Times

From everyone at Stevensons, we're sending you our best wishes and a little note to say that we are closing our stores over the Christmas holidays so staff can spend time with their family and friends.

We're closed from 18th December until 1st January.

We re-open on the 2nd of January

You can still order for home delivery or Click and Collect once the store re-opens.

Festive. 

