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Newsletter

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!

2 Corinthians 5 v 17

Dear Parents/Carers

Happy New Year! It has been lovely to see everyone back in 2024 and hear all about our Christmas holidays. We have started the new year and new term, running. The teachers and support staff had Talk for Writing training on January 3rd, which will support one of the school priorities in boosting writing across the school. We look forward to sharing the children's outcomes on the website.

This term is full of exciting events; curriculum visits, sporting opportunities, arts opportunities, a very secretive science opportunity...the list goes on. Keep checking in on our website and social media to find out more. Please remember that school is open at 8.30am and we are keen to get everyone in on time to start learning!

Worship

We have heard all about Epiphany and the visit of the Wise Men to the new King and the importance of the gifts. We also 'chalked' our school, following the church tradition of blessing a home. Each class has 20+C+M+B+24 chalked on it. As we said, a whole school blessing.

Mr Keith Jewell came in this week and told the story of Jesus' baptism and the significance of it. He reminded us all to think about that special event if we are lucky enough to walk by the river in our local area.

We are looking forward to Mediterranean class and Early Years leading our worship this term.



PE Days In 2024

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

Tuesday 16th January - Rescheduled Pacific class parent consultations. Online

Wednesday 17th January - Rescheduled Pacific class parent consultations. Online

Thursday 18th January - Mediterranean class worship - 9am in the hall (please enter through the school hall doors, not the school office)

Thursday 18th January - Year 4 Hooke Court meeting. 3:15pm in Year 4 classrooms

Tuesday 23rd January - Indoor Athletics Competition at Avonbourne sports hall

Friday 26th - Year 4 Southbourne Library visit

Wednesday 31st January - Glee Club performing at the O2, London

Tuesday 6th February - Year 5 Winchester Science Centre visit

Thursday 8th February - Ducklings and Tadpoles class worship - 9am in the hall (please enter through the school hall doors, not the school office)

Friday 9th February - Break up for Spring half term at normal time

Monday 19th February – Return for Term 4



Extra-Curricular Clubs

We do still have a few spaces free on some of our clubs. If you would like your child to attend one of the following please contact the office.

- Aspire Football on a Monday for years 5 & 6
- Aspire Football on a Tuesday for years 3 & 4
- Aspire Multi Skills on a Wednesday for years 1 & 2
- Aspire Football on a Thursday for years 1 & 2
- Lunchtime Fitness on a Monday for years 3 & 4
- Dance Club on a Monday for years 1 & 2
- Breakfast Drawing & Colour Club on a Tuesday morning for Reception & year 1
- Art Club on a Tuesday for year 2
- Lunchtime Library Club on a Wednesday for years 1 to 6
- Futsal Club on a Thursday for years 1 & 2



Reception Plea

We really need children's wellies in Reception. If you do have any spare pairs lying around at home, please give to the Office Team. Thank you.



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School Uniform

Another reminder of our school 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.

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

Please ensure all items are clearly named.

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

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.

2023-24 Term Dates

SPRING TERM 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)



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Term Dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM

Inset Day	Monday 2 nd September 2024
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 rd September
First Day	Wednesday 4 th September
Half Term	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November
Last Day	Friday 20 th December (finish at 1.20pm)

SPRING TERM

Inset Day	Monday 6 th January 2025
First Day	Tuesday 7 th January
Half Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
Last Day	Thursday 3 rd April (finish at 1.20pm)
Inset Day	Friday 4 th April

SUMMER TERM

First Day	Tuesday 22 nd April
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Half Term	Monday 26 th May – 30 th May
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd June
Last Day	Tuesday 22 nd July (finish at 1.20pm)