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Newsletter

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die.

John 11 v 25

Dear Parents/Carers

That's term 4 done! Easter is a very special time for Christians throughout the globe, but has a great deal of significance for us at St. James'. Our vision and values are built around Easter and what God has done for us. God **loved** the world so much that He gave His only Son, Jesus died for each and every one of us, showing **forgiveness** for our sins, and the **hope** that Christ gave us as Christians, for a life eternal in glory, by rising from the dead on Easter Sunday.



Worship

We have been treated in our worship during this last fortnight. Bengal class led a beautiful worship about the Easter story with fantastic singing and drama, we were in church on Monday for Reverend Rachel to lead our worship, even Copper came in to teach us about Jesus' love. When he rolls in mud and gets dirty, I have to clean him in the shower. This means that all the dirt and the smell usually ends up on me, so Copper is clean and I've got all the muck. This is like Jesus taking all our dirt and sin away from us and taking it all upon Himself when He died for us on the cross.



Easter Workshops In Church

We have also had Easter workshops in church this week, with Reverend Rachel delivering workshops for every child. We are so fortunate to have a close relationship with our church and Vicar and to use the church building as an extension of school. We would like to think that school was an extension of our church also. Thank you, Rachel and the St. James' church.



Site Assistant Vacancy

With St. James' busier than ever with our site (fencing, painting, new windows, new playgrounds, flooring, new toilets, outside classroom, new kitchen... to name but a few), we are looking to appoint a part-time Site Assistant to work with Mr Lillis. If you, or anyone you know, are interested in this position, please look at the school website or come in to the school office and speak to Mr Walden for more details. Hours and days are negotiable.



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



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Extra-Curricular Clubs

We will be offering our extra-curricular club provision for the Summer term - please see timetable attached later on in this newsletter for your perusal over the Easter holidays. These clubs are on a first come, first served basis. You will be able to sign up, on Arbor, from 9am on Saturday 20th April. Closing date is noon on Thursday 25th April.



Holiday Fines

Attendance at school is crucial for children's learning and even attendance of 90% equates to half a day absence per week. This in turn equates to 4 weeks absence in an academic year. If a child persistently had 90% attendance over the course of their education they would have been absent for a whole year of their education.

Under pressure from new Government guidance and BCP, we are having to introduce Fixed Penalty Fines for holidays taken in term time. Whilst we completely understand the cultural and family benefits of a holiday, these should be taken in school holiday time to avoid disrupting or missing learning.

From Monday 15th April (start of the Summer term), any unauthorised holidays in term time will be subject to a fine of £60 per parent, rising to £120 per parent if the fine is not paid within 21 days. In September, in line with Government guidance, the fine will rise to £80 per parent. The money does not go to the school and the process is administered by the local authority.



Parenting Course

Please find attached to the newsletter details of a parenting course run by Mrs Sparrow, our Trauma Informed TA who works on behalf of Care for the Family, running on Thursday afternoons from 2nd May.

We will send out details about how to sign up after the Easter holidays but please email Mrs Sparrow with any queries.

- Thursdays 1:00pm - 3:00pm
- 2nd May - 13th Jun (not in half-term) at St. James' CE Primary Academy, BH7 6DW
- Course Cost: £10 (includes handbook)

Contact: Nikki Sparrow nsparrow@stjames.academy

School Office: 01202 426696

Summer Uniform

As the weather improves, here is a reminder of our summer uniform. Please ensure that you support us with our expectations of a smart uniform so that we are ready to learn.

- White buttoned polo shirt (with the school logo) available from [Stevensons](#) or other retailers without the logo or white rever collar blouse
- Courtelle bottle green V- neck St. James' jumper or cardigan
- Short grey traditional styled school trousers (for Reception - Year 4)
- Long or short grey traditional styled school trousers (for Year 5 and Year 6)
- Practical waterproof coat or anorak – no logos
- Black sturdy practical school shoes or black, dark brown or navy close-toed sandals (boots, trainers or high-heeled shoes are not permitted)
- Optional sun hat – no logos
- Summer dress: the green striped dress from M & S or current dress from [Stevensons](#) of Southbourne. Parents are welcome to use other suppliers of green **striped** dresses or to make homemade dresses. **Checked dresses are not part of our uniform.**

Please note that ALL children need school shoes in line with our policy so please take the opportunity of the Easter holiday to ensure that everyone is in correct uniform.

We still have some items in the uniform exchange in the office if you are struggling.

This is our girls summer uniform - **stripes, not checks please.**



This is our boys summer uniform.





Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 15th April – Return to school for Term 5
Tuesday 16th April – Phonics Workshop for Year 1 Parents – 3:15pm
Thursday 2nd May – Biscay Class Worship
Monday 13th May – SATS week for Year 6 children
Monday 20th May – Class photos with Frazer portraits
Thursday 23rd May – Victoria Class Worship
Friday 24th May – Break up for half term (normal time, 3:00pm and 3:10pm)
Monday 3rd June – INSET day - school closed for pupils
Tuesday 4th June – Children return for Term 6
Tuesday 4th June - New Parents Evening
Thursday 13th June – Amazon Class Worship
Sunday 16th June – Wednesday 19th June – Year 6 Residential, PGL
Thursday 20th June – Galilee Class Worship
Friday 21st June - Sports Day at King's Park Athletics Stadium
Monday 24th June – St. James' Music Celebration Evening – 6:00pm - 7:30pm - hall
Tuesday 2nd July – Year 6 Leaver's Day – Christchurch Priory
Thursday 4th July – Stour Class Worship
Thursday 4th July – Year 3 Lulworth Cove visit
Thursday 4th July – EYFS Longdown Dairy Farm visit
Thursday 4th July – DCAT Enrich at Hurst Pierpoint College
Saturday 6th July – St. James' School and Church Summer Fayre
Monday 8th & Tuesday 9th July – Year 6 Production
Friday 12th July – Children's Attainment and Progress Reports out to Parents
Thursday 18th July – Leaver's Eucharist – Church 1:30pm (parents welcome)
Thursday 18th July – St. James' Academy awards – 6:00pm - 7:30pm
Friday 19th July – Break up for summer holidays (1:20pm)

Please check our website for your child's learning and important information on the year group pages. This will be your first point of access with any news and events. 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'.

May I wish you all a blessed and happy Easter.

He is risen Hallelujah!

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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2023-24 Term Dates

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)



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



SUMMER TERM 2024 W/C 29th APRIL - W/C 8th JULY 3.15pm - 4.15pm

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Breakfast 7.40am - 8.25am		Breakfast Drawing and Colouring Club Miss Daw/Miss Wingate Reception Classrooms Reception and year 1 only, maximum of 15 children	Cheerleading Club Miss Soresman Victoria Classrooms Years 3 and 4 only, maximum of 12 children		Breakfast Karate*** Danny (external club) Hall Details sent on separate email
Lunchtime Clubs 12.10pm - 12.40pm	Lunchtime Bible Club Mrs Fakorede Atlantic Class This club is for years 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum of 15 children		Lunchtime Team Cross Country Club Mr Parsons/Mr Slattery King's Park Existing Team	Drawing Club Mrs Jacobs/Mrs Tomlinson Malawi/Mediterranean This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum of 15 children	
			Writing For Fun Miss Perry/Mrs Lambon Nile This club is for years 1, 2 and 3 only, maximum of 20 children	Lunchtime Library Club Mrs Perkins Library This club is for years 1 - 6, maximum of 30 children	
After School Clubs 3.15pm - 4.15pm	Computer Club Mrs Clark Galilee/Nile Classrooms This club is for years 4 and 5 only, maximum of 20 children	Team Football Mrs Finnigan/Mr Battams King's Park Existing Team	Team Netball Mrs Stopler Playground Existing year 5 Team + year 4 maximum of 30 children	Team Athletics Mrs Stopler/Miss Janaskova Playground Existing Team	
	Gymnastics*** Leanne (external club) Hall This club is for years 1, 2 and 3 only, maximum 25 children	Glee Club Mrs Dodd/Mrs Uzzell Hall This club is for years 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum 45 children	Zumba*** Kat (external club) Hall Details sent on separate email	Futsal Mrs Pine Hall This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum 16 children	
	Football Club*** Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 5 and 6 only, maximum 30 children	Football Club*** Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum of 30 children	Multi Skills*** Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum 30 children	Football Club*** Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum 30 children	
	Dance Club Mrs Stoodley/Mrs Allery Year 1 Classrooms This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 20 children	Lego Club Mrs Garmson/Mrs Ireland Reception Classrooms This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 20 children	Rounders/Cricket Club Mrs Finnigan/Mr Battams/Mr Dodd King's Park This club is for years 3, 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum 40 children	Adventure Club Mr Dodd Studio This club is for years 5 and 6 only, maximum 10 children	
		Times Tables Rock Stars Miss Finnigan/Miss Lunn Year 3 Classrooms This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum of 20 children			
					***External Paid For Clubs



Time Out For Parents The Primary Years

Sessions for anyone parenting children aged 5 - 11

Thursdays, 1.00 - 3.00pm
2nd May - 13th Jun (not in half-term)
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Course Cost: £10 (includes handbook)
Contact: Nikki Sparrow
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Time Out For Parents The Primary Years

Positive Parenting Time Out for Parents courses from Care for the Family provide common sense, jargon-free information and ideas to help you to engage with your children and boost your relationship.

If you have children aged 5 – 11, then *Time Out for Parents – The Primary Years* is for you. Over six sessions, you'll increase your skills and confidence as a parent and discover practical tools to make your relationship with your child even better.

The sessions

- Session 1 What being a parent's really like
- Session 2 Children's needs
- Session 3 Feelings and listening
- Session 4 Boundaries and parenting styles
- Session 5 Keeping children safe
- Session 6 Building strong families



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Family hubs spring activities

Boscombe Family Hub Drop Ins

Please drop in and see us if you need advice and guidance on aspect of parenting.

Our drop ins in 2024 are now every other week on the dates below:

Wednesday 31st January 10 to 11am
Wednesday 14th February 10 to 11am
Wednesday 28th February 10 to 11am
Wednesday 13th March 10 to 11am
Wednesday 27th March 10 to 11am
Wednesday 10th April 10 to 11am
Wednesday 24th April 10 to 11am

Boscombe Family Hub 22 Ashley Close,
Bournemouth BH1 4PE.

bpcouncil.gov.uk/familyhubs



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EASTER HOLIDAY CLUB HELD AT
ST JAMES SCHOOL

Monday 8th April - Friday 12th April

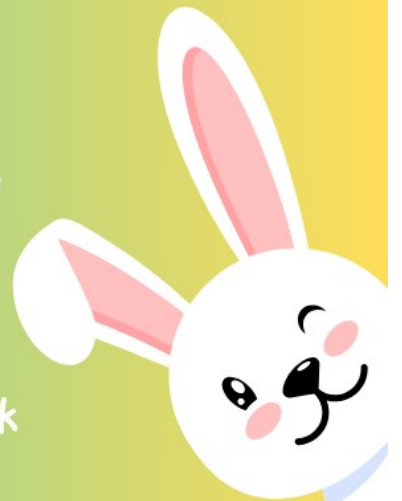
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'Pitching In' Southern Premier League South

POOLE TOWN FC v MERTHYR TOWN FC

DATE: Saturday 6th April 2024

3pm Kick off

Black Gold Stadium, off Well Lane, Poole, BH15 3JR

TO QUALIFY: at least one Under 18 and one adult must be admitted with this ticket.

ADMISSION: Please print this form and enter the name of the participating school who sent it and number of people attending and hand in upon entrance to the ground.

PLEASE ARRIVE EARLY TO AVOID DELAYS

The voucher has no cash value and cannot be substituted for attendance at any other match at Black Gold Stadium.

Poole Town FC reserves the right to refuse admission.

Name of qualifying school:

Number of people admitted with this voucher