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## Newsletter

*These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up.*

Deuteronomy 6: 6-7

Dear Parents/Carers



### Worship

This week we have had the pleasure of Martin Parslow (former staff member) leading our worship virtually. It is so lovely to keep the St. James' family together, despite geographical distance. Keith Jewell also led our worship last week. I would encourage anyone to come in and listen to Keith and his stories from the bible. He has a gift that makes everyone (young and old) listen and become engaged. If you would like to join us for any worship, please let us know. Our whole school worship is every Monday and Thursday, it is inclusive and invitational.



### Key Stage 2 SATs

This week, our amazing Year 6 children have completed their SATs. This is a measure of their learning at primary school in Reading, Writing and Mathematics. They have all tackled their tests with resilience. Of course, what these assessments do not measure is their other skills and qualities. Their artistic and creative brilliance, their sporting and physical prowess, their spirituality and sensitive nature, their kind heartedness, their stalwart friendliness, their sense of humour and their beautiful soul. We don't need to measure these gifts from God, we see them every day. We hope their results come back in a positive fashion and they are comparable or slightly better than the 'national average', but whatever happens, we are proud of you all.



### DCAT Parent View

We are always keen to get feedback. Please click on the link and take the parent survey from DCAT (our multi academy trust). Thank you in advance. <https://forms.office.com/e/yU8xLB4FRV>



### Class Photographs

A reminder that we have Frazer portraits in on Monday (20<sup>th</sup> May) to take photographs of all our children. Please make sure your child is in their correct school uniform. **No PE kits** please for these photographs. If your child has a club or sporting activity, they may bring their kit in a bag and get changed during the day. If you are unsure about the correct uniform, the information is on the [school website](#).



### New Parents' Information Evening

On Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June, we have an information evening for our new cohort of parents for Early Years in September 2024. It starts in the hall at 6pm and there will be a chance to ask questions, meet the staff and visit our early year's environment. Despite a forecast low birth rate, we are delighted to have a full cohort and a significant waiting list for places.



## PSA Quiz Night

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June, our wonderful PSA are hosting a quiz night. Please see poster at the end of this newsletter with all the information. The teachers will be entering a team. Come and have a go if you think you're smart enough!



## Site Assistant Vacancy

We still have a vacancy. St. James' is 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.



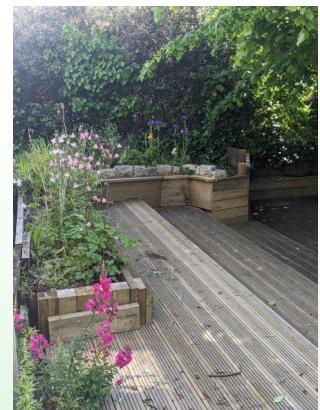
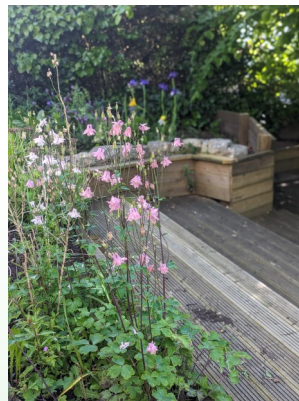
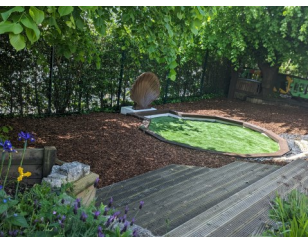
## Glee Club

Well done to our wonderful Glee Club who delighted the audience at a Gala Concert last Friday in aid of the Dorset Children's Foundation. We thoroughly enjoyed listening to The Salvation Army fellowship band and St George's Singers and even played percussion along with some of the band numbers! Thank you to all the parents who came to support us and help to raise an amazing £1444.00 in aid of this fantastic charity.



## Outdoor Learning Area

We are making some excellent progress with our outdoor learning area at the front of school where we will be doing Forest School and outdoor learning later in the year. We also hope it will be a calm and safe environment to support pupils with their mental health and wellbeing. Some of our Year 6 pupils have been helping with the weeding and planting and Mr Lillis has been working hard to build our seating and flooring. Thank you to the PSA for a donation towards the costs - hopefully we will be able to raise some more funds for some other features through events that are coming up over the summer.



## Ⓟ Parking Around St. James'

We still have many complaints about parents parking in an inconsiderate way around our school. Please note that the yellow zig zags are to maintain visibility for children crossing the road by the school entrance to keep children safe. Parents must not park on these and enforcement officers can issue fixed penalties.



Keep entrance clear of stationary vehicles, even if picking up or setting down children



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## Upcoming Key Dates

- Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May** – Class photos with Frazer Portraits
- Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** – Victoria Class Worship
- Friday 24<sup>th</sup> May** – Break up for half term (normal time, 3:00pm and 3:10pm)
- Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** – INSET day - school closed for pupils
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** – Children return for Term 6
- Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> June** - New Parents Information Evening - hall @ 6:00pm
- Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> June** – Amazon Class Worship
- Friday 14<sup>th</sup> June** – PSA Quiz Night – school hall - 7:00pm
- Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June** – Year 6 Residential, PGL Osmington Bay
- Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** – Galilee Class Worship
- Friday 21<sup>st</sup> June** - Sports Day at King's Park Athletics Stadium
- Monday 24<sup>th</sup> June** – St. James' Music Celebration Evening – 6:00pm - 7:30pm - hall
- Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> July** – Year 6 Leaver's Day – Christchurch Priory
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Stour Class Worship
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 3 Lulworth Cove visit
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – EYFS Longdown Dairy Farm visit
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> July** – DCAT Enrich at Hurst Pierpoint College
- Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July** – St. James' School and Church Summer Fayre
- Monday 8<sup>th</sup> & Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July** – Year 6 Production
- Friday 12<sup>th</sup> July** – Children's Attainment and Progress Reports out to Parents
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – Leaver's Eucharist – Church 1:30pm (parents welcome)
- Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July** – St. James' Academy awards – 6:00pm - 7:30pm
- Friday 19<sup>th</sup> July** – Break up for summer holidays (1:20pm)

Our term dates for 2025/2026 have now been agreed and are attached.

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'.

Thank you for your ongoing 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.**

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



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## Term Dates 2024-2025

### AUTUMN TERM

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

### SPRING TERM

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

### SUMMER TERM

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



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### **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' PSA QUIZ NIGHT



**Friday 14th June 2023 7pm - 10pm**

**Come along and try your luck at beating the Teachers' table!**

**Maximum team size 6 - £5pp**

**(If you want to join a team, we can match you one!)**

**Email [felicity.brantingham@gmail.com](mailto:felicity.brantingham@gmail.com) to book your table**

**Closing date to sign up is the 11th June for team/individuals**

**This will be the first in a series of quiz events - come along and try for the trophy!**

**What does £5 get you?**

- \* Cheese, crackers and snacks**
- \* A fab night of entertainment**
- \* There will be a bar, with suggested donations for drinks**