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Newsletter

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."
Matthew 19:14

Dear Parents/Carers

Worship

This week we have learnt about Pentecost and D-Day and how we have a wonderful chance to look after each other with love, not hate, so that the world can be a kinder place. I showed a picture of my heroes Cyrille Regis, Brendan Batson and Laurie Cunningham, who all shaped modern football by showing the world multi-cultural Britain and how difference is a wonderful thing. Wouldn't life be boring if we all looked the same and liked the same things?

The Euros Are Coming

To celebrate the start of the Men's European football championships, each class has been given a country to support and learn about. We start on Friday 14th June with a non-uniform day where your child can come dressed in the colours of the flag of their adopted country. Mr Battams has organised events to embrace the tournament and provide additional learning for our children. The list of adopted countries is below:

Ducklings - Turkey
Tadpoles - Croatia
Bourne - Slovenia
Stour - Denmark
Amazon - Portugal
Nile - France
Biscay - Spain
Bengal - Switzerland
Malawi - Scotland
Victoria - Hungary
Mediterranean - Italy
Galilee - Netherlands
Atlantic - Germany
Pacific - Belgium
Office team - Poland
Harbour - England
Leadership team - Ukraine

We are encouraging children to bring a £1 donation for the YMCA.



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Sports Week and Sports Day

From Monday 17th June, we are all taking part in Sports Week, culminating with our fantastic Sports Day on Friday 21st June at King's Park Athletics Stadium (a separate letter and information about this was emailed yesterday).

Mrs Finnigan has lots planned and children should wear sports/PE kit all week. As someone who is passionate about sport and its benefits to physical, mental and social wellbeing, I can't advocate enough the importance this week brings to all children.

We will be selling Sports Day T shirts after school on Friday 14th June at a cost of £3 each.



New Toilets

Over half term, we had new toilets installed outside our year 3 classrooms. This is all part of the redecoration and rejuvenation of our building. Future projects include new decoration and flooring for year 1, new windows and decoration at the front of the building, a new kitchen and a new back playground. We are fortunate to be part of DCAT, which allows us to look after our environment to make it safe and enjoyable for all our children.



PSA Quiz Night

On Friday 14th 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, as will the office. 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.



Upcoming Key Dates

Thursday 13th June – Amazon Class Worship

Friday 14th June – Euro mufti (non uniform) day

Friday 14th June – PSA Quiz Night – school hall - 7:00pm

Sunday 16th June – Wednesday 19th June – Year 6 Residential, PGL Osmington Bay

Thursday 20th June – Galilee Class Worship

Friday 21st June - Sport's 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 - see poster attached for details

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)



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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 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)



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Term Dates 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM

Inset Day	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Inset Day	Thursday 4 th September
Inset Day	Friday 5 th September
First Day	Monday 8 th September
Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October
Last Day	Friday 19 th December (finish at 1.20pm)

SPRING TERM

Inset Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
First Day	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
Last Day	Friday 27 th March (finish at 1.20pm)

SUMMER TERM

First Day	Monday 13 th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – 29 th May
Inset Day	Monday 1 st June 2026
Last Day	Wednesday 22 nd 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 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**

The St. James' School and Church Summer Fayre Saturday 6th July - 11am - 2pm

Dear Parents/St. James' Community

The Summer Fayre is fast approaching and we need your help to make it a success! Please look below to see what you can offer.

Donations – for the 4 weeks leading up to the fayre we are asking for different categories of donations to be left under the tree at 8:30am drop off).

Friday 14th June **Mufti Day** in exchange for **Chocolate**
Thursday 20th June **Raffle and Tombola Gifts** (new homeware gifts/toiletry items)
Friday 28th June **Bottles** (Prosecco, Wine, Pimms, Coke, Lemonade)
Friday 5th July **Toys and Books** (good condition only please - second hand and new)

Raffle Prizes

Could you or your workplace offer any experience days, vouchers or suitable gift?

Sponsor or Financial Donation

If you or your company would be able to sponsor a section of the fayre ie the BBQ, the bar or the refreshments in exchange for advertising on the programme, on our Facebook Page or for leaflets to be handed out on the day, please get in touch.

Food Donations

If you work for a supermarket or local food business, we would be grateful for offers of any of the following:

- 200 burgers
- 150 frankfurters
- 200 burger rolls
- 150 finger rolls
- 6 loaves of white bread
- 50 mini apples/satsumas
- 200 bags of crisps
- Bags of sweets
- 100 scones
- Cakes (to be donated Friday 5th July or on the day of the fayre)

If you can help with any of the above please contact Victoria via the PSA chat, Facebook page or email evolutionlets@aol.com

We thank you for your support.

The PSA