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Newsletter

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away. 1 Corinthians 13:4-8

Dear Parents/Carers

Worship

Year 1 have recently led our worship with Stour class teaching us all about being thankful for things. It is very easy to take things for granted. Bourne class talked to us about hope. Hope is vital in this world and we are thankful to have a God of Hope who guides us. Thank you year 1.

That means that every child in the school has led our worship at some point this academic year. This is always a special occasion and our children deliver messages to their peers so beautifully and thoughtfully, whether it's through prayer, song, art, dance, poetry or acting.

One Week To Go!

We are nearly there, it's been quite a year. Remember, **we break up on Friday 19th July at 1.15pm.**

Reports

You should have all received your child's reports today, via email - we are proud of all of them.

For your information, attendance is measured in sessions rather than days, for example, 1 day = 1 morning and 1 afternoon session.

Goodbye and Thank You

We say goodbye to a number of teachers this year;

Mrs Tomlinson has been involved with St. James' in her teaching capacity since before 2015 and even acted as Assistant Headteacher at one point. She leaves us and year 5 to teach at St. Walburga's. Good luck Mrs Tomlinson and thank you.

Mrs Rabbets leaves us to take up a post at Linwood School. She returned in June after having baby William and leaves year 4. Mrs Rabbets has taught in nearly every year group at St. James' since joining us in 2017.

Thank you for everything you have done over the years and all the children you have helped.

Mrs Jones is leaving us to take on a teaching post at Stourfield Infants after a successful year in teacher training. Year 2 will miss you. You'll be great!

Mrs Hall leaves us for a teaching post at Burton CE Primary after a successful year in teacher training. Year 5 will miss you. Thank you for all your musical help!

Ms Soresman arrived from Nevada to teach in the UK for the first time. She has done a fantastic job in year 4 and we will miss her. We might bump into her at an AFC Bournemouth match?



End of Year Sports Review

Football - This year, our year 6 boys' and girls' football teams have shown skill and dedication, securing impressive positions in both county and league competitions. Our girls won the Bournemouth School's predator tournament in the autumn, with some outstanding displays from Sienna and Isla. The boys' team achieved a commendable 3rd place in the county football tournament. Meanwhile, the girls' team displayed remarkable determination, earning 7th place in the same county competition. Both teams excelled in the league, each finishing in a proud 2nd place, with the boys making a notable run to the quarter-finals of the county cup. Their achievements reflect their hard work and passion for the sport.

Tag Rugby - Our year 5 and 6 tag rugby team showcased their great skills and teamwork by securing 3rd place in the highly competitive tag rugby tournament at Chapel Gate. The students demonstrated exceptional agility and sportsmanship with other schools at this tournament, scoring the most tries on the day and impressive performances from Sienna who scored 28 tries on the day.

Netball - Our netball team has had an extraordinary season, clinching the league championship with an impeccable record. Winning every single game, the team demonstrated unparalleled skill, and an unwavering commitment to the game. Each player contributed to this remarkable achievement with their dedication and teamwork. Their performance throughout the season not only highlights the team's talent, but how much they wanted to improve this year. This triumphant season stands as a proud moment for our school, celebrating the hard work and determination of our netball stars, with three of them going on to coach the more junior teams. This has not only been a huge help to the school but wonderful for our young players to experience.

Swimming - Our year 6 boys and girls and year 5 girls made a splash at the swimming gala this year winning an impressive 13 medals in total. The boys' team shone brightly, securing 3rd place in both the mixed relay and freestyle relay events. Individual performances were equally outstanding, with Ben, Jack, Darwin and Nick earning 2nd and 3rd place finishes in their respective races. For the girls, Smilte delivered a fantastic performance, claiming victory in the backstroke. Additionally, our year 5 girls demonstrated remarkable perseverance and teamwork, putting in a great effort despite having only half a team and yet still achieving a fantastic 4th place in the relay.

Handball - Our year 5 and 6 handball team has had a fantastic last few months, securing 2nd place in Bournemouth before advancing to the county level. At the county competition, the team displayed remarkable teamwork, remaining undefeated until the final match where they proudly finished as runners-up. Among the many highlights of their journey was an incredible 18 -1 victory, the team's exceptional performance has also led to three of our players earning the opportunity to try out for the Dorset Handball Team. With only half a days practice before the county finals they really should all be proud of themselves. Our top scorers on the day were Nick, Sienna and Jack.

Town Sports - St. James' had an exceptionally successful day at the Town Sports Event with numerous year 5 and year 6 children representing the school on the day, with our athletes achieving victories across many athletic events. Isabella shone in the girls' 100m, securing first place with her outstanding speed. Jack matched this success in the boys' 100m, earning a well-deserved win. Domas demonstrated his superb athleticism by claiming victory in the high jump. And our girls' relay team, consisting of Sienna, Effie, India and Isabella, delivered a spectacular performance, winning the 400 x 100 relay with fantastic speed, teamwork and determination. These achievements underscore the talent and dedication of our students, making St. James' proud.

Sports Day - The sun was out and our school sports day was a fantastic success this year, featuring fantastic displays of determination and team spirit from our four house teams: Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John. Every student participated with enthusiasm and determination, making the day a memorable celebration of sportsmanship. Team Mark emerged victorious, winning the overall competition for the second consecutive year.

Adding to the excitement, parents had the chance to watch the fastest girl and boy in Bournemouth compete, showcasing their incredible speed in their head to head race. The event also featured a standout relay race that included the four girls who previously won the town sports relay race, further highlighting the exceptional talent within our school. It was fantastic to see all children and spectators enjoying the day.

Overall St. James' has enjoyed an outstanding year in sports, with students from all year groups showcasing their exceptional talent. Our school has been proudly represented in numerous events, achieving remarkable successes across many sports. Our students' achievements extend beyond external competitions, reflecting their hard work and enthusiasm during PE lessons with Mrs Finnigan and Mr Battams. The eagerness of our children to learn, improve, and participate in various sports highlights the vibrant and supportive athletic culture at St. James', making this year a truly outstanding one for our school community.

A huge thank you to our dedicated and passionate PE teaching team, for enabling our children to participate in all of the above events, giving their time and energy to make sure every child matters! We have been awarded the School Games Gold award for the 3rd year running, this means we are eligible for the platinum (their highest) award next year, through our ongoing PE, sports week, inter and intra house competitions.

Next year, we plan to make our provision for sport, PE and wellbeing more of a focus, with enhanced PE days with our PE team of Mrs Finnigan, Mr Battams, Mrs Pine and Miss J.

We are aiming to improve attendance, children's wellbeing and mental health, self-esteem and allow them to flourish with their God given talents.

We are also planning to improve our extra-curricular provision by offering a wider range of activities, such as skiing and sailing. Our target is to find something that each child will love and want to do. We will be teaching basic first aid, healthy eating and how to look after our bodies.



Upcoming Key Dates

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 (1:15pm)

Our term dates for 2024/2025 and 2025/2026 are attached.



A Reminder Of Next Year's Teaching Staff

Early Years teachers – Miss Daw and Miss Wingate

Year 1 teachers – Mrs Stoodley and Mrs Allery

Year 2 teachers – Mr Parsons and Miss Perry

Year 3 teachers – Miss Finnigan and Mrs Talbot

Year 4 teachers – Mrs Jacobs, Miss Pain and Miss Lunn

Year 5 teachers – Mrs Fakorede and Miss Martin

Year 6 teachers – Mr Slattery and Mrs Clark

As always, 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'. Also, please follow our Stjames_pe Instagram site.

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)

BCP activities are on a **first come first served** basis and bookable from 15th July

Activities and events:

Follow **BCP Council Family Information** and **BCP Council Family Hubs** on Facebook
The Parks Foundation: [Home - The Parks Foundation](#) also on Facebook. The individual cafes have their own Facebook pages where they publicise their own events or you can view them on the Parks Foundation website. Also **Kingfisher Barn Visitor Centre**.

BCP Family Hubs: see timetables for individual Hubs as the offer varies. Activities and drop-ins for all ages including teens. [Family hub timetables \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Up in BCP: Summer activities. No cost - £10 [www.upinbcp.co.uk](#) [Summer Activities \(upinbcp.co.uk\)](#)

Booking form is available on their website.

BCP Libraries:

Summer Reading Challenge: [Summer Reading Challenge | BCP \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Presentation: [SRC School Assembly Presentation \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Information: [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

What's on in Libraries: [Libraries Whats On \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Family events: [Family Events - Bournemouth](#)

BCP Family Information Directory: Holiday Activities: [Search Results \(bcpcouncil.gov.uk\)](#)

Primary Times: [Family activities and events for primary school children | Primary Times](#)

BCP Mumber: [Summer Holiday - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumber](#) [Free Things To Do with Kids in Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole this Summer - Bournemouth, Christchurch & Poole Mumber](#)

Soft Play Cafes: [Kids Play Cafe](#)

aim community Summer Sessions

Summer Sessions PLAN

Make the most of the summer and sign up for the Summer Sessions via our booking form which is linked in the caption

- a** abilities & skills
Wednesday 31st July - 10am - 2pm
- S** self-esteem & confidence • What's Your Story? Identity and Art
Friday 9th August - 1pm - 5pm
- P** peer relationships • Murder Mystery and Escape Room
Wednesday 14th August - 10am - 2pm
- a** adult & family relationships • Making a Meal of it! Fun, Food, Family
Friday 23rd August - 1pm - 5pm
- C** communication • Expression through Rhyme and Poetry
Wednesday 28th August - 10am - 2pm
- e** education & employment • Dragon's Den/Young Enterprise
Wednesday 28th August - 10am - 2pm

Delivered by our experienced mentors

Fun creative activities

Open to all young people aged 11+

£20 per session

Opportunity to build friendships

Focus on empowering self and supporting personal development

Sessions can be booked individually

withyou this summer in BCP

**Free activities for under 18 year olds in
Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole.**

Football, arts & crafts, jenga, rounders, swingball
and much more. Free snacks and drinks.

Weekdays, 12-2.30pm. Location changes daily.



**Scan here to
see where the
activities will
be each day**

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Date	Venue	Area	What 3 Words
Week one			
Monday 29 July 2024	Kings Park	Bournemouth	///ranked.wins.fries
Tuesday 30 July 2024	Two Riversmeet Skate Park	Christchurch	///peanut.tend.random
Wednesday 31 July 2024	Poole park - next to the ARK	Poole	///forces.energy.cheese
Thursday 1 August 2024	Redhill Park	Bournemouth	///sunset.stars.broke
Friday 2 August 2024	Christchurch quay	Christchurch	///valley.bowls.loyal
Week two			
Monday 5 August 2024	Baiter Skate Park	Poole	///storm.union.venue
Tuesday 6 August 2024	Slades Farm	Bournemouth	///hoot.critic.beats
Wednesday 7 August 2024	Summerford Skate Park	Christchurch	///tight.indoor.agree
Thursday 8 August 2024	Whitecliffe Field - next to play area	Poole	///agent.things.laws
Friday 9 August 2024	Moordown Reck	Bournemouth	///fault.kicked.left
Week three			
Monday 12 August 2024	Stanpit Recreation Ground	Christchurch	///quite.flank.smooth
Tuesday 13 August 2024	Branksome Rec	Poole	///snail.traded.guess
Wednesday 14 August 2024	Queens Park	Bournemouth	///solar.supper.cherry
Thursday 15 August 2024	Two Riversmeet Skate Park	Christchurch	///peanut.tend.random
Friday 16 August 2024	Hamworthy Park - near zipwire	Poole	///rare.nods.pound
Week four			
Monday 19 August 2024	Winton Rec	Bournemouth	///slowly.banks.zips
Tuesday 20 August 2024	Christchurch quay	Christchurch	///camera.spoke.risky
Wednesday 21 August 2024	Upton house	Poole	///maple.frame.flames
Thursday 22 August 2024	Duck lane Skate Park	Bournemouth	///rankings.sands.bluff
Friday 23 August 2024	Summerford Skate Park	Christchurch	///tight.indoor.agree
Week five			
Tuesday 27 August 2024	Verity Park Canford Heath	Poole	///full.Atoms.Junior
Wednesday 28 August 2024	Lower gardens - near badminton court	Bournemouth	///became.strict.loudly
Thursday 29 August 2024	Stanpit Recreation Ground	Christchurch	///quite.flank.smooth
Friday 30 August 2024	Broadstone Rec - near cricket pavilion	Poole	///long.lied.pushes