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## Newsletter

*For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*  
Ephesians 2 v 10

Dear Parents/Carers

### **Worship**

Amazon class and Galilee class led our worship recently, and gave us beautiful messages about the summer and sport and teamwork. Children always give messages in such a concise way and we are so grateful to every child for leading our worship in school. The confidence they have to talk, perform, pray and showcase their God-given talents is a wonderful thing.

### **New Classes from September 2024**

Today, your child went to visit their new classroom and class teacher for the next academic year. As always, we think carefully about register groups and cohorts. We like to think of each year group as one group of 60 children who regularly work together across classrooms. They are with each other for most of the day as a mixed cohort (during worship, PE, playtimes and lunchtime). Inevitably there is not always a perfect solution and we take into consideration friendship groups and issues, however, we do have a fantastic team of adults who are here to help. Your child will have brought home a letter today, explaining who their new teacher is and in what class they are in next year. We will be having a parent information evening in September, which will be a chance for you to meet your child's teacher and provide you with key messages about the year ahead.

The teaching team for next year is as follows:

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

### **Music Evening Celebration**

What a fantastic evening of music we enjoyed on Monday. We had performances by our Glee club, our recorder group, violins, guitars, ukeleles, pianists, drummers, singers and dancers. The children were incredible and showed real courage performing to a packed audience. St. James' really does have talent, well done to all those children involved and all of the adults for making it happen.



## New Kitchen

I am delighted to tell you that (over the summer) we are having a kitchen built. This is a wonderful opportunity for our children to receive freshly prepared and cooked food on a daily basis. DCAT (our multi academy trust) have taken a company called Relish on board that will provide for all 25 schools within the Trust. As a result, we are having a kitchen built at no impact to the school budget. I have met with the leaders of Relish and seen what they can offer, I have seen their menu and I am so excited for our children and community.



## Back Playground Makeover

A huge thank you to our fabulous PSA for raising the funds to allow for a much needed rejuvenation of our back playground. All the children will now be able to access this during break times, enhanced provision and PE lessons.



Our PSA are vitally important to us at school in raising those extra funds for the children that the school budget can't stretch to. Please support our PSA driven summer fayre on Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> July, 11am – 2pm.

Also, a huge thank you to Fliss and Rich Brantingham for organising and running the inaugural PSA quiz night. 11 teams battled it out and it was extremely close at the end. The trophy was won by the office team and is sitting proudly on display behind Mrs Hughes and Mrs Gibson. The next quiz will be hosted by Mr Brown, so wait for the date!



## Upcoming Key Dates

**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 - see poster attached for details

**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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# St. James' Church of England Primary Academy

## 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)   |



# St. James' Church of England Primary Academy

## Term Dates 2025-2026

### **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) |

## The St. James' School and Church Summer Fayre Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> 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 14<sup>th</sup> June**    **Mufti Day** in exchange for **Chocolate**  
**Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> June** **Raffle and Tombola Gifts** (new homeware gifts/toiletry items)  
**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> June**    **Bottles** (Prosecco, Wine, Pimms, Coke, Lemonade)  
**Friday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:evolutionlets@aol.com)

We thank you for your support.

**The PSA**