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## Newsletter

*'I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.'*  
C.S. Lewis

Dear Parents/Carers,



### **Worship**

We have been treated to Biscay and Nile children leading our worship within the last week, with wonderful messages about God's creation and his love for the world. We continue to thank God for His gift of the summer and all the wonderful things that surround us in our lives.



### **Transition Morning**

This morning, your child met their new teacher in their new year group and classroom. We are sure that you will be keen to find out more. We have four fantastic teachers joining us and there will be an opportunity in September to meet all the teachers. There will also be a year group welcome evening.



### **Teacher Strikes and Industrial Action**

As I'm sure you will be aware, Teaching Unions have voted to take further Industrial Action on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> and Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July, meaning teachers will go on strike. We sent communication to you all yesterday regarding how this affects St. James'.

The Year 3 trip to Lulworth cove will still go ahead with no disruption, we are also going to open the school for Year 6. Unfortunately, we are going to ask that all other children are kept at home on those days. If you are having difficulty providing childcare, please respond on Arbor (trips) at your earliest convenience, as on previous strike days. Please note that Aspire clubs and music lessons will still take place if you'd like to bring your child in for these.



### **Sports Week and Sports Day**

A huge thank you to Mrs Finnigan for organising a fantastic week, finishing with our wonderful Sports Day at King's Park stadium last Friday. What a brilliant week it was, where the children tried new sports, met inspiring role models and enjoyed learning about their bodies and what they are capable of.



### **Music Evening**

A huge well done to all the pupils who took part in this week's Music Evening. We were treated to a whole range of outstanding performances from solo instrumentalists and singers, duets, recorder group and a Glee Club 'Matilda' finale. Our thanks to all the music teachers and adults who were involved in the preparation and on the night.



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## Summer Fayre

Next Saturday, 8<sup>th</sup> July, St. James' school and church will have their annual Summer Fayre from 11am - 2pm. The theme this year is 'Green'. There will be lots of events, stalls, a fancy dress competition (green theme), BBQ, drinks tent, bouncy castles and lots more. It's going to be great fun!



## Upcoming Key Dates

Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Whole school photograph (all children in school uniform please - **no PE kits**)

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 leaver's service at Christchurch Priory

Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July – SYFS trip to Farmer Palmers

Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July – Choir Music Festival – Christchurch Priory

Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> July – Summer Fayre

Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July – Year 6 production 6pm – 7.30pm

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> July – Pupil reports sent out to parents/carers

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July - Years 5 and 6 St. James' Leaver's Eucharist

Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July – St. James' Academy awards and leaver's evening

Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July – Break up for the Summer holidays (**1.20pm**)

We still have a few spaces in Reception for the next academic year, so if you know any families who want to join the St. James' family, we have tour guides ready!

Thank you all for your continued support as always this year,

**Alastair Brown**

**Headteacher**

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# 2023-24 Term Dates

## SUMMER TERM 2023

**Last Day** Friday 21st July (finish at 1.20pm) 2023

## AUTUMN TERM 2023

**Inset Day** Friday 1st September 2023

**Inset Day** Monday 4th September 2023

**First Day** Tuesday 5th September 2023

**Half Term** Monday 23rd October - Friday 27th October 2023

**Last Day** Tuesday 19th December 2023 (finish at 1.20pm)

## SPRING TERM 2024

**Inset Day** Tuesday 2nd January 2024

**Inset Day** Wednesday 3rd January 2024

**First Day** Thursday 4th January 2024

**Half Term** Monday 12th February - Friday 16th February 2024

**Last Day** Tuesday 26th March 2024 (finish at 1.20pm)

## 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)



## St. James' C of E Primary Academy

If you know of anyone who is looking for a school place in Reception for September 2023, we are pleased to say we still have a few places available.



School tours during school time are available on request, by phoning the school office on 01202 426696

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# St. James' C of E Primary Academy

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November, 10am - 12pm

Presentation at 10am and 11am,

with an opportunity to explore the school and speak to staff



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