



St. James' Church of England Primary Academy  
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**21st July 2023**

## Newsletter

*Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength.  
 They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.*

Dear Parents/Carers,

...and just like that, we have come to the end of the academic year. We are so proud of all of our children and everything they do. There truly is no limit on their God given potential.

We have embraced award winning young engineers, science week and rocket launches, sports week and record breaking basketballers, award winning stage and performing artists, residential and educational visits and so much more...

Academically, our children achieved highly this year with our end of year outcomes below:

Year Group	National 2019 % and GD		National 2022 % and GD		St. James' 2022 % and GD		National 2023% and GD		St. James' 2023 % and GD	
EYFS GLD	72		65		70				63	
Y1 Phonics	82		75		73				80	
Y2 Phonics	N		87		77				88	
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KS1 Reading	75	25	67	18	63	37			72	37
KS1 Maths	76	22	68	15	57	15			73	28
KS1 Writing	69	15	58	8	48	4			65	5
KS1 Science	82		77		70				83	
Year 4 MTS (* average score)			*19.8	27 Full marks	*22.5	45 Full marks			*21	39 Full marks
KS2 Reading	73	27	74	28	81	33	73		83	29
KS2 Writing	78	20	69	13	71	12	71		74	12
KS2 Maths	79	27	71	22	76	27	73		91	36
KS2 GPS	78	36	72	28	68	29	72		83	26
KS2 RWM	65	11	59	7	66	7	59		69	9
KS2 Science	83		79		82		80		83	

We said goodbye to Mrs Hurley this week. Mrs Hurley has been connected with St. James' since the 1980s and has finally decided to retire. I want to thank her for all her hard work and dedication to the children of St. James' over all these years. We will miss her, but supply teaching may tempt her back occasionally!

We also say farewell to Miss Peel, who is relocating to teach in Maidenhead. Thank you for all your hard work with Year 5 over the last 2 years.

Mrs Jarvis leaves us, but I'm sure she will want to come back and say hello next year. Thank you Mrs Jarvis for your hard work and teaching in Year 4 this year.

Our cohort of Year 6 children (the leavers of 2023) are going on to pastures new. We wish them well and they all know they can return to the family of St. James' at any time.

I praise the Lord that there have been no 'major incidents' this year at St. James'. I am always quietly grateful as a leader when I hear nothing, as that's generally a sign that you're doing something right! And we have got a lot right this year. Within the last year we have had external validation from SIAMS, Ofsted, a safeguarding audit, a SEND audit and an early reading audit. We continue to thrive under the wing of DCAT, with support from Mr Simon Adams (our educational advisor). Next year, we move back to a local governing body (from a DCAT transition board), that will see Mrs Leanne Dixon-Box as chair.

Our PSA have been wonderful this year with our BIG events like the Winter Wonderland and the Summer Fayre being a great success. If you are interested in joining the team, we are always looking for helping hands. Contact Fliss Brantingham (our PSA chair) if you are interested.

Our school continues to have a 'make-over' with corridors and outside spaces having a fresh coat of paint. Our building has had new windows, fascia and paintwork and our car park has a new security fence around it, which will allow for extra storage space. Our EYFS environment has had new flooring and resources and next year we are going to concentrate on our year 1 area. Mrs Dodd and I are moving out of our office space - to make way for our new 'harbour' classroom (a key stage additional learning space). Exciting times!

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

### **A Message From The Office Team**

As of September, ParentMail will no longer be used. Arbor will be our way of communicating with all parents and carers. Please take time to update any information regarding your child, especially who is allowed to collect, so we can inform teachers. Please make sure you are receiving emails from us - if not, they might be in your junk folder.



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I would like to thank you all for your support throughout the year, we could not do this without you!  
Wishing you all a wonderful summer break, full of happiness, peacefulness, fun, laughter and precious family times.  
Sometimes you will never know the value of a moment, until it becomes a memory.

See you all on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> September at 8.30am. Stay safe and God Bless,



**Alastair Brown**  
**Headteacher**

*Learning as a family in Jesus, through Love, Hope and Forgiveness.*  
Matthew 19:26 “with God all things are possible.”

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# 2023-24 Term Dates

## 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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We know the summer holidays can be a stressful and expensive time for many working parents who need childcare. There are many childcare settings, clubs and activities to choose from and you may be able to get help with the costs by using a Tax-Free Childcare account.

Please find out more and apply at: [childcarechoices.gov.uk](https://childcarechoices.gov.uk)

If you need help finding holiday clubs and activities over the summer holidays please contact BCP Council Family Information Service, or visit our online directory for up to date information, funding details, what's on and lots more!

T. 01202 093131

E. [familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:familyinformation@bcpcouncil.gov.uk)

W. [bcpcouncil.gov.uk/childcare](https://bcpcouncil.gov.uk/childcare)

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Summer Reading Challenge 2023

# Ready, Set, Read!

Looking for a way to keep children active over the summer?

Explore the powers of sport, games and reading!  
Unlock rewards as you go and track your progress online at  
[summerreadingchallenge.org.uk](https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk)

or at your local BCP library  
visit  
[bcpcouncil.gov/libraries](https://bcpcouncil.gov/libraries) to find your local branch.

It's FREE to join, and lots of fun!



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