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**6th October 2023**

## Newsletter

*Therefore, I tell you, whatever you ask in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours.*

Mark 11:24

Dear Parents/Carers,

### **Worship**

We have been learning about the power of prayer, and how we can make time to talk to Jesus in our busy days. We can ask for help, we can be thankful for what we have and we can bring our problems to God. We discussed why we light a candle to help us focus on Jesus being the light of the world.



### **Town Champions**

Our girl's football team won the Primary School Tournament yesterday. They were fantastic, winning every game! They will now go on to represent Bournemouth at the County Championships later in the year. Watch out Lionesses!

Our Year 6 mixed team (featuring one of our amazing girls) came third in their tournament (out of 24 schools); they are first reserve for the county finals. Well done boys (and Sienna), you are brilliant!



### **PE Days**

These are the days when the children should come to school in their PE kits:

EYFS – Wednesdays  
Year 1 – Tuesdays  
Year 2 – Thursdays  
Year 3 – Fridays  
Year 4 – Tuesdays  
Year 5 – Thursdays  
Year 6 – Fridays



### **Open Morning and School Tours**

Our Open Morning is on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November 10am - 12pm. We also have school tours available in November for anyone interested in joining the family of St. James'.



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## Upcoming Key Dates

- Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October** – Flu spray for children (in the church)
- Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 4 survival day (in school)
- Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October** – Year 5 football tournament - Littledown
- Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October** – Individual photographs, Frazer portraits
- Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October** – PSA meeting 7.30pm (Brewhouse, Southbourne)
- Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October** – Break up for half term, normal end of school time
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> November** – Disability awareness day in school (Mrs Finnigan has organised a fun packed day of sport)
- Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November** – School Open Day for new intake, 10am - 12pm
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – Year 6 lead our whole school worship on remembrance in the hall – parents warmly invited
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> November** – school tours (1.30pm)
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – 10.45am, whole school remembrance service led by Rev. Rachel in the peace garden
- Friday 10<sup>th</sup> November** – PSA school discos (all age groups, in the hall)
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – school tours
- Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November** – EYFS phonics workshop for parents (1.30pm)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – EYFS phonics workshop for parents
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> November** – school tours (11am)
- Friday 17<sup>th</sup> November** – school tours (9am)
- Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> & Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent Consultation Evenings (online appointments only, email to follow nearer time) 3.30pm – 6.30pm
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December** – PSA Winter Wonderland (in school) 3.20pm - 6pm
- Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December** – PSA Christmas wreath making workshop in the hall - 7.00pm - 9.30pm
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 1 Christmas performance, 4.30pm
- Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 3 Christmas performance, 5.30pm
- Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Christmas nativity performance, 1.30pm and 5.30pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 2 Christmas performance, 4.30pm
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 4 Christmas performance, 5.30pm
- Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> December** – Year 5 and 6 Christmas Carols by candlelight – Church 6pm
- Monday 18<sup>th</sup> December** – PSA Christmas parties – classrooms
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December** – Break up for Christmas at 1.15pm
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2024** - Children return to school for the spring term



## Website

Please check our website for your child's learning and important information on the year group pages. We are hoping the new website will be ready shortly after half term. It has been built and just needs a few sections populating.

You will be pleased to know that it is much more user friendly for mobile devices!

Thank you, as always, for your ongoing support.

### **Alastair Brown** Headteacher

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# 2023-24 Term Dates

## AUTUMN TERM 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** Thursday 28th 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 Open Morning

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

Presentations at 10am and 11am with an opportunity to explore the school and speak to staff



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

Come and see what the family of St. James' can offer your child

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Disco tickets can be purchased via Arbor (clubs) from Tuesday 10th October



The poster features a central image of four children dancing in a disco setting with colorful lights. The text is arranged in a clear, hierarchical manner, starting with the event title and date, followed by specific details for different year groups. It includes important notes about payment, closing dates, and volunteer requirements. The background is a light green gradient with a dark green border.

**ST. JAMES' PSA  
DISCO**

**Friday 10th November 2023**

**Early Years: 2.00pm to 2:45pm**  
*£1 cash donation please for wearing mufti on the day*

**Years 1 and 2: 3.15pm to 4.00pm £3.50\* per child**  
**Mufti Day for Early Years, Years 1 and 2 in order to wear their party clothes**  
*£1 cash donation please for wearing mufti on the day if not purchasing a disco place  
(Sensible shoes only please, as children will be going out to play as normal).*

**Years 3 and 4: 4.15pm to 5.15pm £3.50\* per child**  
**Years 5 and 6: 5:30pm to 6:30pm £3.50\* per child**  
**School uniform to be worn in school for years 3, 4, 5 and 6**  
The cost of the discos will include snacks and a drink.

**\*To secure your child's place please respond with your permission/pay via Arbor (club), please note you must top up your club balance, without payment, your child will be unable to attend.**  
**CLOSING DATE IS TUESDAY 7th NOVEMBER 2023 AT MIDDAY.**  
**PLACES WILL NOT BE ISSUED AFTER THIS DATE!** There will be an attendance list.

**It is also vital that authorised pick up details are correct on Arbor and the office is informed of any changes prior to the event. Year 5 & 6 children will not be permitted to walk home, they must be collected by an adult.**

**Volunteers to stay and help at these discos are required for these to go ahead.  
Please let the office know if you can spare any time.**



# CHRISTMAS WREATH WORKSHOP



Monday 4<sup>th</sup> December  
 7-9pm  
 £25 per person.  
 Limited spaces available  
 For more information  
 and booking please  
 message  
 Hannah on 0774011385



These are some of the ones made last year