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## Newsletter

*When they saw the star, they rejoiced exceedingly with great joy. Matthew 2:10*

Dear Parents and Carers

Happy New Year! It's been lovely to welcome the children back for the school's 170<sup>th</sup> year.

We have a lot of exciting things planned for the rest of the year with curriculum enrichment, visits and visitors; science week, sports week, world book day and residential trips to mention a few. We will endeavour to keep you informed in good time.



### Worship

We have started with a worship about resolutions and trying to be the best we can be to ourselves and our friends, and trying our hardest in everything we do. I also led a worship about epiphany and asking God to bless our school. We have chalked the doors to our classrooms with 20 + C + M + B + 25. I wonder if your children can tell you why?



### School Meals

This week has seen the start of our new 'Relish' school meals being freshly prepared, cooked and served on site. Of course there have been a few logistical problems with IP addresses, the server and the app, but we are hoping to get these rectified as soon as possible. On a positive note, the meals have been well received and the children are so excited to see high quality food, which makes it appealing to eat. It is fresh, healthy and nutritious and great for our children. There is far less waste than there was before and I am delighted that St. James' finally has this essential service for our children.

### Important information:

- **All parents must pre order by midnight the day before**
- **The menus for the next 3 weeks have been amended due to logistics issues; therefore, parents who pre ordered for January will need to go back into the Relish website to reorder their child's lunches**
- **All payments must be made through Arbor meal payments as usual**
- **We are aware of some accounts not reflecting a credit balance in Relish. Our providers are working with a 3<sup>rd</sup> party 'Pebble' to resolve this issue ASAP**



### School Uniform

With our new year's resolutions, we are taking pride in our appearance and our belonging to St. James'. Please try to ensure your child is dressed appropriately, following our uniform policy.

Our uniform details are all on the [website](#) and children should be wearing their winter uniform, with a school tie. The summer uniform comes into effect in May. Thank you for your support.



## Headlice

We have been made aware of Headlice in school. They are very common in young children. They are not caused by dirty hair, but by head-to-head contact. To help minimise the spread, please ensure **ALL** long hair is tied up at school, and please regularly check your child's head. Information is on the NHS website on how to treat.



## PE Days

All children must wear their school PE kit all day on their PE day. Your child's PE days will be:

Mondays - Harbour

Tuesdays - Early Years

Wednesdays - Year 1 and Year 4

Thursdays - Year 2 and 5

Fridays - Year 3 and Year 6



## Key Dates

The calendar section on the website should give you major events throughout the academic year, but I will give concise reminders below:

**Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 3 Passover Workshop

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January** - Treasure Island, Treehouse Theatre Pantomime - church

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January** - Young Voices (Glee club) - O2 London

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January** - Year 1 Frog's Drama - hall

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January** - Ducklings Class Drama

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 5 Winchester Science Trip

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** - Year 1 Parent's Phonics Workshop - 2pm

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** - Tadpoles Class Drama

**Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February** - Bourne and Stour Class Worship - 9am

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Bengal Class Worship - 9am

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February** - Early Years Parent's Outcome - hall

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February** - Break up for half term (normal finish time)

**Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> – Friday 7<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 4 Hooke Court residential

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> March** – Parent's evenings - hall

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Year 3 Roman Day

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April** – Break up for Easter holidays

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June 2025** - Sports Day, King's Park Stadium



## Attendance

As we start the new year, we know it's tricky getting up in the cold, but please try to be on time. Late arrivals after 8:40am count as unauthorised absences and may incur a fine from BCP. Every minute counts in your child's learning!

As always, please check our website for your child's learning and important information on the year group pages. Also, the calendar section will give you important dates in advance. 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'.

### **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.



# 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)