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Newsletter

"These commandments that I give you today are to be on your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up." Deuteronomy 6:6-7

Dear Parents and Carers

The weather seems to have taken a turn in these last few days, but it has been getting a bit lighter in the morning. There are some lovely colours in the sky (and I'm not talking about the orange glow from the Vitality Stadium last week). It is always encouraging to see the sun, but it is also a blessing that we live in a part of the world where we have definitive seasons.

There is something wonderful to take from the winter, with the crisp mornings, the birds frantically foraging for food and the bare branches of the trees. Of course, this will change and buds will start to appear, the grass will start to grow when it feels the warmth of the sun and spring will be upon us. I always remember my Dad telling me to appreciate the weather, even when it was raining (not much fun when you want to go out and kick a ball).

Worship

We have had Keith Jewell in leading our worship this week, on our theme of forgiveness. It is one of our core Christian values, but possibly the hardest one. Mr Jewell is a wonderful story teller, with a real gift. If you would like to come in and be part of his or any worship in the future, then please let me know via the office.

Keith commented:

Keep doing what you are doing - your focus on the whole child is so vital, and it warms my heart to see the children listening so well and singing with such enthusiasm as they did yesterday. You are nurturing another generation of children, who just like my girls, will count it a real blessing and privilege to have been at St. James'.

Keith Jewell, Schools Worker, PACE

On Monday, I am leading worship on [Holocaust Memorial Day](#). I have embedded the link to a video I will be showing our Key Stage 2 children. If for any reason you do not wish your child to watch it, or be involved in the worship, please let us know. I will be talking about Michael Bond, and referencing Paddington, who himself was a refugee from South America. He was unwittingly found by Mr Brown and shown love and kindness (along with some marmalade sandwiches). I will link it to our Difference course, and how we celebrate the fact that we are all different.



Road Closures Around School

We have been informed by BCP that they intend to close sections of the surrounding area of our school for improvement works. This will predominantly affect King's Park Drive and Southbourne Road beginning on Monday 3rd February and is expected to take at least 4 weeks. Please plan your journey to and from school accordingly, allow time and most of all, stay safe.



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Young Voices

Our Glee club had a fantastic time at the O2 in London on Monday where they sang and danced as part of an 8000 strong children's choir!

With a brilliant live band, lighting and Urban Strides dance group leading the way, it was a real arena experience. The music ranged from original numbers like 'Little Blue' and 'Oceania' to Bob Marley, 'Birdhouse in Your Soul' and a lively pop medley! Even the parents had to get up and dance for a 90's groove fest!

The children were amazing despite not getting home until 1am and we know that they, and the staff, will have made memories to last a lifetime. Roll on next year.



Parent Feedback From Last Months Survey

100% of parents strongly agreed that their child was happy at St. James'.

100% said their child felt safe at St. James'.

100% said St. James' makes sure it's pupils are well behaved.

100% said the school is led and managed well.

100% said that St. James' makes me aware of what my child is learning.

100% agreed that their child is encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality.

100% of parents surveyed said they would recommend St. James' to another parent.

And thank you for the positive comments:

- *The family feel and caring nature of everyone who works there*
- *Everything. It's one big family*
- *It's clear to see how much the staff love and are invested in the St. James' family - their enthusiasm for supporting our son and encouraging him to grow is beyond amazing. Every member of staff and child truly lives by St James values 😊*
- *My child loves it*
- *Feeling of warmth and care*
- *The culture of the staff and their interest and passion for the students is exceptional. The high value on excellence whilst also really valuing the wellbeing of the children.*
- *Everyone helps my child thrive*
- *Very caring, family feel. Each and every child is treated as an individual and encouraged to be the best that they can be*



School Meals Information

We have been delighted by the quality and freshness of our food that has been freshly prepared by Relish on a daily basis. The sights and smells are wonderful. A reminder that:

- 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 3rd party 'Pebble' to resolve this issue asap
- Please note allergen diets in the Relish menu are classified as 'special diet'. A meal may be suitable for a gluten free and dairy free diet (ie: fish fingers are gluten **and** dairy free).



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.



Late Arrivals

Please try to be on time for school to start our learning!

Lateness counts as unauthorised absence. 10 lates in a 10 week period could result in a fine.



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 Year 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:

- Monday 27th January** - Ducklings Class Drama
- Monday 27th January** - Year 5 Winchester Science Trip
- Tuesday 28th January** - Year 1 Parent's Phonics Workshop - 2pm
- Friday 31st January** - Tadpoles Class Drama
- Thursday 6th February** - Bourne and Stour Class Worship - 9am
- Thursday 13th February** - Bengal Class Worship - 9am
- Thursday 13th February** - Early Years Parent's Outcome - hall
- Friday 14th February** - Break up for half term (normal finish time)
- Wednesday 5th - Friday 7th March** - Year 4 Hooke Court residential
- Thursday 5th March** - Galilee Class Worship - 9am
- Thursday 20th March** - Ducklings and Tadpoles Class Worship - 9am
- Monday 24th March** - Biscay Class Worship - 9am
- Tuesday 25th and Wednesday 26th March** - Parent's evenings - hall
- Thursday 27th March** - Year 3 Roman Day
- Thursday 3rd April** - Mediterranean Class Worship - 9am
- Thursday 3rd April** - Break up for Easter holidays (finish at 1:20pm)
- Friday 20th June 2025** - Sports Day, King's Park Stadium

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'.

Thank you for your continued 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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Term Dates 2024-2025

AUTUMN TERM

Inset Day	Monday 2 nd September 2024
Inset Day	Tuesday 3 rd September
First Day	Wednesday 4 th September
Half Term	Monday 28 th October – Friday 1 st November
Last Day	Friday 20 th December (finish at 1.20pm)

SPRING TERM

Inset Day	Monday 6 th January 2025
First Day	Tuesday 7 th January
Half Term	Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February
Last Day	Thursday 3 rd April (finish at 1.20pm)
Inset Day	Friday 4 th April

SUMMER TERM

First Day	Tuesday 22 nd April
Bank Holiday	Monday 5 th May
Half Term	Monday 26 th May – 30 th May
Inset Day	Monday 2 nd June
Last Day	Tuesday 22 nd July (finish at 1.20pm)



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Term Dates 2025-2026

AUTUMN TERM

Inset Day	Wednesday 3 rd September 2025
Inset Day	Thursday 4 th September
Inset Day	Friday 5 th September
First Day	Monday 8 th September
Half Term	Monday 27 th October – Friday 31 st October
Last Day	Friday 19 th December (finish at 1.20pm)

SPRING TERM

Inset Day	Monday 5 th January 2026
First Day	Tuesday 6 th January 2026
Half Term	Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February
Last Day	Friday 27 th March (finish at 1.20pm)

SUMMER TERM

First Day	Monday 13 th April 2026
Bank Holiday	Monday 4 th May
Half Term	Monday 25 th May – 29 th May
Inset Day	Monday 1 st June 2026
Last Day	Wednesday 22 nd July (finish at 1.20pm)

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Dear Owner/Occupier

Re: Highway Works along the A35, side road junctions with Christchurch Road

BCP Council will soon be carrying out highway improvement works at several side roads along the A35 Christchurch Road. These works are part of a broader government initiative to enhance safety by reducing future collisions and casualties on A roads across the UK. The project is funded by a 1.89 million grant from the Department of Transport.

The main objectives of these works are to improve pedestrian accessibility and improve safety along the A35 for all users. For this segment of the project, we intend to:

- Reduce entry speeds into Southbourne Road by building out the footway to reduce the junction width and tightening the entry angle.
- Improve accessibility for all pedestrians by providing a flat top raised table to cross Kings Park Road.

These works will be carried out by our BCP Councils Neighbourhood Services Team and are scheduled to begin as on Monday, 3rd February 2025, at Kings Park Road and on Monday 17th February at Southbourne Road, with an expected duration of approximately two weeks for each junction.

To facilitate these works, we will need to temporarily close footways while we carry out kerbing and footway surfacing. Alternative footway routes will be provided.

A temporary road closure is necessary for installing the raised table, resurfacing the carriageway and applying road markings. During the road closure, signed diversion routes will be in place. Lane closures and restricted turning movements may also be required for various periods throughout the construction.

Access to all properties within the road closure will be maintained where possible. Should any works require us to restrict your access, we will provide advance notice as soon as possible.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience these works may cause and assure you that every effort will be made to minimise disruption. If you would like further details regarding these works, please contact us via the email or telephone number provided at the top of this letter. If you have any concerns about access during the works, please speak to the team on site in the first instance.

For emergencies outside of normal working hours, please telephone 01202 451145, where your message will be passed on to the relevant personnel.

Yours faithfully

BCP Council Highway Improvement Team

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