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Newsletter

*"Children, if you want to be wise, listen to your parents and do what they tell you, and the Lord will help you. For the commandment, "Honour your father and your mother," was the first of the Ten Commandments with a promise attached: "You will prosper and live a long, full life if you honour your parents."
Ephesians 6:1-3*

Dear Parents and Carers

We have just 3 and a half days left of term 4, as we race towards the Easter holidays. It was lovely to see so many of you this week at parent's evenings and good to hear from you about the displays and the environments within school. We are on a wonderful journey and determined to make our children's formative years the very best they can be, wherever they are in school.

Thank you to those of you who took the time to give valuable feedback to us via the parent questionnaire QR code. It really does help us and learn how we can get better. The responses are below:

*My child is happy at St. James' – 100% agreed
My child feels safe at St. James' – 100% agreed
St. James' makes sure it's pupils are well behaved – no one disagreed
The school is led and managed well – 100% agreed
St. James' makes me aware of what my child is learning – 100% agreed
St. James' has high expectations for my child – 85% agreed
My child has SEND and St. James' gives them the support they need to succeed – 100% agreed
St. James' supports my child's wider personal development – 1 family disagreed
My child is encouraged to have good attendance and punctuality – 100% agreed
My child is encouraged to be active, exercise and take part in sport – no one disagreed with 75% of you strongly agreeing
The Christian ethos of St. James' promotes an understanding of, and respect for, diverse communities in our area, our country and the world – no one disagreed with the majority of you strongly agreeing
I would recommend St. James' to another parent – 100% said 'yes'*



Worship

Year 3 led our class worship this week, and what a wonderfully emotional one it was, all about our mother's. Mothering Sunday is this Sunday, and a wonderful opportunity to say thank you to those people in our lives who look after us, guide us, feed us, clean up after us, entertain us and most importantly, unconditionally love us.

Mothering Sunday is a traditional Christian festival where people visited their 'mother church' and were given time away from employed work to be with their families.

Biscay class told us how they would like to be just like their mum's in so many ways, it was just beautiful. My mum was very special to me, she was an incredible Headteacher who loved children dearly, she was an immense role model in my life and if I can be half the Headteacher she was, I'll be happy!



Victorian Museum Invite for Year 4 Parents

We would like to warmly welcome our Year 4 parents and carers to our parent outcome to celebrate our learning around The Victorians this term.

This will be held in the school hall on **Tuesday 1st April 2025 and will be from 2:00pm until 2:30pm.** We would love to see as many of you there as possible to join us in celebrating the work of our wonderful Year 4 children. Please enter through the hall doors near the church end.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to seeing you for the project outcome exhibition.



More Sporting Success

We are thrilled to share some fantastic achievements from our recent sports events!

Our year 5 Swimming Team had an impressive performance, securing 2nd place overall. The swimmers gave it their all. Additionally, our year 6 Swimming Team placed 5th, at the same gala, with three of our swimmers picking up first place overall in their individual races! We're incredibly proud of their hard work and dedication.

On the golf course, our year 4 Golf Team placed 3rd out of 10 teams at the Big Swing event, showing their skills and hard work while our year 4 and 5 Netball Teams picked up 2 impressive wins against Christchurch Netball Club winning 4-2 and 6-5. These achievements highlight the effort and teamwork we continue to nurture across all our sports teams at St. James'. (Mr Battams)



Charity Bake Sale

Miss Pain (year 4 Teacher) is organising a cake sale at **1:15pm on Thursday 3rd April** in support of MOSAIC charity. The charity helps children through their grief when losing a parent, a friend or anyone special to them. They give families support, guidance, activity days and events to help them through an incredibly difficult time.

The children of St. James' understand the importance of helping others and have recently enjoyed wellbeing lessons with the PE Team. They were excited at the fact of this cake sale to help!

If you would like to support this charity, we are asking the children to bring cakes/cupcakes into school, on Thursday morning. They can be shop bought or homemade so they can be sold for all to enjoy! Thank you for your support.



SENDiass4BCP

SENDiass4BCP have workshops and drop-in sessions available for you to ask questions and get free and impartial information and advice. Take a look at their latest 'What's On' post by clicking this link:

[What's on in April? - SENDiass4BCP](#)



PSA Uniform Sale - Monday 31st March

The PSA will be holding a second hand uniform sale from 2:30pm this coming Monday, 31st March.

There is plenty of stock covering summer and winter uniform and PE kit. Save money and save the environment, buy second hand!! Cash and card accepted. We can't wait to see lots of you there. (The PSA)

Reminders:



Attendance and Fines

School starts at 8:30am, when learning begins in the classroom. The gates close at 8.40am.

As a school, we are under increasing pressure to improve our attendance at St. James'. This year's attendance is 94.9% and Persistent Absentees at 13%. Whilst these are better figures than national average, we have a duty to improve children's attendance. The school is held to account by the local authority and directed to issue letters and fines. Whilst I will always prioritise positive relationships with families, sometimes we have little or no option than to issue a fine based on term time absences, such as holidays and lateness.



School Uniform

Thank you to those children who are always dressed so smartly in St. James' colours. We continue to look our smartest and 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.



Dogs on School Site

Although we are a dog loving school, could I politely remind you not to bring dogs up to school at drop off or pick up please.



Head Lice

They are very common in young children and spread by head-to-head contact. To help minimise the spread, please ensure ALL long hair is tied up at school, and regularly check your child's head. Information is on the NHS website on how to treat.



Parking

Please park safely and considerately around the school and King's Park Drive to keep all of our school family safe.



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:

Thursday 3rd April - Mediterranean Class Worship - 9am

Thursday 3rd April - Break up for Easter Holidays (finish at 1:20pm)

Wednesday 2nd April - Year 1 Easter Craft Afternoon



Key Dates Continued

Tuesday 22nd April - Return to School for the Summer Term

Wednesday 30th April - Year 1 New Forest Wildlife Park Trip

Thursday 1st May - Nile Class Worship - 9am

Tuesday 20th May - Class Photographs - No PE kit on this day please (EYFS and clubs)

Thursday 22nd May - Victoria Class Worship - 9am

Friday 23rd May - Break up for May Half Term

Monday 2nd June - INSET Day. No school on this day

Tuesday 3rd June - Children Return for Term 6

Tuesday 3rd June - New Parent's Information Evening (EYFS 25/26 cohort)

Sunday 8th - Wednesday 11th June - Year 6 Residential - PGL

Friday 20th June, 2025 - Sports Day, King's Park Stadium

Thursday 26th June - Malawi Class Worship

Tuesday 1st July - Year 6 Leaver's Day - Christchurch Priory

Thursday 3rd July - EYFS Educational Visit to Longdown Dairy Farm

Tuesday 8th July - Whole School Photograph - playground (school uniform - no PE kit on this day please)

Thursday 10th July - DCAT Enriched - Hurstpierpoint College

Monday 21st July - Year 6 Academy Awards Evening

Tuesday 22nd July - Break up for Summer Holidays at 1:15pm

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'.

Enjoy your special weekend as a family, love each other and as always, thank you all 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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Dear Owner/Occupier

Re: A35 Christchurch Road - New Zebra Crossing.

BCP Council has been awarded funding from the Department of Transport to enhance safety on A35 Christchurch Road. As part of this funding, BCP Council is proposing to install a new Zebra Crossing on Christchurch Road, outside properties 947, 966, 968 and 970, between Clarence Park Road and Spurgeon Road.

Please note that, in accordance with UK regulations, parking on the zebra crossing and within the zig-zag lines is not permitted. This is to ensure clear visibility for both drivers and pedestrians, enhancing safety for everyone.

These works will be carried out by BCP Council's Neighbourhood Services Team and are scheduled to begin on Monday, 31st March 2025, with an expected duration of approximately three weeks.

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 will also be necessary for resurfacing the carriageway and applying road markings. Christchurch Road, from its junction with Clarence Park Road to its junction with Spurgeon Road, will be closed to all vehicles. This closure is scheduled from 19:00 hrs on 15th April until 06:00 hrs on 16th April 2025.

We apologise in advance for any inconvenience these works may cause and would like to assure you that every effort will be made to keep disruption to a minimum. If you would like any further details regarding these works, please contact us via the e-mail or telephone number detailed 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

Highway Improvement Team

BCP Council

bcpcouncil.gov.uk

'BCP Council' is the operational name for Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole Council.



St. James' Church of England Primary Academy

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)