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## Newsletter

*"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."*

John 3:16

Dear Parents and Carers

We are now officially two thirds of the way through the academic year. When we return, it will be the summer term – SATS, sports week, discos, performances, summer fayre, school visits, beach trips and a whole lot more.

It's strange having Easter so late this year, the knock on effect is an extremely short term 5 (less than 5 weeks).



### Worship

Copper the dog, came in to help me lead worship this week. I talked about my relationship with God and my relationship with Copper being very much aligned; the unconditional love, the listening to messages, the attempting to obey and the security we feel from one another. I told a story about when Copper was on a walk in the forest and decided to roll in horse poo! I hosed him off when we got home to the back garden, but ended up on the receiving end of Copper's mess as the hose splashed the dirt back on me. The result was a clean and fresh smelling dog – and a dirty, smelly Mr Brown! This is similar to what Jesus did for us. By sacrificing Himself on the cross, he took away all of our dirt and sin, to make us clean.

Mediterranean led our worship beautifully this morning, all about Easter, linking our Christian values beautifully. They danced, sang, read and spoke so confidently, I know you are proud of them.



### School Meals Information

Unfortunately, the price of school meals are increasing slightly. Below is a message from DCAT:

*I am writing to inform you that due to the national insurance increases and therefore increased labour costs, paid school meals will need to increase from £2.80 to £2.95 after the Easter break. I understand this may come as a surprise given our new contract with Relish, but this factor was unforeseen when the contract was signed back in the summer.*

*While this news may be disappointing, I want to provide some context. Had we remained with our previous lunch providers, the cost per meal would have been £2.97 from September 2024, with likely further increases now for the same reason. From our discussions, as a Trust we have seen the quality of food provided by Relish far exceed what was offered under the previous contract, which was always our intention. This improvement has been made possible through our partnership with Relish, and the increased uptake confirms that this was the right decision for our children.*

Relish will have their summer menu available to order from the 17th April. Please order for the whole term!

Don't forget to top up your Arbor meal account.



## Extra Curricular Clubs

We sent an email out on Tuesday regarding our clubs running from w/c 28th April (see timetable attached later in this newsletter). Sign up from 9am on Saturday 5th April via Arbor. If you are unable to sign your child up, this will mean that the club is full.

## Reminders:



## Attendance and Fines

School starts at 8:30am, when learning begins in the classroom. The gates close at 8.40am. We also finish the school day at 3pm for Reception, Years, 1, 2, 3 and 4, and 3:10pm for years 5 and 6.

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:

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April** - Return to School for the Summer Term

**Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April** - Year 1 New Forest Wildlife Park Trip

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May** - Nile Class Worship - 9am

**Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May** - Ducklings Class Parent's Evening - 12pm - 7pm

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May** - PSA Quiz Night - 7pm

**Friday 16<sup>th</sup> May** - Glee Club Salvation Army Concert

**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> May** - Class Photographs - No PE kit on this day please (EYFS and clubs)

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> May** - Victoria Class Worship - 9am

**Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May** - Break up for May Half Term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June** - INSET Day. No school on this day

**Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June** - Children Return for Term 6

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

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June** - Year 6 Residential - PGL

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

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> June** - Malawi Class Worship

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June** - EYFS to Year 5 Discos - 1:30pm - 5pm

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July** - Year 6 Leaver's Day - Christchurch Priory

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July** - EYFS Educational Visit to Longdown Dairy Farm

**Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> July** - St. James' Summer Fayre - 11am - 2pm

**Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July** - St. James' Music Evening - 6pm - 7:30pm

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

**Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July** - DCAT Enriched - Hurstpierpoint College

**Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July** - Year 6 Academy Awards Evening

**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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'.

Have a wonderful Easter break, together and we look forward to seeing you all in the summer term. 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.*



# ST. JAMES' CE PRIMARY ACADEMY - EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS



SUMMER TERM 2025 W/C 28th April - W/C 7th July 3:15pm - 4:15pm

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>Breakfast</b> 7:40am - 8:25am		<b>Boot Camp</b> Mrs Finnigan/Mr Battams Playground This club is for years 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum of 30 children		<b>Breakfast Drawing and Colouring Club</b> Miss Daw/Miss Wingate Reception Classroom This club is for Reception, years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 15 children	<b>Breakfast Karate***</b> Danny (external club) Hall Details sent on separate letter This club is for years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 running from the 25th April
<b>Lunchtime</b>	<b>Lunchtime Library Club</b> (12:30pm - 12:55pm) Mrs Allery/Mrs Jacobs Library This club is for years 1 - 6, maximum of 30 children	<b>Team Cross Country Club</b> (12:00pm - 12:40pm) Mr Slattery/Mr Parsons/ Miss Perry Meet Pacific Classroom This club is for invited children only	<b>Dodgeball Club</b> (12:00pm - 12:30pm) Miss Martin Playground This club is for years 4, 5 and 6, maximum of 25 children		
			<b>Lunchtime Bible Club</b> (12:00pm - 12:30pm) Mrs Fakorede Mediterranean Class This club is for years 4, 5 and 6, maximum of 10 children		
<b>After School Clubs 3.15pm - 4.15pm</b>	<b>Team Netball</b> Mrs Stopler Playground This club is for invited children only	<b>Team Football</b> Mrs Finnigan/Mr Battams Mrs Pine King's Park This club is for invited children only	<b>Team Athletics</b> Mrs Stopler/Miss J Playground This club is for invited children only	<b>Rounders</b> Mrs Finnigan/Mr Battams/ Mr Dodd King's Park This club is for years 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum of 40 children	<b>Indoor Football</b> Mrs Pine Hall This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum 20 children
	<b>Gymnastics***</b> Leanne (external club) Hall This club is for years 1, 2 and 3 only, maximum 16 children	<b>Dance Club</b> Miss Lunn Hall This club is for years 3, 4, 5 & 6 maximum of 20 children	<b>Glee Club</b> Mrs Dodd/Mrs Uzzell Hall This club is for years 4, 5 and 6 only, maximum 50 children	<b>Volleyball</b> Miss Janaskova Hall This club is for years 4 and 5 only, maximum 16 children	<b>Tennis***</b> Mrs Heasman (external club) Playground Details sent on separate poster This club is for years 1, 2, 3 and 4 running from the 25th April
		<b>Football Club***</b> Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 30 children	<b>Adventure Club</b> Mr Dodd Studio This club is for years 5 and 6 only, maximum 10 children	<b>Football Club***</b> Aspire (external club) Playground This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum 30 children	
		<b>Lego Club</b> Mrs Hopkins/Miss Kinzett Reception Classrooms This club is for Reception, years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 25 children		<b>Dance Club</b> Mrs Stoodley/Miss Pain Year 1 Classrooms This club is for years 1 and 2 only, maximum of 20 children	
		<b>Times Tables Rock Stars</b> Miss Finnigan Year 3 Classrooms This club is for years 3 and 4 only, maximum of 20 children			<b>***External Paid For Clubs</b>



# ST. JAMES' PSA QUIZ NIGHT



**Friday 9th May 2025 7pm - 9:30pm**

**Come along and try your luck at beating the Teachers' table!**

**GUEST QUIZ MASTER - MR BROWN!**

**Maximum team size 6 - £5 per person**

**Teams of Mums or Dads? Grandparents? Friends?**

**Email [felicity.brantingham@gmail.com](mailto:felicity.brantingham@gmail.com) to book your table**

**The school office team currently have the trophy -  
who can win it from them?**

**What does £5 get you?**

**\* Table snacks/anti pasta provided by Relish**

**\* A fab night of lightly competitive entertainment**

# STEVENSONS

## Bournemouth Branch

Our opening hours are changing slightly, but don't worry we will still extend our opening hours for the busy back-to-school period and you can also shop online for ultimate convenience.



### INSTORE:

As of the 1st April, our new opening hours will be:

Monday, Tuesday & Friday:

9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Saturday: 9:30 AM – 5:00 PM

Closed: Wednesday, Thursday & Sunday

We want to reassure our customers that during the busy Back to School season, we extend our opening hours to provide greater flexibility.

### Address:

Stevensons

148-150 Seabourne Rd, Southbourne,  
Bournemouth, BH5 2JA

### Contact:

[bournemouthbranch@stevensons.co.uk](mailto:bournemouthbranch@stevensons.co.uk)

Please note that we are a cashless branch



### ONLINE:

Order online for home delivery or collect instore

[www.stevensons.co.uk](http://www.stevensons.co.uk)

with low-cost postage and FREE returns

Our in-stock items are typically dispatched within 48 hours. Plus, with our 365-day return policy, you can shop with confidence knowing that returns are hassle-free.

### Need Assistance?:

If you have any questions our Customer Care team is available via our Livechat service.

Our FAQs section on our website also has additional helpful information should you need it.



**Messy Easter** Join us here at St. Saviour's this **Good Friday** 18th April 10am - 12noon

Plenty of fun with games, crafts and our special trail to help us think about the true meaning of Easter!

After our Celebration in church there will be a chance for a Hot Cross Bun..... and maybe there will be some chocolate eggs around too!!

**All FREE!**  
(Donations appreciated)

**Kidz Ablaze** Starting Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May!

**PARTY TIME**

**CALLING ALL THOSE AGED 5 - 10 YEARS OLD COME ALONG AND JOIN OUR MONTHLY FUN FILLED MORNING!!**

(CHILDREN 3-4 ARE WELCOME BUT NEED TO BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT)

NB: Parents welcome to stay for the Morning Service or drop off and collect your children at times below

- FUN CRAFTS & GAMES · SNACK ·
- BIBLE STORIES & SONGS · PLUS MORE!

1st Sunday each month | St. Saviour's Church, 32 Colemore Road, BH7 6RZ

[www.stsaviours.net](http://www.stsaviours.net)



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## 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)



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## 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)