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Newsletter

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us... Ephesians 3 v 20 6.6.25

Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Term 6, the final term of this academic year. It will be busy, so please keep an eye on the calendar, read the newsletter and prepare for educational visits, PSA events, dressing up days and sports week!



Worship

On Sunday, we celebrate Pentecost, where Jesus' followers were filled with the Holy Spirit and able to understand all the languages and speak in them. We talked about what was great about where we live and the diversity amongst us, we can speak lots of different languages (Lithuanian, Finnish, Japanese and many more) and celebrate difference. I particularly appreciate the variety of food from around the world that is available in shops, restaurants or via delivery!

I shared a picture of my first football match and a certain Cyrille Regis, who along with Laurie Cunningham and Brendan Batson, helped to make modern Britain what it is today. Is it perfect – no, but we can celebrate difference and delight in the fact that we are different, diverse and loved.



Summer Fayre

Our summer fayre is just around the corner on Saturday 5th July, 11am - 2pm. This is always a wonderful community celebration with food, drink, stalls, prizes and hopefully some sunshine. There is a flyer attached to this newsletter and we will give more information nearer to the date about donations. I know the PSA are always looking for volunteers, so if you can spare a few minutes to help out, we would welcome you gladly.



Dodgeball Stars

On Tuesday, Mr Battams and Mrs Finnigan, drove a minibus full of our dodgeball stars up to Bristol to compete in the regional finals - having already won our local dodgeball competition.

If you follow our social media, through Facebook and Instagram, you will already be aware of the outcome. We had to qualify for the national finals in Stoke on 4th July, which they did! Leah's catch of the crucial ball in the last match, sent the team to Stoke. We know they will

be fantastic in the finals and we are so proud of their incredible achievement so far!





Blue Peter Badge

Ever wanted to win a Blue Peter badge? Well, your child can win a Blue Peter reading badge if they answer some questions about their favourite book, do a drawing etc. The badge is designed by Quentin Blake. It is for children between the ages of 5-15 and the link is below with how to apply.

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbbc/findoutmore/blue-peter-apply-for-a-book-badge>



Relish

Our Relish Team have added a competition within our newsletter today - please take a look.

After the success of National Fish and Chip day today, on **Wednesday 18th June** Relish will be hosting an International Picnic Themed Day. Please check your orders as these will have changed for the day.

All parents must pre-order by midnight the day before - you can now pre-order for the whole of the summer term.

All payments must be made through Arbor meal payments as usual

Reminders:

Attendance and Fines

Did you know that being registered late, also equates to absence? 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 95% and Persistent Absentees at 12.9%. 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 summer uniform now. Thank you for your support



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



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Key Dates

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

- Sunday 8th - Wednesday 11th June** - Year 6 Residential - PGL
- Friday 20th June, 2025** - Sports Day, King's Park Stadium
- Tuesday 24th June** - Year 1 beach trip
- Thursday 26th June** - Malawi Class Worship - 9am
- Friday 27th June** - EYFS to Year 5 Discos - 1:30pm - 5pm
- Tuesday 1st July** - Year 6 Leaver's Day - Christchurch Priory
- Thursday 3rd July** - Amazon Class Worship - 9am
- Thursday 3rd July** - EYFS Educational Visit to Longdown Dairy Farm
- Friday 4th July** - National Dodgeball Finals - Stoke-on-Trent
- Saturday 5th July** - St. James' Summer Fayre - 11am - 2pm
- Monday 7th July** - St. James' Music Evening - 6pm - 7:30pm
- 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

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'.

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' C of E PRIMARY ACADEMY AND CHURCH SUMMER FAYRE

Saturday 5th July 2025 11am - 2pm

Dear Parents/Carers

For those of you who have not attended our Summer Fayre before, this is a lovely joint community event where we can gather together to have fun, create memories, support local trades people and to raise money for the church and the school.

Although we have a few weeks to go, we have a lot of preparation to do beforehand to make this event fun and successful for everyone.

We need help manning stalls on the day - please let us know if you can spare some time to help so that everyone can also enjoy the fayre with their families. Team work is the way things happen!

We are asking for donations please if you can. The four dates leading up to the fayre are listed below. Please leave donations under the tree at the 8:30am drop off of specified dates.

Categories are:

Friday 13th June - Raffle and Tombola Gifts (new Homeware Gifts, Make-up, Toiletry items)

Thursday 19th June - Chocolate

Friday 27th June - Bottles (Lemonade, Coke, Pimms, Prosecco, Wine and Beer/Lager for the bar)

Friday 4th July - Toys, Games and Books (good second hand and new)

Morning of the Fayre - Plea for bakers to bring cakes for sale

If you miss a week, please bring previous week's donations on any other date.

If you have time on one of these mornings, please stay around to help put the donations into storage.

And don't forget to tell all your friends and neighbours about the fayre. See you there!

The PSA



Competition Time

Friday 6th June 2025

Dear Students, Parents and Careers

The Relish Catering Team have got some new friends, which will go out on display every lunch time. Our new friends, the Fruit and Vegetables, need names. Can you help?

Please see the next sheet to meet them. Can you think of a name for each one? It can be silly, sensible, quirky or random - we don't mind!

There will be a prize for the best names that our new friends have been given.

Please return the competition forms by Monday 16th June 2025 (copies in the school office if you can't print). The winning names will be chosen and prizes given out on Monday 23rd June 2025.

Thank you and enjoy.

Relish Team 😊



Competition Time

Child's Name _____ Class _____





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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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Term Dates 2026-2027

AUTUMN TERM

Inset Day	Tuesday 1 st September 2026
Inset Day	Wednesday 2 nd September
First Day	Thursday 3 rd September
Half Term	Monday 26 th October – Friday 30 th October
Last Day	Friday 18 th December (finish at 1.20pm)

SPRING TERM

Inset Day	Monday 4 th January 2027
First Day	Tuesday 5 th January
Half Term	Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February
Last Day	Wednesday 24 th March (finish at 1.20pm)
Inset Day	Thursday 25 th March

SUMMER TERM

First Day	Monday 12 th April
Bank Holiday	Monday 3 rd May
Half Term	Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June
Inset Day	Monday 7 th June
Last Day	Wednesday 21 st July (finish at 1.20pm)



YEAR 5 INFORMATION EVENING: 6PM TUESDAY 10 JUNE 2025

Scan QR Code
to book your place



FOR YEAR 5 STUDENTS INTERESTED IN JOINING ST PETER'S IN YEAR 7 FOR SEPTEMBER 2026 ENTRY

The evening will outline the admissions process, inform you of the legal deadline for applications and explain the ranking system. There will also be a short site tour where you will be able to view some of our outstanding facilities. Doors open at 5.30pm for a 6pm start.

Save the date for our full Open Evening on Thursday 18 September 2025



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