

St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 28th March 2025
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Go, shine in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

We were pleased to let you know on Monday that the Governing Bodies of the five partnership schools, including St James and St John, have approved the formation of the Go Shine CE Federation. Thank you to each of you who replied to the consultation; Governors were provided with every response to consider before they made their decision and were grateful for the support shown by all sections of our community.

The federation is due to be formed on 2nd June 2025, immediately after the May half-term. As explained in the consultation, there will be no change in the day-to-day practices of the school: the school name, school logo, school uniform, staffing and the high quality curriculum will all stay the same. Everything will remain familiar to pupils and parents.

With best wishes, **Mr Evans (Head of School)** and **Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)**



Partnership Football Tournament...

Last week, Y5 & Y6 children took part in a football tournament with other schools in our partnership held at St Mary's. Children were not only awarded points for winning and drawing matches, but also points for showing our school values. Children demonstrated fantastic footballing abilities and showed our school values of Respect, Determination, and Community. We are proud of all of the children who took part and represented the school so well!



Red Nose Day...

Last week, the children felt proud about making a positive difference in the world by donating money to one of the charities that we are supporting as a school - **Comic Relief**. Our School Councillors collected donations, delivered Red Noses to classrooms and led a special assembly, explaining why we raise money for **Red Nose Day** and how our charitable donations will make such a difference.



Y5 Science Visit to Hyde Park... Year 5 visited Hyde Park Lookout Centre this week where they enjoyed a hands-on exploration of plant life. Learning about plant growth, reproduction and seed dispersal, Y5 examined seeds to understand methods of dispersal and also planted their own seeds to take home.

Are you interested in being a parent governor?

As part of the preparation for the new Federation Governing Body, parents can nominate themselves to be one of the two parent governors. If you would like to find out more, please speak to Mr Evans, pop in to the office or email us at office@stjstj.co.uk by Friday 4th April, and we will invite you to some training on the role to help you decide if it is something you'd like to do.

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **28.03.2025**

Name of child _____ Class _____

PLEASE RETURN THIS SLIP TO THE SCHOOL OFFICE AND YOUR CHILD MIGHT WIN A PRIZE :)

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y5** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Y5** pupils came to school every day; **Y5** really showed the school value of **Community** by helping their class to have the best attendance, this week. **James** and **John** (our attendance bears) will come and stay with **Y5** for the whole of next week :)

Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are too unwell to come to school. Thank you for your help with this :)



Important Dates for your Diary...



Thursday 3rd April - Easter Cake Sale - in the playground on the Main Site at 3:15pm - **cash only!**

Friday 4th April - Last day of Spring Term - school finishes at the usual time of 3:15pm

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April - Easter holidays

Monday 21st April - Easter Monday - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April - Pupils back at school

Wednesday 23rd April - Easter Service at St James's Church - parents invited to attend

Thursday 24th April - Easter Cake Sale - in the playground on the EYFS Site at 3:00pm - cash only!

Our Prayer of the week...

We are currently in the period of Lent...

As we walk up our mountain this Lent
Help us in our prayers,
In the silence of our hearts,
To know we are loved.
Help us to see
With the eyes of compassion
So that we become aware
Of the needs of others.
Amen



The PFA will be having an **Easter Cake Sale** in the school playground on **Thursday 3rd April** at 3:15pm. Could you please bring cakes - home baked or shop-bought - into school for the Cake Sale on **Wednesday 2nd April** or on the morning of **Thursday 3rd April**? **Cash only!**

There will be an Easter Cake Sale on the EYFS site after the Easter holidays, on **Thursday 24th April**.



Thank you for your help with this :)



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Max
Reception - Anthony
Year 1 - Alexander
Year 2 - Camilla
Year 3 - Fatima
Year 4 - Noah
Year 5 - Kin
Year 6 - Eason



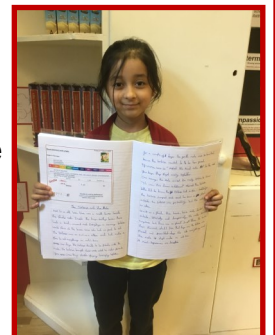
Work of the Week!

Every week a brilliant piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). This week's brilliant piece of work is by **Eliza** in Year 3.

Eliza wrote an original fable inspired by her reading of Aesop's classic stories. Her use of vivid adjectives painted clear and engaging scenes, helping readers visualise the story.

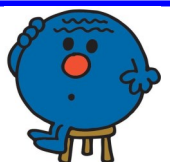
Additionally, Eliza effectively used subordinating conjunctions to connect complex ideas and guide readers smoothly through her tale. Her simile sentences added depth to her storytelling, enriching the narrative and demonstrating her growing understanding of literary techniques.

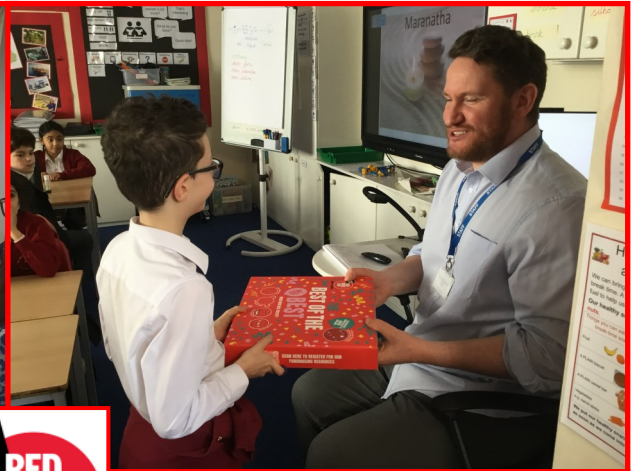
Well done, Eliza



Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

If you or your child are worried about something or have any questions, please phone the school office and book an appointment to see their class teacher, Mr. Evans or Mr. Peters. **We are always really pleased to meet with you and chat things through.**

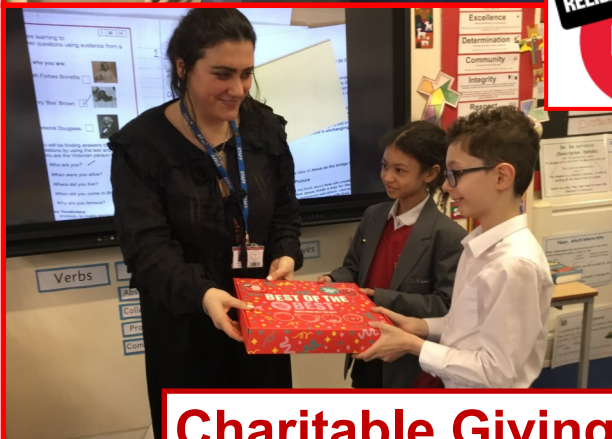




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