

# St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing many of you at tonight's **Family Fancy Dress Disco**. A reminder that children must come with an adult and that costumes worn should be **fun and family-friendly** - no scary costumes, please! All tickets are now sold out, so we will not be able to admit anyone without a ticket. Please remember to bring cash to buy snacks and drinks. A card machine will be available to buy adult drinks and raffle tickets only.

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



## History at



### Year 3 History Visit: Natural History Museum

Year 3 visited Natural History Museum for a fun, hands-on workshop where they identified a range of fossils, performed their own fossil dig and worked out what mystery specimens might be through observation and measuring. The children handled fossils and found out lots of information about prehistoric life on Earth.

### Year 1 History: Local Transport Walk

Year 1 visited the local area - including Paddington Station and the Paddington Arm of Grand Union Canal - to look for real life examples of the transport that they have been looking at in history lessons. The children observed many cars on the roads; trains at the station; and boats on the canal. The children also spotted planes in the sky.

## Parent Tours...

St James and St John is a very popular school in the local community. If you know someone who would like to apply for their child to join our school in September 2025, please ask them to give the office a call on **020 7504 0535**.

Mr. Evans is running parent tours in the Autumn Term on Friday mornings, to talk to prospective parents about the school and to answer questions about applications.

**Please spread the word about joining our wonderful, vibrant school!**



## Parents Working Alongside Children in Y1...

This week, some parents joined in with Year 1's English lesson. Parents enjoyed the chance to see how the children learn, with many commenting on how different the lessons are to their own experience of school. **Here were some of the views that Y1 parents shared with Mr.**

**Evans...**

*- It was an excellent experience...I loved the different ways of interaction to stimulate children*

*- The children were focused, working hard and trying their best... the teacher was kind, teaching the children to have good manners and that it's okay to make mistakes.*

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **18.10.2024**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 1** and **Year 5** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. Most **Year 1** and **Year 5** pupils came to school every day; **Year 1** and **Year 5** 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 **Year 1** and **Year 5** 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...



**Tuesday 22nd October - 3:30pm - Sayers Croft Meeting** for Y6 parents - about Y6 residential trip to Sayers Croft

**Thursday 24th October - Non Uniform Day** - children donate £1 to charity if they choose to wear their own clothes

**Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November** - Half Term

**Monday 4th November** - Children return to school

**Friday 22nd November** - Music Concert - 2:00pm - in the Main Hall (Y1 to Y6 pupils)

## Our Prayer of the week...

*A prayer for Harvest Festival...*

Dear Lord,

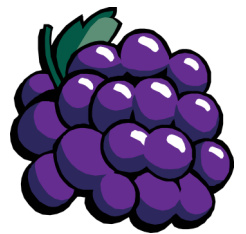
Each season brings something new for us to enjoy,  
With sunny days and rainy days, crops grow larger,  
Fruit and vegetables ripen, ready for us to harvest.  
Thank you for all of the food we have to eat,  
Let us remember people who may not have enough.  
Help us to be kind to others in words and deeds.

Amen



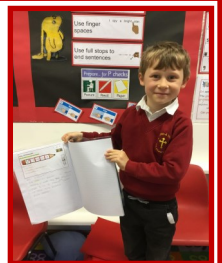
## Choking Hazards...

A reminder that, if you are including grapes or other healthy snacks that are small in your child's lunch box, please cut the grapes / healthy items up nice and small to avoid them being a choking hazard.



## 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 Daniil in Year 1.



Year 1 has been reading the story *Beegu*, the story of a small alien who finds herself lost on planet Earth. The class imagined how it must feel to be Beegu. The children thought about what Beegu was doing on Earth, who she missed and how she might be feeling.

Year 1 wrote a postcard from Beegu back home to Mummy and Daddy, explaining all about her time on Earth. Daniil was able to step into the role of Beegu and imagine what it must be like to be in her position. The sentences in his postcard start with 'I', showing his excellent understanding of the features of a postcard!

**Well done, Daniil!**

## Person of the Week!

**Nursery** - Alexander

**Reception** - Karolina

**Year 1** - Aisha

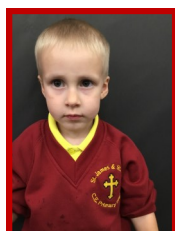
**Year 2** - Araina

**Year 3** - Eliza

**Year 4** - Orelia

**Year 5** - Aisha

**Year 6** - Jessica



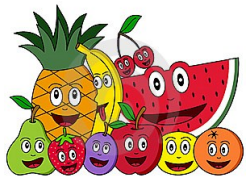
## Don't let a little worry turn into a big one...

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.**





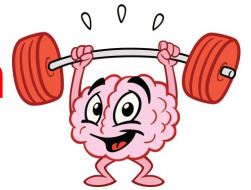


# Healthy Snacks at our school











We can bring in a healthy snack to eat during break time. A healthy snack gives our brains fuel to help us concentrate in class.

**Our healthy snacks **must not contain****



**nuts.**

Things you can eat for your break-time snack	Things you cannot eat for your break-time snack
Fruit 	Fruit winders 
A PLAIN biscuit 	Biscuits with jam, chocolate or any other extras 
A PLAIN cereal bar 	A cereal bar with chocolate on it 
Vegetables e.g. carrot sticks 	Crisps 

**We put our healthy snacks in the snack box as soon as we come into school.**



# Bringing a Packed Lunch to school

A healthy packed lunch gives our brains and bodies fuel to help us learn and play.

**Our healthy packed lunch **must not contain nuts.****



**Food that you should include in your packed lunch**

**Food you cannot bring for your packed lunch**

Fruit  
Vegetables



Fruit winders



**Starchy food eg:**

Bread  
Pasta  
Noodles  
Cous cous



Crisps  
Salted snacks  
Chocolate biscuits  
Cakes  
Muffins



**CHOCOLATE OR SWEETS**



**Dairy foods eg:**

Cheese  
Yoghurt



Sweet or fizzy drinks  
Fruit juices

Meat  
Fish  
Non-dairy protein e.g. hummus or falafel



**We put our healthy snacks in the snack box as soon as we come to school.**

**We provide water and semi-skimmed milk to drink at lunch time so no drinks need to be included in your packed lunch.**

