



# St James and St John CE Primary School

*'I have come that they may have life and  
have it in all its fullness' John 10:10*

**SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

*Friday 1<sup>st</sup> December*

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Open 8:30am to 12 noon  
and 2pm to 4:30pm

## **Our Value this half term, is Joy!**

Let the rooms of our school be full of happiness and excitement in our learning. We believe that joy is not found in things but in abundant life and abundant living. Growing into who God has made us to be is the adventure of a lifetime!

*"For the kingdom of God is not a matter of eating and drinking, but of righteousness, peace and joy in the Holy Spirit"*

Romans 14:17

This week, Nursery have been learning about insects and why they are so important when growing vegetables. The class enjoyed reading "It's a good place" by Lucy Cousins and even had a go at growing their own potatoes.



The children also enjoyed learning new nursery rhymes and practiced identifying words that rhyme. The class really enjoyed learning and reciting 'Round around the garden' and 'The incy wincy spider'.

In maths, the class have had loads of fun learning numbers songs which have helped them to practice counting up to five. They have also learned about the difference between day and night, what a 'nocturnal' animal is and have identified different people who work at night. The children really enjoyed reading 'Wakey birds, will they ever sleep?' by Maddie Frost & Mick Jackson

As a class, we have learned about the different changes we experience over a period of time. I was really impressed by the insightful and imaginative answers the children provided! They were really accomplished at comparing how they have changed from when they were a baby to now! The children even begun comparing how things have changed over time, including; trains, cars and toys!

Miss Sylva  
Nursery Teacher

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VISION AND VALUES HONOREES FOR THIS WEEK

	Attendance	School Vision Award	School Values award
Nursery		Natalia	Lou Lou
Reception	87.3%	Filip	Kian
Year 1	97.3%	Nikolaos	Agnes
Year 2	99.0%	Aisha	Selim
Year 3	96.4%	Telmuun	Dana
Year 4	88.7%	Sophie	Lahor
Year 5	92.2%	Otis	Ross
Year 6	95.7%	Randi	Janaa

### EXTENDED SCHOOL – 8am to 6pm

**Breakfast club:** Our breakfast clubs runs from 8am to the start of the school day from Monday to Friday. Please get in touch with the school office to book.

**After school care:** LET's LEAP after school care is available from 3:15pm to 6pm from Monday to Friday. You can book by logging on to <https://letsleapsportsacademy.co.uk/>

**After school clubs:** All after school clubs run from 3:30 – 4:30pm. You should collect from the red doors (not the main office).

### GETTING IN TOUCH

Please use the main school office as your first point of contact either by phone or by email.

Email: [office@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:office@stjstj.co.uk) Telephone: 0207 504 0535

You can also email class teachers via class email addresses, which teachers check at least twice per week.

Nursery – Miss Silva [nursery@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:nursery@stjstj.co.uk)  
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Year 4 – Miss Ilyas [year4@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year4@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 5 – Miss Hubbert [year5@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year5@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 6 – Mr Pearson/Mr Habib [year6@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year6@stjstj.co.uk)

# DIARY DATES

**5th December** – Come in and.... Watch the Year 6 Class assembly for parents and carers 9:15am

*Come and find out what Year 6 have been learning about so far this term*

**8th December** – PFA Christmas Fair \* **Children to be collected from classrooms at 3pm\***

**14th December** – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

**18th December** – EYFS Christmas Show

**19th December** – Y1 – 3 Christmas Show

**20th December** – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

**21st December** – Nativity Service St James' Church (10:30am)

**21st December** – School closes early for the end of the long term: 1:15pm on the EYFS site and 1:30pm on the main site.

**Friday 22nd December to Friday 5th January** – Christmas Holidays

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As a school, we are aware that some of our families may be affected by the current situation in the Middle East. If you are considering how to discuss the ongoing situation with your child(ren) you may find these resources helpful.

- <https://www.place2be.org.uk/about-us/news-and-blogs/2022/march/talking-to-children-and-young-people-about-war-and-conflict/>
- <https://www.unicef.org/parenting/how-talk-your-children-about-conflict-and-war>
- <https://www.compassionatecommunitieslondon.org.uk/perch/resources/files/pieta-prayer-resource-final-digital.pdf>

# **MIND PARENT** **WORKSHOPS**

We are happy to announce that we are organising face-to-face psychoeducational workshops for parents and carers which are going to be delivered by the Mental Health Support Team (MHST) from Westminster Mind.

The workshops will be delivered from **9am to 10am** at the **Lancaster Hall Hotel** on the dates shown below:

- **Screen Use** - Thursday 14th December 2023
- **Understanding Child's behaviour** - Thursday 18th January 2024
- **Sleep Hygiene** - Thursday 22nd February 2024
- **Understanding Anxiety** - Thursday 21st March 2024
- **Understanding Low Mood** - Thursday 25th April 2024
- **Transition to Secondary School (Y6 Parents)** - Thursday 23rd May 2024

# ATTENDANCE

School attendance is central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential. **The government has set a target of 95% attendance for all pupils.** This rate allows for periods of illness or circumstances when absence from schools is unavoidable. We want your child to attend school regularly as this supports their learning. If your child is not well or if you have a planned reason why your child cannot attend school, please inform the school office at the earliest opportunity.

## *Some key attendance facts:*

- Attending 90% of the time or less will have a serious effect on learning.
- One day's absence every two weeks will give 90% attendance.
- Up to the age of 16, 90% attendance will mean losing over a year of school!

## *The school can only authorise any absences in the following circumstances:*

- Genuine illness
- Dental/medical appointments (these should be made out of school hours where possible)
- Close Family bereavement
- Recognised religious observance
- Examination

## *What is NOT acceptable?*

- Caring for a parent or sibling
- Going shopping
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Bad weather
- Family holidays will not be authorised

# PUNCTUALITY

## *What are the different types of lateness?*

- 1. Late before register closes** your child is a few minutes late.
- 2. Late after register closes** this counts as an unauthorised absence and will show on your child's attendance record. Your child is likely to have missed the start of the lesson.

## *Top Tips for improving punctuality!*

- Make sure you know your child's timetable – work together to make sure they have everything ready the night before e.g. books, PE or swimming kit, uniform!
- Get your child into the habit of doing their homework in the evening – instead of in the morning at the breakfast table.
- Make sure your child has a good bedtime routine so they get plenty of rest and don't struggle out of bed in the morning!
- Try to ensure your child has a good breakfast to set them up for the day – we have a super breakfast club you could use if you need to be at work early.
- If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school on time, talk to a teacher and ask for help!