

St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



Friday 22nd November 2024
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Dear Parents and Carers,

The weather has turned a lot colder now so please make sure that your child is wearing a warm coat to school. Many children have very similar looking coats so please make sure their name is on it too. Thank you to all the parents, relatives and friends who attended our Autumn Term Music Concert today. We all enjoyed watching the children showcase their talents and 'shine in the world' and will publish some photos of the concert in next week's newsletter.

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



Zoo Labs visit school

Celebrating Christmas at St James & St John...

We are very excited to be introducing Christmas parties for the children this year - a joyous afternoon of fun party games and a special afternoon party tea :)

If you are interested in helping staff at your child's Christmas party, please come and join us at the **PFA meeting on Friday 29th November at 9:00am** in the hall on the Main Site. All parents welcome.



SCHOOL COUNCIL



Charitable Giving at St. James and St. John



In assembly this week, the School Council spoke to the children about ways we can challenge poverty, injustice and inequality in the world. At St James and St John, we show our values of community, friendship and compassion, and 'shine in the world' as a school community by donating to charity. The School Council talked about the different charities we donate money to as a school, including:

- **The Children's Society** who help young people threatened by abuse, exploitation and neglect;
- **Plan International**, through which we sponsor two children – **Faith** in Malawi and **Naira** in Brazil;
- **New Ways**, which supports the poorest children in Turkana, Northern Kenya, in Africa;
- **Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal** (in support of people, soldiers and their families killed or injured in war);
- donations to the **local foodbank**;
- **Red Nose Day** in aid of Comic Relief;

The School Council told us how proud they feel to making such a positive difference to the world.

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **22.11.2024**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **YR** and **Y4** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **All YR** and **Y4** and pupils came to school every day; **YR** and **Y4** 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 **YR** and **Y4** 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.



Our Prayer of the week...

A prayer for our school community...

Dear Lord, O God of Creation,
Thank you for making each of us unique and special.
Help us to remember that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness and respect,
Just like the brave people we've learned about in Equality Studies: Rosa, Nelson, Malala and others.
Amen



Important Dates for your Diary...



Monday 25th November - Reception Trip to Bethnal Green Museum of Childhood

Friday 29th November - Non Uniform Day for Nursery, Reception, Y1, Y2, Y4, Y5 and Y6 - children donate £1 to charity if they choose to wear their own clothes

Friday 29th November - Y3 Trip to Science Museum - Y3 must wear their normal school uniform to school

Friday 29th November - Non Uniform Day for Y3 only - children donate £1 to charity if they choose to wear their own clothes

Wednesday 4th December - Nativity Performance - 10:00a.m. for **Y2** parents; 2:00p.m. for **Reception / Y1** parents

Thursday 5th December - Y4 and Y5 Explorer Dome Science Workshops

Thursday 5th December - Christmas Craft Sale - in school playground

Friday 6th December - Y4 Trip to The Wallace Collection (Landscapes and Storytelling)

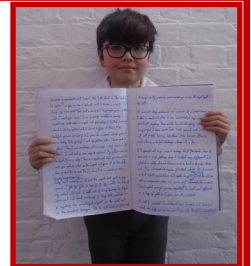
Monday 9th December - Y5 Visit to Westminster Abbey

Thursday 12th December - Pantomime Performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' by a visiting Theatre Group (for Nursery - Y6 pupils)

Wednesday 18th December - Carol Service at St. John's Church (Y1 to Y6 pupils) - at 1:30pm - **all parents welcome!**

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 Noah in Year 4.



Year 4 have been learning about narrative texts from around the world. This week, the children read stories from the book 'Tales Told in Tents', by Sally Pomme Clayton. Noah wrote a clear and detailed retell of a traditional tale from Afghanistan: *The Carpet of Dreams*.

Noah used amazing figurative language, organized his writing coherently and delved into great, descriptive detail, taking his readers on an exciting journey through the Silk Road, all the way to Samarkand... to a golden palace.

Well done Noah!

Person of the Week!

Nursery - Muhammad

Reception - Nataliya

Year 1 - River

Year 2 - Abi

Year 3 - Selim

Year 4 - Eden

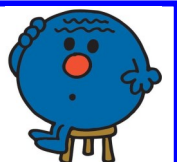
Year 5 - Nicolas

Year 6 - Naya



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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WINTER HOLIDAY CAMPS!

Westminster

Thu 2nd Jan & Fri 3rd Jan 2025

(Westminster & RBKC residents are eligible for the RBKC and Westminster camps)

5-11YR
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**Sports
& Wellbeing**



**STEM &
Education Games**



**Day Trips &
Enrichment**



**Arts, Crafts &
Model-Making**



**Nature &
Climate**



**Healthy Food
& Nutrition**

HOT MEALS
PROVIDED

When?

9.30am - 5.30pm

Where?

Various Locations
(Venues TBC upon registration)

Cost?

FREE for children on Benefits
Related Free School Meals
or £45 For a full-day (£5 per hour)



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Register Here



Registration (free for children on benefits-related free school meals)

Parent First Name

Parent Surname

Email

Phone Number

Address

Borough

Postcode

Circle dates you can attend:

Mon 30th Dec
9.30am-5.30pm
Museum Trip

Tue 31st Dec
9.30am-5.30pm
Saatchi Gallery
Unicorn Theatre

Thu 2nd Jan
9.30am-5.30pm
Polka Theatre

Fri 3rd Jan
9.30am-5.30pm
Sports & Wellbeing
Arts & Crafts

Number of Children

Child 1: First Name & Surname

Child 1: School & Borough

Child 1: Status

Benefit related
Free School Meals

Asylum Seeker
or Refugee

SEND or other
additional need

Child 1: D.o.B

Child 1: Food Allergies (specify below)

Child 2: First Name & Surname

Child 2: School & Borough

Child 2: Status

Benefit related
Free School Meals

Asylum Seeker
or Refugee

SEND or other
additional need

Child 2: D.o.B

Child 2: Food Allergies (specify below)

Does your child have any additional support requirements?

Please outline any required emotional or behavioural support, accessibility arrangements, etc. (If your child receives carer support or 1:1 support at school, or displays behaviours that challenge, please make this clear.)
Please note, if your child requires 1:1 support, this needs to be provided by the parent or a paid-carer.

Interested in:

Science
Museum

Polka
Theatre

Unicorn
Theatre

Saatchi
Gallery

Fencing

Healthy Food &
Nutrition

Arts &
Crafts

Model-Making

Sports &
Wellbeing

STEM &
Educ Games

Other (Please Specify)

I consent to my child being photographed or interviewed for marketing use.

Yes

No

I am interested in Brainspark Camps Spring, Summer & Winter 2025/2026

Yes

No

Please add me to the Brainspark Camps mailing list

Yes

No

LIMITED SPACES

Unleash your child's creativity at our action packed camps featuring fencing, sports and wellbeing activities, educational mobile games, day trips, life-size board games, healthy food, cultural activities, arts and crafts, and so much more!

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