



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 17th November

School Contact:
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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

<p>Reception class has started well Our learning we are proud of Working hard and having fun Our school's a place we now love</p> <p>From learning letters and their sounds And how to read and write them We listened to a story 'bout A boy, a boat, an island</p> <p>We spoke about the story And acted out the wild parts We talked about our feelings And listened with our whole hearts</p> <p>We spoke of all things special And painted what they looked like We talked about our favourite things And used our sounds to 'free' write</p>	<p>Our counting is now very strong Our numbers we can say them In songs and rhymes and counting chants Fewer than and more than</p> <p>We know one more, we know one less We like to sing and act out With counters, blocks and counting frames We calculate the amount</p> <p>Day and night, we looked about To find wildlife, nocturnal We talked about our sleeping time And how we are diurnal</p> <p>We played in role to brush our teeth And wash our face for bedtime We sang our songs, and said our prayers And counted sheep for shut-eye</p>	<p>Insects too, they got a look We counted out their legs and Looked to see how they help us Grow vegies in our farmland</p> <p>We're looking now: how things have changed From babies to reception And at the world around us An historical confection</p> <p>From cars to trains and buildings too We've noticed all the changes And how the world is moving on In lots of different stages</p>
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Mr Peters
Assistant Headteacher
Reception Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VISION AND VALUES HONOREES FOR THIS WEEK

	Attendance	School Vision Award	School Values award
Nursery		Larissa-Mae	Nima
Reception	85.7%	Luke	Bryan
Year 1	97.3%	Armand	Aiden
Year 2	98.0%	Shreeya	Timothee
Year 3	98.0%	Mina-Rose	Anosh
Year 4	86.7%	Evyn	Carlos
Year 5	100%	Isabella	Emilia
Year 6	94.3%	Aura	Ian

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 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
Reception – Mr Peters reception@stjstj.co.uk
Year 1 – Miss Vibert year1@stjstj.co.uk
Year 2 – Miss Halim year2@stjstj.co.uk
Year 3 – Mr O'Donoghue year3@stjstj.co.uk
Year 4 – Miss Ilyas year4@stjstj.co.uk
Year 5 – Miss Hubbert year5@stjstj.co.uk
Year 6 – Mr Pearson/Mr Habib year6@stjstj.co.uk

DIARY DATES

30th November – Winter Movie Night

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

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

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>



PFA of St James & St John COfE
Primary School

30 NOVEMBER
FROM 4:30 - 6:30 PM

**WINTER
MOVIE NIGHT**

- Price : £5/ ticket including popcorn , yo-yo bear , juice/water
(via School gateway)
- Parents have the option to socialise together at
Mitre Lancaster Gate, 24 Craven Terrace ,
London W2 3QH

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!