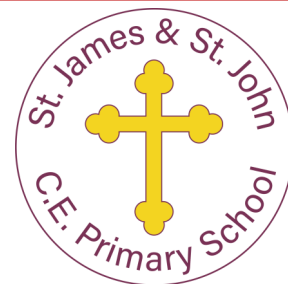


St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



Friday 20th December 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you parents and children for your continued support of St James and St John through this term. It has been lovely to receive your well wishes for Christmas at the beginning and end of the day. This week, children enjoyed eating their delicious Christmas lunch and giving out Christmas cards to each other, to show '*friendship*'. A reminder of this year's term dates are attached to this newsletter. We wish you a peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you back on **Monday 6th January** :)

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



Carol Service at St John's Church...

Thank you to all of the parents, friends and families who joined us at St John's Church on Wednesday for our Carol Service. We enjoyed listening to the Nativity story and singing carols. Well done to all the children for 'shining in the world' and singing so beautifully and to the Year 6 children who confidently shared readings and thoughtful prayers for the festive season.



Christmas dinner at St James & St John

Yesterday, Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Moya and Ms. Maggie prepared a yummy Christmas dinner, with turkey and all the trimmings, in celebration of the festive season. Staff and pupils agreed that the festive roast dinner was delicious and even sung 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' to express their thanks.

An important deadline - Tell your friends!

If you or someone you know would like a place in our Reception class for September 2025, then **applications must be made by 15th January 2025**. **Do not miss the deadline!**



Applications to Reception must be made through eadmissions.org.uk by **15th January 2025** and a separate school application form handed in.

If your child is currently in St James and St John's Nursery, then **you must still apply**. Please remind other parents about applying for Reception if this applies to their child. Encourage them to name our wonderful school!

An admissions policy and application form can be picked up from the school office or on our website www.stjamesandstjohnschool.co.uk

Do phone the office on **020 7504 0535** if you have any questions. We are always happy to help :-)



St. John's Church Choir singing carols at the German YMCA at the Lancaster Hall Hotel.

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **20.12.2024**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y2** and **Y4** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **MOST Y2** and **Y4** and pupils came to school every day; **Y2** 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 **Y2** and **Y4** for the whole of the first week back in January :)

Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are too unwell to come to school.



Important Dates for your Diary...



Monday 6th January - Children back at school

Tuesday 14th January - Y5 RE Visit to *Sikh Gurdwara*

Friday 17th January - Reception Visit - Local Area Walk (*Kensington Gardens*)

Friday 17th January - Y6 History Workshop: WWII

Friday 17th January - Y1 Computing Visit from Camden Learning Centre - 'Introduction to animation' workshop

Thursday 23rd January - Y2 History Visit to the *Florence Nightingale Museum*

Tuesday 28th January - Y3 History Visit to the *British Museum*

Wednesday 29th January - Y6 West End Theatre Trip - '*Matilda*'

Tuesday 4th February - Reception Visit to *The London Aquarium: Sea Life Centre*

Tuesday 4th February - RE Visitor from '*Judaism for Schools*' (workshops for the Whole School)

Friday 7th February - Y5 History Visit to the *Charles Dickens Museum*

Tuesday 11th February Y2 Computing Visit from Camden Learning Centre - 'An introduction to quizzes' workshop

Our Prayer of the week...

Sunday is the fourth Sunday of Advent...

Dear God

As Christmas draws closer,
Help us to remember anyone who is
sick or lonely at this time of year:
The homeless and sad,
those who are hungry or at war.
May the peace and joy of Christmas
reach out and touch their lives
Amen



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Iris
Reception - David
Year 1 - Filip
Year 2 - Amaia
Year 3 - Adam
Year 4 - Dana
Year 5 - Lottie
Year 6 - Yuri



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 **Natalia** in Reception.



In RE this week, Reception have been retelling the Nativity story and thinking about why Christians tell this story at Christmas.

Natalia produced some outstanding work without any adult help, showing real determination. She recalled the sequence of the story, used her phonics to sound out words, and carefully reflected on what each character said. She also created a beautiful plasticine model of the Angel Gabriel in her creative learning.

Well done, Natalia.

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.**



St James and St John
Christmas Carol
Service

Wednesday 18th December 2024
1.30pm



Carol Service and Christmas Lunch



St James and St John CE Primary School

Term Dates 2024-2025

Autumn Term 2024

2nd & 3rd September 2024 INSET DAYS - pupils not in school
4th September 2024 Pupils back at school
13th September 2024 Academic Review Day (Nursery and Reception class do not attend school for this)

Half term 28th October – 1st November 2024
End of term 20th December 2024 **Pupil attendance (72 days)**

Spring Term 2025

6th January 2025 Pupils back at school

Half term 17th February – 21st February 2025

28th February 2025 Academic Review Day (Parents attend school with their child at their appointment time to meet the teacher)

End of Term 4th April 2025 **(59 days)**

Summer Term 2025

22nd April 2025 Pupils back at school

5th May 2025 May Day Bank Holiday - school closed

Half Term 26th May – 30th May 2025

4th July 2025 Academic Review Day (Parents attend school with their child at their appointment time to meet the teacher)

End of Term 22nd July 2025 **(59 days)**



BOOKING REQUIRED

EDUTAIN WINTER HAF PROGRAMME

Let's make education a blast!

Kick, dance, draw, act, swim, and explore to your heart's content with our multi-sport activities, arts and crafts, drama, and Friday trips.

8 - 13 y.o.

10am - 3pm

27th December 2024

2nd January 2024

3rd January 2024

4th January 2025

Academy Sport

Torquay street W2 5EW



£1 / day*

* Cost for non-Free School Meals
Children and Young People: £1.00 child/day
EHCP are required.

Scan the QR code or contact us to book your space
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