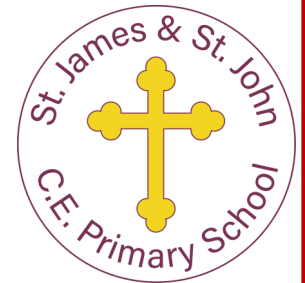


# St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter



Friday 10th January 2025

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Dear Parents and Carers,

**Happy New Year** and **welcome back to school!** It was a pleasure to welcome the children back to school this week, looking smart and feeling proud in their uniforms. Children have returned to school ready to work hard and have been enjoying learning and playing with their friends this week. Please ask your child what they are learning and encourage them to talk about it. We are delighted to welcome **Mrs. Vanderwal**, our new Year 2 teacher, and **Mr. Buckingham**, our new Y4 teacher, to St James and John. Please do say hello to them when you see them in the playground :)

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

## Our School Golden Rules

As we begin a new term, Mr. Evans, Mr. Peters and class teachers have been reminding children of our Golden Rules, in assembly and in class. Parents tell us that their children are coming home and talking about the Golden Rules and how much they like them. Parents also say that they are useful at home, too. To make sure our school is a place where all children can learn, be safe and **'shine in the world'**, our pupils follow the **GOLDEN RULES**.

### The Golden Rules



1. **Do be kind, helpful and polite.**  
*Don't hurt people's feelings by being rude or unkind.*



2. **Do be gentle.** *Don't hurt or play fight.*



3. **Do listen to people and follow instructions.**  
*Don't ignore people or interrupt them.*



4. **Do look after our things.** *Don't waste or damage things.*



5. **Do be honest.** *Don't tell lies or cover up the truth.*

6. **Do understand it's OK to make mistakes.**  
*Don't laugh at those who are brave enough to have a go.*

7. **Do work hard and try your best.** *Don't waste time or give up easily.*

In school, we give specific praise and children record 'smiles' when we see children following the Golden Rules. Please do talk to your child at home about them - they are useful in all areas of life!

## NHS Pharmacy First Service...

Did you know that the NHS Pharmacy First Service means children and adults can get healthcare advice and treatment for 7 common illnesses without having to wait for a GP appointment? Most pharmacies now provide the NHS Pharmacy First service. Using this service may help children feel better and get back to school as quickly as possible, as well as supporting parents/carers to also get better if they are unwell with one of the illnesses covered. There is no need to make an appointment; parents or carers can pop into their local pharmacy with their child and ask for help under the service for the following illnesses: **Earache** - age 1-17 years; **Impetigo** - age 1 year to adults; **Infected insect bites** - age 1 year to adults; **Sinus infection** - age 12 years to adults; **Sore throats** - age 5 years to adults; **Shingles** - age 18 and over; and **Urinary tract infections (UTIs)** - women age 16 - 64 years.

**Read poster attached to this week's newsletter for more information.**

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **10.01.2025**

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

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

## Attendance...

Congratulations to **Nursery** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **MOST Nursery** and pupils came to school every day; **Nursery** 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 **Nursery** 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.



## Important Dates for your Diary...



**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January** - Y5 RE Visit to *Sikh Gurdwara*

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January** - Y6 History Workshop: WWII

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> January** - Y1 Computing Visit from Camden Learning Centre - 'Introduction to animation' workshop

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January** - Y2 History Visit to the *Florence Nightingale Museum*

**Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January** - Y3 History Visit to the *British Museum*

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> January** - Y6 West End Theatre Trip - *'Matilda'*

**Friday 31<sup>st</sup> January** - Non Uniform Day

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

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

**Friday 7<sup>th</sup> February** - Y5 History Visit to the *Charles Dickens Museum*

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February** - Y2 Computing Visit from Camden Learning Centre - 'An introduction to quizzes' workshop

## Our Prayer of the week...

*Happy New Year to all of our school community.*

**Loving God,**

Another term begins and at school Learning and working together.

Bless our school,  
our home from home.  
Keep us safe and well.

Bless all of our pupils  
and keep us on the right path.

Bless our teachers and support staff,  
Who look after us to grow in knowledge and skills.

**Amen**



## Person of the Week!

**Nursery** - Iris  
**Reception** - Axel  
**Year 1** - Luke  
**Year 2** - Adiyar  
**Year 3** - Mimi  
**Year 4** - Nieve  
**Year 5** - Carlos  
**Year 6** - Saskia



## 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 Sara in Y6.



In Religious Education, Year 6 are asking the Big Question, 'What does it mean to be a Buddhist?' The focus this week was to think about what causes *suffering* and thinking about ways we could overcome it.

Across an independent piece of writing, Sara expertly demonstrated the deeper understanding of this concept, and included key vocabulary like *samsara* and *dukkha*, one of the 'Four Noble Truths'. Sara was able to relate the learning to her own life meaningfully and beautifully.

**Well done, Sara.**

## 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.**



Most pharmacies can help you  
with **seven common conditions**  
without needing a GP appointment



- **Sinusitis**  
(adults and children aged 12 years and over)
- **Sore throat**  
(adults and children aged 5 years and over)
- **Earache**  
(children and young adults aged 1 year to 17 years)
- **Infected insect bite**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Impetigo**  
(adults and children aged 1 year and over)
- **Shingles**  
(adults aged 18 years and over)
- **Urinary tract infection**  
(women, aged 16 to 64 years)



Ask your pharmacy for more  
information about this  
free\* NHS service

Visit your  
**Pharmacy First!**



\*NHS prescription charge rules apply where a medicine is supplied