

St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Pupil Voice is an important part of school life and we are always keen to hear the children's views about school. Our **Pupil Questionnaire**, carried out recently with pupils from Y1 to Y6, is one of the many ways we gather the views of our pupils. We were delighted to see how impressive the responses to the questionnaire were and how proud the children feel to be pupils at St James and St John. It was a delight to read their comments and suggestions :) We have attached the Pupil Questionnaire to this week's newsletter. Please read the results of our Pupil Questionnaire when you have a moment, and many of the lovely things our pupils said about school, as well as their helpful suggestions.

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

Keeping Safe Studies...



This week, children have learned about Online Safety, Road Safety, First Aid and Keeping Myself Safe. Please talk to your children about what they have learned in Keeping Safe Studies.

World Book Day... a reminder...

A reminder that, we are going to be celebrating **World Book Day** this year by learning lots of words.



On **Thursday 6th March**, the children and staff at St James and St John will be taking part in 'Word Aware Day'. The purpose of this day will be to celebrate and promote the learning of new vocabulary. To encourage the children to feel excited about this learning, we are asking them to come to school dressed up as a specific word, which could be linked to a book.

On the Friday before half term, your child brought home a letter in their book bag, providing you with details and with a suggested word that they can dress up as. As part of their costume, your child should have their given word clearly displayed on a piece of card.

If you would like to choose a different word inspired by one of your child's favourite books, please do so instead.

We look forward to celebrating **'Word Aware Day'** with all of you!



First Aid... As part of their learning about **First Aid**, Year 6 wrote a script and called 999 in response to a medical emergency. The children learned that it is important to try and stay calm and clearly explain why help is needed.

Road Safety... As part of their learning about **Road Safety**, Year 3 became road safety detectives, discovering safer places to cross and identifying features of the road to help them stay safer in the local area.



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **27.02.2025**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Reception** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **Most Reception** pupils came to school every day; **Reception** 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 **Reception** 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...



Friday 28th February - Academic Review Day - parents attend school with their child at their appointment time to meet the teacher and receive their child's report. **Parents of Nursery and Reception children will meet their child's teacher on the Main Site with their child.**

Thursday 6th March - World Book Day

Friday 14th March - Spring Term Music Concert - more details coming soon

Friday 4th April - Last day of Spring Term - school finishes at the usual time of 3:15pm

Monday 7th April - Monday 21st April - Easter holidays

Monday 21st April - Easter Monday - Bank Holiday

Tuesday 22nd April - Pupils back at school



Our Prayer of the week...

One of our Christian Values is Determination...



Loving God,

Give us determination today - In our lessons; in the playground,
Give us the determination and resilience
To apply ourselves to overcoming any obstacles
We might face along the way: Our fears, our anxieties.
Thank you for blessing us
With our lovely school and playground equipment -
Which, we pledge to you, we will enjoy and look after.
Amen

Work of the Week!

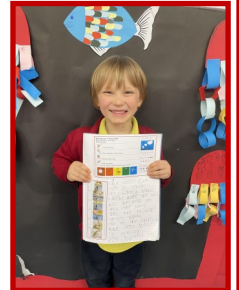
Every week a brilliant piece of children's work is showcased in the school lobby (next to the office). This week's brilliant piece of work is by **Axel** in Reception.

In English this week, Reception listened to the hilariously funny story, 'The Tadpoles Promise', by Jeanne Willis. The story follows the relationship between a tadpole and his beautiful rainbow caterpillar.

Axel found this story hilarious and said that the frog did not recognise the rainbow because he had turned into a butterfly!

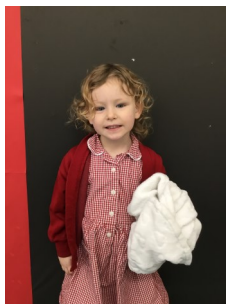
Axel worked hard to retell the story: he pulled each sentence out of his mouth, sound-talked each word, used finger spaces between each word and wrote neatly on each line directly into his book.

Well done, Axel!



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Marina
Reception - Larissa
Year 1 - Amelia
Year 2 - Alsadig
Year 3 - Astor
Year 4 - Noah
Year 5 - Max
Year 6 - Nassar



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.**

