



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are pleased to confirm that St James and St John is now part of the Go Shine Church of England Federation, along with our four other partner schools. The formation of the federation took place, as planned, at the beginning of June. We look forward to continuing all the excellent collaboration between our schools to maintain the highest quality of provision for our children and live out our vision to Go shine in the world!

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

The School Day...

From September, we'll be nudging forward the beginning of the day for Year 1 - Year 6 on the main site to 8.40am. We know that the school runs at its best when we can meet all staff together in the morning. This morning briefing takes place at 8.30am and is essential for leaders to give messages about the day ahead, for staff to ask questions and to talk through how best to support children at St James and St John. Communication is key to providing successful days in school for your children. It will enable class teachers to be in the classroom to welcome children as they arrive at school from 8.40am.



From September, Nursery and Reception children will also arrive at school from 8:40am when the gates to the EYFS will be open. **We will continue to operate a 'soft start' to the school day on both the Main Site and the Early Years site.** Children must be in their class, ready to start lessons before 9.00am. This allows parents to drop children at both the Early Years site and Main site where needed.

If you need to drop your child before 8.40am, please bring them to our Breakfast Club from 8.00am.



The school day will end at 3.30pm for Year 1 - Year 6. This means that we will have more time for collective worship and story time in the afternoon. Most schools end the school day at 3.30pm. Nursery and Reception will end at 3.15pm to allow time for parents to collect siblings from the main site at 3.30pm.



Y6 recently visited Kew Gardens and discovered plants from around the world. They learned about Marianne North's incredible adventures, and created their own botanical artworks inspired by her paintings.

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **20.06.2025**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y4** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **MOST Y4** pupils came to school every day; **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 **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. Thank you for your help with this :)

Our Prayer of the week...

Excellence is one of our 9 Christian Values..

Dear Lord,

We thank you for examples of ways we can be excellent

We ask that you can help to put the feeling into our hearts.

Going forward, we will do better and be better than we did the day before.

Not necessarily winning, but always striving for excellence in all that we do.

Amen



Important Dates for your Diary...

Monday 23rd June - BBQ Tickets go on sale (from School Office and EYFS Site)

Tuesday 24th June - Y2 Trip to Kew Gardens

Thursday 26th June - Y6 Trip to Hyde Park Lookout Centre

Thursday 26th June - Non Uniform Day - **change of date!**

Monday 30th June - Wednesday 2nd July - Y6 School Residential Journey to Sayers Croft

Friday 4th July - Academic Review Day

Wednesday 9th July - Y6 Production - at 10:00am

Friday 11th July - Academic Review Day for **Y6 only**

Friday 11th July - Family BBQ - 4:00-6:00pm

Thursday 17th July - Sports Day - for Reception to Y6 - at Paddington Rec.

Friday 18th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly - at 9:30am

Monday 21st July - End of Year Service at **St James's Church** - at 2:30pm - parents welcome to attend

Tuesday 22nd July - Last day of Summer Term

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 Shun in Reception.



This half-term in Religious Education, Reception have been exploring the question: "What makes a place special?" The Reception class became 'RE detectives', hunting for important items in places of worship and learning why these items are special.

To help answer our Big Question, Shun reflected on what all places of worship have in common. He recalled our visits, remembered the special items he discovered, and made a list of which objects were found in all churches and which were only in some. At the creative table, the children chose a feature of a place of worship to recreate. Shun chose to make a beautiful stained-glass window sun-catcher.

Well done, Shun!

Person of the Week!

Nursery - Felicie

Reception - Gabi

Year 1 - Raphael

Year 2 - Katayoun

Year 3 - Grayson

Year 4 - Telmuun

Year 5 - Nicolas

Year 6 - Fatima



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.

