



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, St James and St John belongs to a successful federation of schools. We have very well-trained, high quality staff who stay with our partnership for many years. This helps to maintain stability for our pupils. Staff tend to stay with us because they enjoy the supportive working environment in our schools and because we give them opportunities for promotion and development within the school partnership.

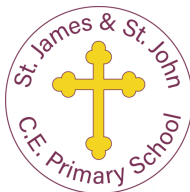
We say a fond farewell to Mr. O'Donoghue, who is continuing his career development at another school in our federation. We thank Mr. O'Donoghue for his commitment, dedication and contribution to St. James and St. John during his years of service at the school and wish him all the best. We also say a big 'thank you' to Ms. Palmer, who joined us temporarily from another school in the federation this term to teach Year 1, and we wish her well as she returns there.

The school has also successfully recruited Ms. McCaig, an experienced class teacher, who will be teaching Year 5 in the new academic year. Ms. McCaig will be popping in to school to say 'hello' to the children next week. We also welcome Ms. El-Azouzi, who will be joining St James and St John as the Year 3 class teacher. Ms. El-Azouzi popped in to say 'hello' this week and she has taught the children already this year. Ms. El-Azouzi and Ms. McCaig are both looking forward very much to teaching the children in September and saying 'hello' to parents after the summer holidays.

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

Class Teachers for September...

Nursery	Ms. Silva
Reception	Ms. Vibert
Year 1	Ms. Hubbert
Year 2	Ms. Vanderwal
Year 3	Ms. El-Azouzi
Year 4	Mr. Buckingham
Year 5	Ms. McCaig
Year 6	Ms. Eriksson



Year 6 SATs Results...

We all know that achieving GCSEs, A-Levels and other types of qualifications help our children to be successful in the world. Year 6 SATs outcomes are a good indicator of achievement at secondary school. It is an important part of our job at St James and St John that children leave our school able to read, write and do maths well for their age according to national standards. Children in Year 6 attained the following **excellent** SATs results due their hard work, the support of parents and great teaching through the school. A special thank you to Ms Eriksson, the Year 6 teacher, for ensuring the children were so well prepared!

	Expected Standard St James & St John	Expected Standard National Figures
Reading	100%	75%
Writing	95%	72%
Maths	100%	74%
RWM Combined	95%	62%

Future of Regent Street, Haymarket and Piccadilly Circus

Westminster City Council and The Crown Estate are working together to improve the open spaces of Regent Street, Haymarket and Piccadilly Circus areas. They would like to hear views of the local community. Please click on the following link and take a look: [Have Your Say Today - The Future Of Regent Street, Haymarket And Piccadilly Circus Public Realm - Common-place](#)

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **11.07.2025**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y3** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Y3** pupils came to school every day; **Y3** 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 **Y3** 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 :)

Important Dates for your Diary...

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

Friday 18th July - Y6 Leavers Assembly - at 9:30am - all Y6 parents invited and welcome

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

Autumn Term 2025 Dates:

Monday 1st September - INSET Day - pupils not in school

Tuesday 2nd September - Y1 to Y6 children return to school

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



A Few Remaining Places...

St James and St John is a very popular school in the local community. There are a few last remaining places in Reception to Year 6, which are going fast.

Please let your family, friends and neighbours know that, if they would like to join our school, they should apply now to avoid disappointment. Application forms are available from the school office and can be downloaded from our website:

www.stjamesandstjohnschool.co.uk



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 Anosh in Y4.



In Art, Year 4 used pixlr to create **pop art portraits** inspired by Andy Warhol. We found our school photos and added a coloured background and face details with the **painting** tools, before changing the **hue** using the **adjust** tools. We then **duplicated** and **resized** the image, before changing the **hue** on each image to alter its colours. Anosh showed **inspiration** and **excellence** in completing this task. He used the paint tools well to add a range of details to his photo, before duplicating and resizing it in an **imaginative** way to create a **striking** design.

Well done, Anosh!

Person of the Week!

Nursery - Amia

Reception - Karolina

Year 1 - Alexandre

Year 2 - Agnes

Year 3 - Aisha

Year 4 - Orelia

Year 5 - Sabrina



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.





OLIVER!

Year 6 Performance of 'Oliver'

Children in Year 6 showed our school values of 'excellence' and 'inspiration' in their fantastic performance to parents and to the school this week. Thank you to the many parents who said how incredible it was. Well done to all the children for their hard work - they really 'shone in the world' with their acting, singing and choreography.

FREE FOR FAMILIES
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE
SCHOOL MEALS



HEALTHY

SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Stay active, eat well, have fun!

ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Make the most of spring, summer
and winter school holidays



Find out more and book
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QR code below or
visiting:

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/haf-programme



SCAN ME

There's lots to do in Westminster
and Kensington and Chelsea during
the school holidays.

Sports, music, dance, arts and crafts, and
inclusive SEND activities - everyone can
join the fun!

You'll also get a healthy meal
and snacks each day you
attend.




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