



St James and St John CE Primary School

*'I have come that they may have life and
have it in all its fullness' John 10:10*

SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

Friday 29th September

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Open 8:30am to 12 noon
and 2pm to 4:30pm

Our Value this half term, is Fellowship!

We care for one and other because good relationships make for good learning!

*"Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for friends. You are my friends if you do
what I command you"*

John 15:13-14 (Jesus' words at the Last Supper)

Year 5 have had a fantastic start to the new school year and have been working incredibly hard with their learning. I have been so impressed with their focus and perseverance across all areas of the curriculum!

We have been enjoying getting further into our whole-class reading novel *Who Let the Gods Out* which is a fantasy story that follows a boy called Elliot who is amazed when a young Zodiac goddess appears in his garden. It was lovely to have some parents and carers join us this week for one of our reading sessions where we focused on using our retrieval and explanation skills to understand how language helps us build an idea of the author's style. Using our literary focus text *Robot Girl*, Year 5 have been developing their knowledge of science-fiction, and getting involved in debating the benefits of artificial intelligence. We have also been learning about relative clauses and how we can embed them within our own sci-fi narratives.

We have continued our focus on place value in Maths this week, and the children have loved being competitive and playing our class place value game. We have been learning how to order, compare and round numbers up to one million, as well as recognise roman numerals.

In Religious Education, Year 5 have begun to explore the miracles of Jesus, and this week we looked at Jesus' first miracle at the wedding at Cana where he turned water into wine. We thought about how these miracles contribute to how Christians view Jesus, and had some really engaging and thought-provoking discussions surrounding our school values of fellowship and reverence.

For our Science topic *Humans*, we have been investigating the development of humans, and learning how to plot growth data on different types of graphs. All of the children were very excited to start their new PE lessons this week with the sports coaches at Hallfield, and are really looking forward to continuing that this term!

Miss Hubbert

Year 5 Teacher

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VISION AND VALUES HONOREES FOR THIS WEEK

	Attendance	School Vision Award	School Values award
Nursery		Carlotta	Anthony
Reception	90.7%	Mabel	Alexander C.
Year 1	94.8%	Cattian	Addiya
Year 2	98.9%	Skye	Shenouda
Year 3	96.5%	Zariya	Maya
Year 4	92.6%	Yousef	Sabrina
Year 5	90%	Alex	Nasa
Year 6	98.3%	Emily	Khadeeja

EXTENDED SCHOOL – 8am to 6pm

Breakfast club: Our breakfast clubs runs from 8am to the start of the school day from Monday to Friday. Please get in touch with the school office to book.

After school care: LET's LEAP after school care is available from 3:15pm to 6pm from Monday to Friday. You can book by logging on to <https://letsleapsportsacademy.co.uk/>

After school clubs: All after school clubs run from 3:30 – 4:30pm. You should collect from the red doors (not the main office).

GETTING IN TOUCH

Please use the main school office as your first point of contact either by phone or by email.

Email: office@stjstj.co.uk Telephone: 0207 504 0535

You can also email class teachers via class email addresses, which teachers check at least twice per week.

Nursery – Miss Silva nursery@stjstj.co.uk
Reception – Mr Peters reception@stjstj.co.uk
Year 1 – Miss Vibert year1@stjstj.co.uk
Year 2 – Miss Halim year2@stjstj.co.uk
Year 3 – Mr O'Donoghue year3@stjstj.co.uk
Year 4 – Miss Ilyas year4@stjstj.co.uk
Year 5 – Miss Hubbert year5@stjstj.co.uk
Year 6 – Mr Pearson/Mr Habib year6@stjstj.co.uk

FREE SCHOOL MEAL APPLICATION

Westminster now has an online application process for families wanting to complete the Free School Meal application process. This will make the process of applications for families easier and reduce significantly the waiting time on applications.

The system can be accessed through this link.

www.westminster.gov.uk/education/free-school-meals

If your application is successful, your family will receive an email advising you of your eligibility, and the start date.

Where an application cannot automatically be approved as additional information may be needed, you will receive an email advising you, and inviting you to upload certain benefit information for checking.

Once this has been checked and a decision made, this information will be sent to the school through the daily update.

AUTUMN TERM DIARY DATES

We are hoping that many of you will be able to join us in school or in church for our events this term.

There are several opportunities to pop into school to find out more about different areas of the curriculum. At our monthly parent coffee mornings across the road at the Lancaster Hall Hotel there is always an opportunity to chat with a member of the school's leadership team and find out more about a particular subject.

Autumn 1

4th October – Come in and.... find out more about Reception phonics 8:45am – 9:30am

Join our Reception children for their phonics lesson and then find out more about Reception phonics with Mr Peters

5th October – Harvest Service @ St John's Church for Reception to Year 6 (1:30pm)

Please come and join us in church. We will be asking for food donations for a local foodbank.

10th October – Come in and ...visit our maths lessons (Year 1 to Year 6) 8:45am – 9:30am

Join your children's class for a short maths lesson and then please stay to ask the class teacher any questions you have.

12th October – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

17th October – Come in and.....Watch the Year 3 Class assembly for parents and carers 9:15am

Come and find out what Year 3 have been learning about so far this term

23rd October – HALF TERM (school closed)

Autumn 2

30th October – START OF TERM (school open)

30th October – 3rd November – Coding Week

31st October Come in and.... visit a computing session as part of our school
“computing week” 8:45am – 9:15pm (*Year 1 to Year 6*)

31st October and 2nd November – Come in and.... meet your child’s class teacher to find out about your child’s learning.

Progress meetings for parents – please book an appointment to come and meet your child’s class teacher and take a look at their books.

If you’d like a “remote” meeting over a video call or a phone call, please let your child’s class teacher know.

16th November – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

5th December – Come in and.... Watch the Year 6 Class assembly for parents and carers 9:15am

Come and find out what Year 6 have been learning about so far this term

8th December – PFA Christmas Fair

14th December – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

18th December – EYFS Christmas Show

19th December – Y1 – 3 Christmas Show

20th December – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

21st December – Nativity Service St James’ Church (10:30am)

21st December – School closes early for the end of the long term: 1:15pm on the EYFS site and 1:30pm on the main site.

Friday 22nd December to Friday 5th January – Christmas Holidays

Harvest Service - St John's Church

Thursday 5th October

1:30pm

This year we will be supporting the food bank at St Matthew's, Bayswater with a collection of foodstuffs and toiletries. They have politely requested the following items:

Food: rice, pasta, spaghetti, instant noodles, sugar, tea bags, instant coffee but PLEASE NO HOT CHOCOLATE, UHT milk, long-life juice, biscuits, cereals, sauces - pasta/Indian/Chinese/casserole/tinned tomatoes, tinned goods - vegetables, meat, fish, fruit (These are most popular items).

Toiletries: shampoo, conditioner, shower gel, soap, deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, feminine products.

Value goods are as welcome as brand names as they provide a package of goods based on the number of products, not on the value of the goods.

Many thanks,

Rev Alex Norris



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ATTENDANCE

School attendance is central to raising standards in education and ensuring all pupils can fulfil their potential. **The government has set a target of 95% attendance for all pupils.** This rate allows for periods of illness or circumstances when absence from schools is unavoidable. We want your child to attend school regularly as this supports their learning. If your child is not well or if you have a planned reason why your child cannot attend school, please inform the school office at the earliest opportunity.

Some key attendance facts:

- Attending 90% of the time or less will have a serious effect on learning.
- One day's absence every two weeks will give 90% attendance.
- Up to the age of 16, 90% attendance will mean losing over a year of school!

The school can only authorise any absences in the following circumstances:

- Genuine illness
- Dental/medical appointments (these should be made out of school hours where possible)
- Close Family bereavement
- Recognised religious observance
- Examination

What is NOT acceptable?

- Caring for a parent or sibling
- Going shopping
- Day trips
- Birthdays
- Bad weather
- Family holidays will not be authorised

PUNCTUALITY

What are the different types of lateness?

- 1. Late before register closes** your child is a few minutes late.
- 2. Late after register closes** this counts as an unauthorised absence and will show on your child's attendance record. Your child is likely to have missed the start of the lesson.

Top Tips for improving punctuality!

- Make sure you know your child's timetable – work together to make sure they have everything ready the night before e.g. books, PE or swimming kit, uniform!
- Get your child into the habit of doing their homework in the evening – instead of in the morning at the breakfast table.
- Make sure your child has a good bedtime routine so they get plenty of rest and don't struggle out of bed in the morning!
- Try to ensure your child has a good breakfast to set them up for the day – we have a super breakfast club you could use if you need to be at work early.
- If you are finding it difficult to get your child to school on time, talk to a teacher and ask for help!