



# 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 15<sup>th</sup> 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)

What an incredible start to the year we've had at St. James and St. John! I have had the pleasure of visiting every class throughout this week and have been amazed by all the exciting and varied learning I have seen.

Nursery and Reception have continued learning about the features of the face in readiness to draw their self-portraits. Reception children also enjoyed listening to, and re-enacting, the Creation Story in R.E!

Year 1 were inspired by the work of Henri Matisse to create their own incredible line drawings using a variety of mixed media. In PSHEE, they have focussed on what it means to persevere, both at school and in life, and have learned why it is such an important quality to possess.

Year 2 have studied the works of Andy Warhol and Picasso in order to create their own abstract self-portraits. In PSHEE, the class have identified ways to overcome possible 'learning mountains' they may encounter this year.

Year 3 have explored the photography of Diane Arbus and the abstract wonders of Yayoi Kusama. In PSHEE, the class identified and discussed different emotions and held a debate about how they can control their own destiny!

Year 4 have loved learning about the artist Frida Kahlo. They used different resources to create vibrant self-portraits. In PSHEE, the children have learned about the different vocabulary associated with a Growth Mind-Set and they have developed their balancing skills in gymnastics!

Year 5 used the famous artist Leonardo Da Vinci to learn about the important role perspective plays in art. In PSHEE, the class has learned about the different parts of the brain and how they help us to become fantastic learners.

Year 6 have continued learning about the artist Jean-Michel Basquiat. In PSHEE, the class used their Growth Mindset skills to identify how to overcome different learning barriers they might experience in their lessons and the important year ahead.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR VISION AND VALUES HONOREES FOR THIS WEEK

	Attendance	School Vision Award	School Values award
Nursery		Nima	Larissa
Reception	%	Kai	Anna-Preet
Year 1	%	Clara	Abiheil
Year 2	%	Timothee	Selim
Year 3	%	Godfrieda	Victor
Year 4	%	Max	Carlos
Year 5	%	Naya	Salmaan
Year 6	%	D'Quarn	Abdullah

### 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](mailto: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](mailto:nursery@stjstj.co.uk)  
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Year 3 – Mr O'Donoghue [year3@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year3@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 4 – Miss Ilyas [year4@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year4@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 5 – Miss Hubbert [year5@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year5@stjstj.co.uk)  
Year 6 – Mr Pearson/Mr Habib [year6@stjstj.co.uk](mailto:year6@stjstj.co.uk)

## **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**

**19<sup>th</sup> September** - Year 4 visit to the Lyceum Theatre to watch 'The Lion King'.

**21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> September** – Year 6 Awareness Academy Workshop

**26<sup>th</sup> September – Come in and.....**See our art work at the main site (*Reception to Year 6*) 2:45pm to 3:15pm.

*At the start of every school year each class learns about a significant artist and produces a self-portrait inspired by them. Please pop in to have a look at our work this year.*

**27<sup>th</sup> September – Come in and...**Visit Our reading lessons (*Year 2 to Year 6*) 8:45am – 9:15am

*Join your child's class for a short reading session and then please stay to ask the class teacher any questions you have about reading in your child's year group.*

**27<sup>th</sup> September – Come in and.....**find out more about Year 1 phonics 8:45am – 9:30am

*Join our Year 1 children for their phonics lesson and then find out more about Year 1 phonics with Miss Vibert and Mr Peters*

**4<sup>th</sup> 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*

**5<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**10<sup>th</sup> 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.*

**12<sup>th</sup> October** – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

**17<sup>th</sup> 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*

**23<sup>rd</sup> October** – HALF TERM (school closed)

## Autumn 2

**30<sup>th</sup> October** – START OF TERM (school open)

**30<sup>th</sup> October** – 3<sup>rd</sup> November – Coding Week

**31<sup>st</sup> October Come in and....**visit a computing session as part of our school “computing week”

8:45am – 9:15pm (*Year 1 to Year 6*)

**31<sup>st</sup> October and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

**16<sup>th</sup> November** – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

**5<sup>th</sup> 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*

**8<sup>th</sup> December** – PFA Christmas Fair

**14<sup>th</sup> December** – Parent and Carer Coffee Morning @ Lancaster Hall

**18<sup>th</sup> December** – EYFS Christmas Show

**19<sup>th</sup> December** – Y1 – 3 Christmas Show

**20<sup>th</sup> December** – Christmas Dinner & Christmas Jumper Day

**21<sup>st</sup> December** – Nativity Service St James’ Church (10:30am)

**21<sup>st</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> December to Friday 5<sup>th</sup> January** – Christmas Holidays

# 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!