



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that this is the last day of term and the end of a fantastic academic year at St James and St John. We wish our Year 6 pupils and their families well as they move on to secondary school to start an exciting new adventure; we thank them for their time here and for the support of Y6 parents.

We look forward to seeing Y1-Y6 pupils back at school on Tuesday 2nd September for the start of the new school year. We also look forward to meeting with new Nursery and Reception parents and children for their 1-to-1 meetings with the class teacher in September. We wish you all a pleasant and peaceful summer.

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



Sports Day at St James and St John

It was great to see so many of you at Paddington Rec last week for our Sports Day. Our Sports Day is specially designed to ensure that children have a really positive experience and this was in evidence as all children returned to school with their T-shirts covered in 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 'Well done' stickers and their huge smiles! Thanks to those parents who commented on the sensitivity with which the event was organised, allowing all children to feel included.

Nursery also took part in a Sports Day at school, enjoying running races, an obstacle race, parachute games and balancing the egg and spoon.



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **22.07.2025**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

The School Day - An Important Reminder

A reminder that, from September, we'll be nudging forward the beginning of the day for **Year 1 - Year 6** on the main site to **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. **Children must be in their class, ready to start lessons before 9.00am.**

The school day will end at **3.30pm** for **Year 1 - Year 6**. **Nursery and Reception** will end at **3.15pm** to allow time for parents to collect siblings from the main site at 3.30pm.

Our Prayer of the week...

A prayer for the teachers, support staff and children who leave us today as we give thanks to them for their unique contribution to our school...

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all we have learned and achieved this year together. We have grown in faith, hope, and love with you.

Thank you for the friends we have made and the good times we have shared.

Be with the staff and children who leave us and move on to their next adventures.

Amen



Important Dates for your Diary...

Autumn Term 2025 Dates:

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

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

Friday 12th September - Academic Review Day for Years 1-6 (INSET Day for Nursery and Reception)

End of Year Service at St. James's Church

Yesterday, we reflected on some of the things we are thankful for this year at school.

Children shared beautiful prayers, thanking God for the support of teachers. Father Tim gave a special blessing to the Y6 leavers.



Year 6 Leavers Assembly...

Year 6 marked their time at St James and St John with a special leavers assembly attended by their parents. Each child shared their memories, prayers, aspirations and wishes for the future. The children were presented with special Leavers' gifts, including a poetry anthology, a personalised hoodie and a set of photos to take home, keep and cherish. Parents, children and staff shared refreshments after the event, including special Y6 cupcakes. We wish Year 6 all the best in this next exciting stage of their lives!

Person of the Week!

- Nursery** - Marina
- Reception** - Andrew
- Year 1** - Amelia
- Year 2** - Aiden
- Year 3** - Skye
- Year 4** - Lucas
- Year 5** - Lettie
- Year 6** - Eason



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.**



Junior Adventures Group Childcare provision for working parents at St James and St John C of E Primary School – ‘Stay and Play’

We are pleased to be able to provide information about Junior Adventures Group (JAG) as our new After School Childcare provider, **from September 2nd 2025**. As many of you know, Let's Leap will no longer provide services to St James and St John from September.

JAG are well established as an after school care provider in many Westminster schools and beyond. We are very fortunate to have secured provision to include Nursery children as this is not available in most schools.

Childcare provision runs from school finish until 6:00pm and a snack is served.

The club, called ‘Stay and Play’ will be available every day - for children from Nursery* to Year 6 at St James and St John C of E Primary School - starting from Tuesday 2nd September, 2025.

Click on the following link for more information

<https://junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/find-us/st-james-st-john-cofe-primary-school/>

Timings and cost

Sessions run from 3.30pm – 6.00pm and cost £13.55 per session.

Register and book now

Parents can book online at

<https://www.junioradventuresgroup.co.uk/make-a-booking/>.

What to expect from JAG Stay and Play

Children take part in activities, arts and crafts, sports and enjoy the variety of toys and games available. Children will also receive a healthy snack as part of the Stay and Play.

Try Junior Adventures Group Childcare provision for FREE!

As part of the exciting ‘Stay and Play’ Club launch at St James and St John, JAG is offering all parents the chance to book a Free Session to give the new facility a try in September!

Claim your child’s free session at St James & St John C of E Primary School by using the following code: **TRYSTJAMESJOHN**
Offer ends Friday, 31st July 2026!

Click on the following link for a helpful guide for parents

[Parent Support & Information | Junior Adventures Group](#)

Nursery Parents:

** Due to regulations around staffing for Nursery age children, pick-up time for children in Nursery will be 5.30pm. JAG are in the process of recruiting staff to enable them to extend to 6.00pm and we will let you know if this can be extended.*



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the school holidays.

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