



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the world

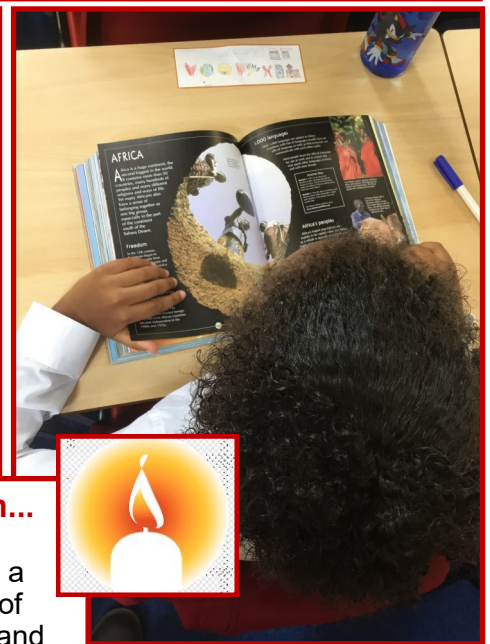


Dear Parents and Carers,

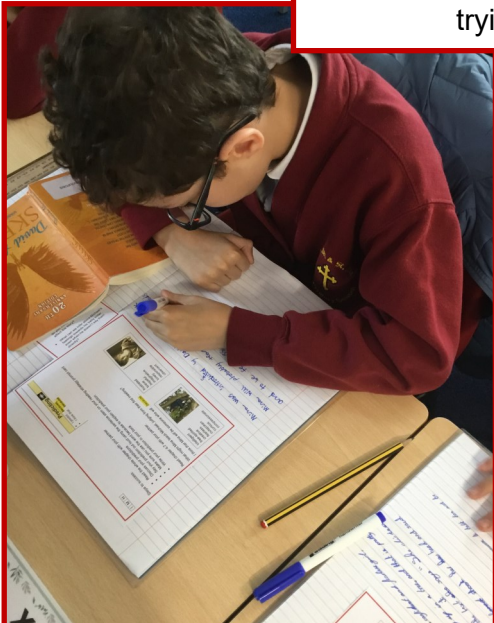
Welcome back to school to all of our families :) It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the holidays, smiling in their new classes, looking smart in their school uniforms and feeling so proud. They have settled back into school life so smoothly and, as I walk around our calm, peaceful school, it is lovely to see everyone working hard, trying their best, showing great enthusiasm for their learning and enjoying their return to school. Welcome to our new pupils and new members of staff.

Please take a look at the 'Important Dates for your Diary' on the second page of the newsletter as there are many exciting events coming up during the Autumn Term.

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



'Shining in the World' at St James and St John...
The children at St James and St John have had a fantastic start to the new academic year. It has been a pleasure to see everyone demonstrating our values of **'determination'** and **'excellence'** by working hard and trying their best in their new classes.



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **05.09.2025**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

PFA of St. James and St. John...

After the huge success of last year's disco, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Family Fancy Dress Disco on **Friday 17th October** from 6.00-8.00pm.

We will be holding our first PFA meeting on **Thursday 25th September** at **9.05am** in the Main Hall so that we can start planning for this event.

We will then have another meeting before the Family Fancy Dress Disco on **Friday 17th October** at **9.05am**.

We look forward to seeing any parents who would like to help at these meetings. All parents from any year group are welcome to come along, so do come and join us :)



Our Prayer of the week...

A prayer for the start of the new academic year...

Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to see new friends.
Open my ears to hear my teacher.
Open my mind to learn new things.
Let my heart remember you are near

Help me to love others like you do.
I want to shine your light so bright in my school
Amen



Year 6 Secondary Transfer and Sayers Croft (Residential Trip) for Y6 parents...

Mr. Evans and Ms. Eriksson will be having a meeting for Year 6 parents to explain how the secondary school application process works.

Please do attend this meeting as very important messages will be given out. It is on **Thursday 11th September** at **3.45pm** in the main school hall. We will also be giving information about the Year 6 residential trip to Sayers Croft (**Monday 20th October - Wednesday 22nd October**).



Important Dates for your Diary...

Thursday 11th September - Secondary School Transfer and Sayers Croft Meeting for Year 6 parents - at 3:45pm in the Main Hall

Friday 12th September - Academic Review Day - Y1- Y6 children attend meetings with their parents. **(INSET Day / no school for Nursery or Reception children).**

Wednesday 17th September - Year 4 Parents Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Monday 22nd September - After School Enrichment Clubs Start

Wednesday 24th September - Year 6 Parents Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Thursday 25th September - PFA Meeting - 9:05am in Main Hall - all parents welcome

Friday 26th September - Non Uniform Day - children donate £1 to charity 'Plan International' to wear their own clothes

Wednesday 1st October - School Photograph Day. (No PE Kits to be worn to school today).

Wednesday 2nd October - Year 5 Parents Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Wednesday 8th October - Healthy Heart Day (further information to follow)

Thursday 9th October - Year 2 Parents Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Wednesday 15th October - Year 3 Parents Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Friday 17th October - PFA Meeting - 9:05am in Main Hall - all parents welcome

Friday 17th October - Family Fancy Dress Disco - 6:00pm-8:00pm

Monday 20th October - Wednesday 22nd October - Y6 School Residential Journey to Sayers Croft

Wednesday 22nd October - Year 1 Parents Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Thursday 23rd October - Non Uniform Day - children donate £1 to charity 'Plan International' to wear their own clothes

Monday 27th October - Friday 31st October - Half Term

Parents Working Alongside Children in Class Sessions...

We are pleased to let you know that we are again offering parents the opportunity to join in a class lesson alongside their child - after the success of last year's sessions. These sessions help to strengthen the partnership between home and school and impact positively on pupils' learning. Please do have a look at the dates above to see when the sessions are being run for each class.

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.

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’ is now available every day - for children from Nursery* to Year 6 at St James and St John C of E Primary School.

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.

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, the 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.*

We are very fortunate to have childcare provision for Nursery children. This is not available in most school nurseries.

