



# St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 11th September 2025  
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the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming new children into our Nursery and Reception classes this week. A warm welcome to all of our new children and their families to St James and St John :) Teachers of children in Year 1 to Year 6 are looking forward to meeting you at Academic Review Day tomorrow. A reminder that there will be no school for children in Nursery and Reception tomorrow.

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

## Learning at Home...

At St James and St John, children take reading books home every week in order to develop a love of reading and to improve their reading fluency. This week, all children have taken home a '**sharing book**'. This is a book that children have chosen from the class library. The 'sharing book' may be a little bit tricky for your child to read by themselves and is designed to be shared with an adult.

Children have also taken home **independent reading books** this week. These are books that children are able to read by themselves. Teachers are currently carrying out assessments to make sure that these books are at the right level for each child. The children will take home independent reading books every week.

Please do listen to your child read and support them to sound out words if they are stuck. Ask them questions too to check that they have understood what they have read. Please initial and date the book titles in your child's reading record.

Children in Y1-Y6 receive homework on a **Friday**, to be returned on **Wednesday**. The purpose of the homework is for children to further practise what they have been learning in the classroom so that children become more confident and fluent. Teachers will go through what homework your child will receive in Academic Review Day meetings tomorrow. If you are not able to attend Academic Review Day, a letter about homework will go home on Monday.



## Parents Working Alongside Children (P.W.A.C.) in the Autumn Term

We are offering parents the opportunity to join in a class lesson alongside their child on the following dates at 9:05am:

**Wednesday 17th September - Year 4 P.W.A.C.**

**Wednesday 24th September - Year 6 P.W.A.C.**

**Thursday 2nd October - Year 5 P.W.A.C.**

**Thursday 9th October - Year 2 P.W.A.C.**

**Wednesday 15th October - Year 3 P.W.A.C.**

**Wednesday 22nd October - Year 1 P.W.A.C.**

- a letter with further information will be sent home soon!



## A Few Remaining Places...

Our school is very popular in the local community. We have a few last places available in all year groups. Please tell your friends and family to apply now as these last few places will go very quickly.

Application forms are available from the school office and can be downloaded from our website:

[www.stjamesandstjohnschool.co.uk](http://www.stjamesandstjohnschool.co.uk)

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **11.09.2025**

Name of child \_\_\_\_\_ Class \_\_\_\_\_

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

## Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 1** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. Most **Year 1** pupils came to school every day; **Year 1** 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 **Year 1** for the whole of next week :)

Please make sure your child is in school every single day this term unless they are too unwell to come to school. Thank you for your help with this :)



## 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



## Person of the Week!

- Year 1** - Khadija
- Year 2** - Alexander
- Year 3** - Alsadig
- Year 4** - Aaron
- Year 5** - Sofia
- Year 6** - Mia

## Important Dates for your Diary...



**Friday 12th September - Academic**

**Review Day** - Y1– Y6 children attend meetings with their parents. (**INSET Day / no school for Nursery or Reception children**).

**Monday 15th September - Start of Year Mass at St. James's Church** - parents invited to attend

**Wednesday 17th September - Y6 Visit to Imperial War Museum**

**Friday 19th September - Y2 Visit to Tower of London**

**Monday 22nd September - After School Enrichment Clubs Start**

**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 8th October - Healthy Heart Day**

**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**

**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**

## 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 Mia in Year 6.



Mia has written a wonderfully atmospheric **setting description of the garage in Skellig**. She has shown a mature ability to capture mood and detail. In her writing, Mia has confidently used **Year 6 writing skills**. Her description doesn't just describe a place – it creates an atmosphere that makes the garage feel almost like a character itself: eerie, unsettling, and full of secrets.

Mia's writing shows both creativity and technical skill, and is confident, precise, and able to hold the reader's attention.

**Well done, Mia!**

## 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.**



# St James and St John CE Primary School

## Term Dates 2025/26

### Autumn Term 2025

1 <sup>st</sup> September 2025	INSET DAY pupils not in school
2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2025	Pupils back at school
12 <sup>th</sup> September 2025	Academic Review Day (Nursery and Reception class do not attend school for this)

Half term

27<sup>th</sup> October – 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025

End of term

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025

Pupil attendance

(73 days)

### Spring Term 2026

5<sup>th</sup> January 2026

Pupils back at school

Half term

16<sup>th</sup> February – 20<sup>th</sup> February 2026

27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Academic Review Day

End of Term

27<sup>th</sup> March 2026

(54 days)

### Summer Term 2026

13<sup>th</sup> April 2026

Pupils back at school

4<sup>th</sup> May 2026

May Day-school closed

Half Term

25<sup>th</sup> May – 29<sup>th</sup> May 2026

10<sup>th</sup> July 2026

Academic Review Day (CHANGE OF DATE)

End of Term

17<sup>th</sup> July 2026

20<sup>th</sup> July 2026

INSET Day pupils not in school

(63 days)

(Total 190 days attendance)

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## Term Dates 2026/27

### Autumn Term 2026

1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> September 2026	INSET DAYs. Pupils not in school
3 <sup>rd</sup> September 2026	Pupils back at school
11 <sup>th</sup> September 2026	Academic Review Day (Nursery and Reception class do not attend school for this)
Half term	26 <sup>th</sup> October – 30 <sup>th</sup> October 2026
End of term	18 <sup>th</sup> December 2026
	Pupil attendance (70 days)

### Spring Term 2027

4 <sup>th</sup> January 2027	Pupils back at school
Half term	15 <sup>th</sup> February – 19 <sup>th</sup> February 2027
26 <sup>th</sup> February 2027	Academic Review Day
End of Term	25 <sup>th</sup> March 2027
	(53 days)

### Summer Term 2027

12 <sup>th</sup> April 2027	Pupils back at school
3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2027	May Day Bank Holiday -school closed
Half Term	31 <sup>st</sup> May – 4 <sup>th</sup> June 2027
16 <sup>th</sup> July 2027	Academic Review Day
End of Term	22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2027
	(67 days)
	(Total 190 days attendance)