



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 26th September 2025
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Go, shine in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents that came along to our first PFA meeting of this academic year, to help plan and volunteer to help with our **Family Fancy Dress Disco** on **Friday 17th October**. Tickets will go on sale from the school office / EYFS site from Monday. From Monday, we will also be collecting donations for our **Harvest Festival** (on **Monday 6th October**) on the gate every day, next week.

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

History in Year 2: Visit to the Tower of London



It is 1666, and London is ablaze. The fire is spreading east approaching the Tower's doorstep... and the fortress is filled with gunpowder. The story of Samuel Pepys and the six-year-old boy who watched the flames of the Great Fire of London approaching from within the Tower walls was brought to life for Y2 through role-play, this week, during a **visit to The Tower of London**.

London bustles in 1666. Rampant growth results in closely built timber-frame buildings crowded within the ancient city walls... a fire burns in a Pudding Lane bakery. Y2 became apprentices on the streets of London this week, learning skills common for workers of the era: pottery, copper working, weaving, etc. in an interactive history workshop to enrich their history curriculum.

Non Uniform Day - Charitable Giving...

One of the ways we show our values of community, friendship and compassion is by donating to charity. Today, we held our first Non Uniform day of this academic year. Children brought a £1 charity donation to wear their own clothes. School Councillors reported that we raised a fantastic sum of **£96**, which will be donated to two charities we support - New Ways and Plan International. Both support children in other countries with their education. Please visit their websites to find out more:



Healthy Heart Day...

On Wednesday 8th October, Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in their **Healthy Heart Day!** This is a sponsored event, involving the children joining in with Healthy Heart activities throughout the day, including Breakdancing, Circuit Training, Skipping and making a healthy snack.



This week, you will have received a letter about **Healthy Heart Day**. A sponsor form for collecting donations was attached to your child's letter. All proceeds will go towards buying sport, dance and exercise equipment for the school. Please help us by making sure that your child wears their PE kit to school on **Healthy Heart Day** :)

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **26.09.2025**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y1, Y3 & Y6** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Y1, Y3 & Y6** pupils came to school every day; **Y1, Y3 & Y6** 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 **Y1, Y3 & Y6** 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 :)



Important Dates for your Diary...

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

Friday 3rd October - Parent Information Coffee Morning: How to read with your child at home - at 9:05am in the Main Hall - all parents welcome

Monday 6th October - Harvest Festival for Y1 to Y6 pupils - 2:00pm at St John's Church, Hyde Park - all parents welcome to attend

Wednesday 8th October - Healthy Heart Day

Thursday 9th October - Football Tournament for Y5 and Y6 pupils - at St. Mary's, Kilburn

Thursday 9th October - Parent Information Session: Times Tables - for Y3 and Y4 parents - 3:45pm in Main Hall

Friday 10th October - Parent Information Coffee Morning: SEND - Accessing Support for your Child - at 9:05am in the Main Hall - all parents welcome

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



Our Prayer of the week...

A prayer for Harvest Festival...



Dear Lord,

Each season brings something new for us to enjoy,

With sunny days and rainy days, crops grow larger, Fruit and vegetables ripen, ready for us to harvest.

Thank you for all of the food we have to eat,

Let us remember people who may not have enough.

Help us to be kind to others in words and deeds.

Amen



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Juliette

Reception - Lucy

Year 1 - Karolina

Year 2 - Cosmo

Year 3 - Rafael

Year 4 - Izzie

Year 5 - Ariani

Year 6 - Maya



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 Selim in Year 4.



In Maths, Year 4 learned about **Roman numerals**. Selim showed **excellence** in completing his work in this lesson, completing all the tasks to the best of his ability and showing **determination** to push himself on to Reasoning & Problem-Solving questions.

Selim also presented his work clearly, showing **pride** in every single question.

Selim **consistently** shows great effort in Maths, solving tricky problems and always doing his best.

Well done, Selim!

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.



Harvest Festival Assembly

Monday 6th October 2025 at 2.00pm in
St. John's Church, Hyde Park



Please bring in tinned food, dried goods (pasta, cereal, noodles etc.) and toiletries (toothbrush, deodorant, soap, shower gel) to donate to members of our community, who are in need.

Baskets will be on the gate to collect donations every day - on the Main Site and the EYFS Site - from Monday, next week.

St James and St John Family **FANCY** **DRESS** **Disco!**



Great Raffle Prizes!
Fantastic first prize, plus a fabulous mixture of adults' and children's prizes.

Friday 17th October 2025
6.00pm to 8.00pm
In the school hall

Fun, family-friendly costumes!
No scary costumes, please!

Adults £3.00 (including a free drink)

Children £2.00 (including a free drink)

Please buy your tickets from the school office / EYFS Site in advance.

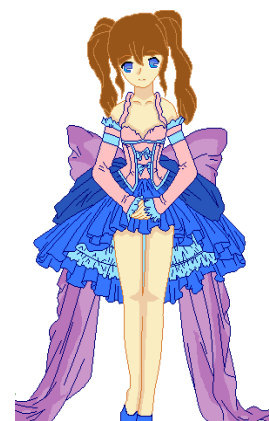
Cash only so take some cash out this weekend.

Tickets are not available on the night.

Buy your tickets early as they are very likely to sell out!

The disco will be held across our Main Hall and Lunch Hall.

We have taken safety advice on how many people we can safely host in the halls. This means that the maximum tickets we can sell is 200.



**We want everyone to have a lovely time together
but also to be safe :)**
All children must come with an adult to look after them.

Tickets will be on sale from the school office
and EYFS Site from **Monday 29th September**