



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to the PFA and the St. James and St. John staff, who generously gave up their time to plan and support our Family Fancy Dress Disco last Friday. It was lovely to see so many parents and pupils attending this event - you all looked wonderful in your fancy dress costumes :) - **see photos on pages 3 and 4!** After half term, the School Council will be selling **Remembrance poppies** for £1.00, to raise money for the Royal British Legion (in support of people, soldiers and their families killed or injured in war). The School Council will be selling poppies on the gate at 8:40am and 3:30pm every day.

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

Y6 Residential Trip to Sayers Croft

This week, Year 6 enjoyed a fantastic, fun-filled school journey to Sayers Croft, demonstrating our school values of Determination, Friendship and Community. They challenged themselves in a range of outdoor and adventurous activities including pond dipping, bouldering, a night walk and many more. The children also enjoyed dancing at their disco, exploring a World War 2 Anderson Shelter and visiting the tuck shop.



Y1 Science Visit: Floating Classroom

Year 1 participated in a workshop called Plants All Around Us on the Floating Classroom barge.

They became nature explorers and discovered the plant life in our local area as they travelled along the canal from Paddington to Little Venice on a boat.

They learnt to identify wild and garden plants, and deciduous and evergreen trees. They also investigated what a seed needs to grow, and had the opportunity to plant their own to take home.

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **24.10.2025**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y5** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **MOST Y5** pupils came to school every day; **Y5** 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 **Y5** 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...



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

Monday 3rd November - Friday 7th November
- Poppy Sale on the school gate

Monday 3rd November - Friday 7th November
- Equality Studies Week

Wednesday 5th November - Y4 Trip to Hyde Park Lookout Centre

Friday 7th November - Y6 Trip to The Floating Classroom

Tuesday November 18th - Reception Trip to the Young V&A Museum of Childhood
Wednesday November 20th - Y4 Trip to Wallace Collection

Friday 21st November - EYFS and KS1 Autumn Music Concert - at 10:00am;

Friday 21st November - KS2 Autumn Music Concert - at 2:20pm



Our Prayer of the week...

A prayer for the season of Autumn...



Dear Lord,

You have blessed us with the changing of the seasons. Remind us in the season of autumn to take time to rest.

Thank you for the wonder of your creation. We know that it is you who give us the breath of life.

Amen



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Marina
Reception - Adam
Year 1 - Nima
Year 2 - Bruce
Year 3 - Abi
Year 4 - Selim
Year 5 - Noah B
Year 6 - Lottie



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 Lucy in Reception.



This week in English, Reception have been reading **Funnybones** by Janet and Allan Ahlberg. The children have been developing their phonics skills by learning how to label a simple picture.

Lucy clearly recalled the steps to success: to stretch the word, sound-talk the word, locate it on the Grapheme Chart, and then write it independently. She applied these steps with great care and accuracy when labelling the scene of the **Funnybones** "dark, dark town," producing beautifully written work on the line.

Well done, Lucy!

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.**





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