



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 all the parents, relatives and friends who attended our Autumn Term Music Concert today. We all enjoyed watching the children showcase their talents and 'shine in the world' and will publish some photos of the concert in next week's newsletter. The weather has turned a lot colder now so please make sure that your child is wearing a warm coat to school. Many children have very similar looking coats so please make sure their name is on it too. Please ensure that your child is wearing suitable school shoes/trainers to school; and hats/gloves but these are easily lost without names in.

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

Enriching the Curriculum Through Trips and Visitors

This half term, the children at St James and St John have had opportunities for visits to further enrich their learning across the curriculum, with educational visits out, visitors to school and workshops for every class. A reminder to parents that we are asking for one annual payment of £15 per child as your contribution towards all of this year's visits, visitors and workshops. This means that once you have paid the £15.00 contribution per child, you won't be asked to make additional contributions for your child's visits or visitors during the academic year. If you haven't done so, please pay the £15 contribution on School Gateway **by Friday 28th November**. Thank you to those parents who have already made this contribution towards this year's visits, visitors and workshops.



Reception Trip: V&A Museum of Childhood

Y1 Science Visitor: Zoo Lab

Christmas Events at St James and St John

We are looking forward to the festive season at St. James and St. John. We have lots of exciting Christmas events and activities planned for the children, including the following:



- **Decoration of the Christmas Tree** - *decorated by School Council and Y6 Trust Group*
- **Christmas Crafts Sale** - *parents can buy a craft their child has carefully made after school*
- **Nativity Performance** - *performed by Reception, Y1 & Y2 children. Parents invited.*
- **Christmas Parties** - *for all classes - more details to follow! Children wear their own party clothes.*
- **Pantomime Performance of 'Beauty and the Beast'** - *for all pupils, by visiting Theatre Company*
- **Christmas Carol Service** *at St James's Church (Y1 to Y6 pupils. Parents invited.)*
- **Christmas Lunch** - *Turkey (or vegetarian option) with all the festive trimmings*

Dates and more details to follow!

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **21.11.2025**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y1** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **MOST Y1** pupils came to school every day; **Y1** 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 **Reception** 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...

Friday 28th November - Non Uniform Day - children donate £1 to charity if they choose to wear their own clothes

Monday 1st December - Y5 Visit to Science Museum

Thursday 4th December - Nativity Performance - at 10:00am in Main Hall for Reception and Y2 parents; at 2:15pm for Y1 parents

Monday 8th December - Y2 Visit to London Zoo

Wednesday 10th December - Y5 River Thames River Cruise

Thursday 11th December - Christmas Crafts Sale - at 3:30pm in the playground

Thursday 11th December - Pantomime Performance of 'Beauty and the Beast' by a visiting Theatre Group (for Nursery - Y6 pupils)

Monday 15th December - Carol Service at St. James's Church (Y1 to Y6 pupils) - at 2:00pm - **all parents welcome!**

Thursday 18th December Christmas Lunch

Friday 19th December - Last day of term

Monday 5th January - Children back at school

Our Prayer of the week...

A prayer for Equality and Compassion...

Dear Lord, O God of Creation,

Thank you for making each of us unique and special.

Help us to remember that everyone deserves to be treated with kindness, compassion and respect, Just like the brave people we've learned about in Equality Studies: Rosa, Nelson, Malala and others.

Amen



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Elodie

Reception - Sheri-Ann

Year 1 - Sophia

Year 2 - Luke

Year 3 - Olivia

Year 4 - Skye

Year 5 - Oscar

Year 6 - Lettie



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 Skye in Y4.



In English, Year 4 wrote a retelling of the story 'The Carpet of Dreams', which comes from Afghanistan.

Skye showed **excellence** in completing her work in this lesson, pushing herself to use a wide range of sentence types include **compound** and **complex** sentences and **relative clauses**.

Skye also **presented** her work clearly, showing pride in every word and making sure every sentence could be clearly understood.

Well done Skye!

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.

