



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

Friday 12th December 2025  
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Dear Parents and Carers,  
Help your child to feel confident and successful at school by attending every day before and after the Christmas holidays. Children tell us they feel very worried when they have missed school and don't understand the learning because they missed out. In our school, children continue learning the full curriculum every day to the end of term with some lovely Christmas events like class parties, Christmas lunch and pantomime sprinkled in. Children don't want to miss out on these events with their friends or miss important lessons that they won't be able to catch up with and puts them behind when they return after the holidays. In January, we start curriculum lessons from the first day back. Being part of lessons & enjoying school with their friends is what makes pupils at St James & St John so successful.  
**With best wishes, Mr Evans (Head of School) and Mr Webb (Executive Headteacher)**



**Class Pantomime...** Children had fun watching a live, festive performance of 'Beauty & the Beast' by a pantomime company this week as part of our special calendar of Christmas events.



**Class Christmas Parties...** Children have enjoyed celebrating Christmas this week by having a special Christmas party. The children enjoyed playing party games, dancing, eating a delicious party tea and watching a Christmas film. A big thank you to members of the PFA for their help setting up the parties.



**Christingle at St John's Church...** Members of the choir 'shone', singing in a special Christingle service at St John's Church on Sunday with Father Alex, Mr. Miller (Choir Director) and choral scholars from the church. During the service, the children held their Christingle, their candles lit to create a warm, magical glow symbolising the light of Christ.

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **12.12.2025**

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

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

## Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y2** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Y2** pupils came to school every day; **Y2** 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 **Y2** 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 15th December** - Carol Service at St. James's Church (Y1 to Y6 pupils) - at 2:00pm - **all parents welcome to attend!**

**Tuesday 16th December** - Y4 Geography Workshop: Rivers

**Thursday 18th December** Christmas Lunch

**Friday 19th December** - Last day of term—

**Children finish school at usual 'pick up' time** (3:15pm - Nursery and Reception; 3:30pm - Y1 to Y6)

**Monday 5th January** - Children back at school

**Monday 12th January** - Y2 History Trip to the *Florence Nightingale Museum*

**Wednesday 14th January** - Y6 PSHCE Visit to London Transport Museum - for Y6 Junior Citizenship Scheme

**Thursday 29th January** - Y5 History Trip to the *Charles Dickens Museum* - for Explorer Tour

**Friday 30th January** - Y4 History Trip to the British Museum - *How Roman was Roman Britain?*

**Monday 2nd February** - Y5 RE Trip to Westminster Abbey

**Wednesday 4th February** - Y6 West End Theatre Trip - *Matilda* at Cambridge Theatre

**Monday 9th February** - Y3 History Trip to the *British Museum* - for *Prehistoric Britain Tour*

**Tuesday 10th March** - Y6 Trip to Pizza Express - for food technology / pizza making workshop

**Thursday 12th March** - Y6 Trip to Houses of Parliament - for *Tour and Workshop*

**Friday 13th March** - Y2 Science Trip to Hyde Park Lookout Centre - for *Life Cycles Workshop*

**Monday 16th - Friday 20th February** - Half Term

**Friday 27th February** - Academic Review Day

**Friday 27th March** - Last day of Spring Term



## Our Prayer of the week...

Sunday marks the third Sunday of Advent...



Jesus,

You are peace even when there is hatred. Help us to forgive like you when we are hurt or wounded.

Bring peace into our hearts, our classrooms and our homes.

Amen



## 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 Anthony in Y1.



Year 1 have been reading the book '*Aaaarrgghh Spider!*' by Lydia Monks - about a spider who wants to be a family's pet.

Anthony wrote a brilliant story in role as a spider who was trying to show a human that they were friendly. He used the list sentence 'enormous, giant kitchen' to show the spider's sense of perspective. He included new vocabulary that we have learnt, such as 'horrified', and he used different adjectives 'black' and 'hairy' to describe the spider. He also edited his work himself to make his work even better!

**Well done, Anthony!**

## Person of the Week!

**Nursery** - Albert

**Reception** - Micah

**Year 1** - Charlie

**Year 2** - Amelia

**Year 3** - Abi

**Year 4** - Eliza

**Year 5** - Godfrieda

**Year 6** - Lottie



## 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.**



FREE FOR FAMILIES  
ELIGIBLE FOR FREE  
SCHOOL MEALS

# HEALTHY SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Stay active, eat well, have fun!

## ACTIVITIES AND FOOD FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Make the most of spring, summer  
and winter school holidays



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SCAN ME

There's lots to do in Westminster  
and Kensington and Chelsea during  
the school holidays.

Sports, music, dance, arts and crafts, and  
inclusive SEND activities - everyone can  
join the fun!

You'll also get a healthy meal  
and snacks each day you  
attend.



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# FREE SWIMMING\*

for Westminster families  
during school holidays

\*Terms and conditions apply

## Check Eligibility and Rules

- One free adult per qualifying child.
- Free swim session times vary by leisure centre – check their website for details.
- Children under-8 must be supervised by an adult (18+) at a maximum ratio of two children to one adult.
- Participants must register for an ActiveWestminster Card in advance and provide proof of Westminster residency.
- All sessions must be pre-booked. Wristbands are collected at reception.
- Available weekdays, 10am to 4pm during school holidays.



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