



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

Friday 19th December 2025  
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Go, shine in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

**Fantastic news!** Did you know that St James and St John has been recognised by The Telegraph newspaper as one of the best schools in the country? Our school has been placed 11th out of over 16,000 schools for its outcomes for children! :) Do tell your friends about our fantastic news!

You can see the article here: [Telegraph Newspaper Article](#) and you can view the schools performance table without needing to pay. **Thank you for supporting our wonderful school :)** We wish you a peaceful Christmas break and look forward to seeing you back on **Monday 5th January :)**

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



**Thank you** parents and children for your continued support of St James and St John through this term. It has been lovely to receive your well wishes for Christmas at the beginning and end of the day. This week, children enjoyed eating their delicious Christmas lunch and giving out Christmas cards to each other, to show 'friendship'.



### Carol Service at St John's Church...

Thank you to all of the parents, friends and families who joined us at St James's Church on Monday for our Carol Service. We enjoyed listening to the Nativity story and singing carols.

Well done to all the children for 'shining in the world' and singing so beautifully and to the Year 6 children who confidently shared readings and thoughtful prayers for the festive season.

### An important deadline - Tell your friends!

If you or someone you know would like a place in our Reception class for September 2026, then **applications must be made by 15th January 2026.**

### Do not miss the deadline!

Applications to Reception must be made through [eadmissions.org.uk](http://eadmissions.org.uk) by and a separate school application form handed in.

If your child is currently in St James and St John's Nursery, then **you must still apply.** Please remind other parents about applying for Reception if this applies to their child.

### Encourage them to name our fantastic school!

We have a parent tour at 9.30am on Friday 9th January. Do phone the office on **020 7504 0535** if you have any questions.



### We are always happy to help :-)

An admissions policy and application form can be picked up from the school office or on 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 **19.12.2025**

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

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

## Attendance...

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

## Our Prayer of the week...

Sunday marks the fourth Sunday of Advent...



### Dear God

As Christmas draws closer, Help us to remember anyone who is sick or lonely at this time of year:

The homeless and sad, those who are hungry or at war. May the peace and joy of Christmas reach out and touch their lives

Amen



## Person of the Week!

**Nursery** - Theodore

**Reception** - Max

**Year 1** - Andrew

**Year 2** - Cosmo

**Year 3** - Alsadig

**Year 4** - Shenouda

**Year 5** - Erdem

**Year 6** - Yousef



Everyone at some point in their life will struggle with something. If you're affected right now with anxiety, depression, trauma, grief, overwhelm, anger or relationship issues, I can help.

Counselling helps people to quickly figure out their present challenges, get clear on what to change and how, and then bravely take first steps to repair, rebuild or transform their life going forward.

I'm Juliette Jackson a counsellor and psychotherapist (HG.Dip.P)  
[www.juliettejackson.co.uk](http://www.juliettejackson.co.uk)

I work with parents and carers like you from your child's school for no charge.

Booking a session is easy

Text me on 07887553124 or e mail me [juliette@juliettejackson.co.uk](mailto:juliette@juliettejackson.co.uk) and I'll get back to you.



## Christmas Dinner at St James & St John...

Yesterday, Ms. Jennifer, Ms. Moya and Ms. Maggie prepared a yummy Christmas dinner, with turkey and all the trimmings, in celebration of the festive season. Staff and pupils agreed that the festive roast dinner was delicious and even sung 'We wish you a Merry Christmas' to express their thanks.

## 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.





### Christmas Carols at German YMCA Christmas Party...

On Thursday, children from the St John's Church Choir lived out our school value of '**Community**' when they sang Christmas carols at the German YMCA Christmas Party at Lancaster Hall Hotel.

### Important Dates for your Diary...



**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



### School Council...

At St James and St John, we show our values of community, friendship and compassion by donating to charity and giving to help others in need.



This week, School Councillors visited the local foodbank, to deliver tinned and dried food and toiletries kindly donated by our families. The School Council also led a special assembly for the whole school about 'Charitable Giving', highlighting the money we have raised, the charities we have supported and the actions we have taken as 'courageous advocates', this 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 Hiyab in Reception.



Reception have been listening to the Nativity story, which tells the Christian story of Jesus' birth and his humble beginnings in a stable.

Hiyab listened carefully to the Nativity story and captioned a story strip showing the main events. She then reflected on how she celebrates Christmas at home, drawing and labelling a diagram of her own Christmas traditions. Finally, in the independent writing area, Hiyab used her Phonics knowledge to write a letter to Santa.

**Well done, Hiyab!**

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## Term Dates 2025/26

### Autumn Term 2025

1<sup>st</sup> September 2025  
2<sup>nd</sup> September 2025  
12<sup>th</sup> September 2025

INSET DAY pupils not in school  
Pupils back at school  
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  
Pupil attendance

End of term

19<sup>th</sup> December 2025 (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)