

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

Friday 23rd January 2026  
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Dear Parents and Carers,

Recently, you received your parent curriculum information leaflet, which tells you what your child will be learning this term. We'll provide you a scheduled appointment to meet your child's teacher on **Academic Review Day**, on **Friday 27th February**, where you will be given your child's mid-year report and can have a discussion about your child's learning. We'll send a letter with your appointment time soon. In the meantime, do pop into the office and ask for an appointment to meet the teacher if you have any questions about what your child is learning this term or how you can help them.

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

## Movie Afternoon and Movie Night

On **Friday 6th February**, we will be hosting Movie Afternoon and Movie Night in the school hall.

*Children will watch a great movie along with hotdogs, popcorn and a drink!*

**Reception, Y1 & Y2** will have their **Movie Afternoon** from **1.30pm - 3.30pm**;  
**Y3, Y4, Y5 and Y6** will stay after school from **3.30pm - 5.30pm** for their **Movie Night**

**Please make a donation of £2.00 on the day.** All funds raised go to the charity **The Children's Society**, showing our value of **community**.

Children can bring along a comfy cushion from home to sit on and / or a blanket to cuddle up with.



## PFA Meeting...

We will be holding a PFA meeting on **Wednesday 28th January** at **9.05am** in the Main Hall for any parents who would like to help out with **Movie Afternoon** and **Movie Night** and an upcoming **Bake Sale** after half term for Ramadan.

We look forward to seeing any parents who would like to help at the meeting.



## Attendance and Punctuality...

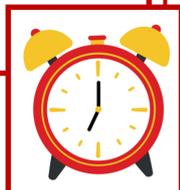
Getting your child to school really matters. Did you know...

If your child's attendance during the school year is...	your child would have lost approximately...	or they would have missed approximately...
95%	9 days	50 lessons
90%	19 days	100 lessons
85%	29 days	150 lessons
80%	38 days	200 lessons
75%	48 days	250 lessons
70%	57 days	290 lessons
65%	67 days	340 lessons

You must not take your child on holiday during term time. Please bring your child to school on time so that they do not miss out. Remember Absence = Lost Opportunity

**Attendance...** School and education is a vital time for children for their personal, emotional and academic development. We want your child learning and playing at our school every day. Attendance lower than 96% can significantly harm your child's learning, achievement, future opportunities, and mental health. Even a few missed days affect learning, leading to lower exam results and difficulty progressing to higher education or jobs. See the table above highlighting the amount of time missed in relation to attendance.

**Punctuality...** All of the children begin their day with a reading lesson, which starts at 9am. Please help by ensuring that they are in school on time by 8:55am, so that they are ready for this 9:00am start. The school gates are open at 8:40am to enable children to have a calm beginning to the day and to ensure they are ready to learn at 9:00am. Thank you for your help with this!



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **23.01.2026**

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

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

## Attendance...

Congratulations to **Nursery, Y3** and **Y6** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Nursery, Y3** and **Y6** pupils came to school every day; **Y3** 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 **Nursery, Y3** and **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...

Monday 19th January is Martin Luther King Day in America...

### God of peace,

Over the years you sent us prophets  
To cry out against injustice  
Prophets like Martin Luther King  
Who stood up to racial segregation and injustice  
Who had a dream  
Of children of different races living in harmony.  
Give us the strength of Martin Luther King  
to stand up to racism - in any shape or form  
**Amen**



## Important Dates for your Diary...

**Thursday 29th January** - Y4 Non Uniform Day  
**Friday 30th January** - Y4 History Trip to the British Museum - *How Roman was Roman Britain?*  
**Friday 30th January** - Non Uniform Day (for all classes except Y4)  
- children donate £1 to charity to wear their own clothes  
**Monday 16th - 20th February**— Half Term  
**Friday 27th February** - Academic Review Day - parents attend school with their child at their appointment time to meet the teacher and receive their child's report  
**Thursday 29th January** - Y5 History Trip to the *Charles Dickens Museum* - for Explorer Tour  
**Monday 2nd February** - Y5 RE Trip to Westminster Abbey  
**Wednesday 4th February** - Y6 West End Theatre Trip - *Matilda* at Cambridge Theatre  
**Friday 6th February**—Movie Afternoon and Movie Night (more information to follow...)  
**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 - 20th February** - Half Term  
**Tuesday 24th March** - Y1 Trip to Hyde Park Lookout Centre - exploring seasons  
**Friday 27th March** - Last day of Spring 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 Amir in Year 4.



Our whole school spent the first week of January doing 'Handwriting Week', working hard to improve our letter formation, letter heights and joins between letters.

Amir has shown **excellence** and **determination** by pushing himself to improve his handwriting and make sure everyone can read his writing easily.

You can see the difference in Amir's writing **before** and **after** his improvements – what a change!

**Well done Amir!**

## Person of the Week!

**Nursery** - Louie

**Reception** - Alexander

**Year 1** - Elisa

**Year 2** - Filip

**Year 3** - Fabio

**Year 4** - Amir

**Year 5** - Andres

**Year 6** - Max

## 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.**

