

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

Friday 30th January 2026  
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Go, shine in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

At St. James and St John, we continue to actively promote the spirit of giving in a charitable way. The School Council reported that the children raised an incredible **£125.15** for today's Non-Uniform Day, which will be donated to school charity Plan International. Thank you to those parents who attended this week's PFA meeting with Mr. Evans, to plan for next Friday's **Movie Afternoon** and **Movie Night** and a **Bake Sale** on Thursday 26th February for Ramadan. It was lovely to see so many parents in attendance to support 'community' cohesion and to support with the running of these lovely events.

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

## Celebrating Katherine Johnson

Year 5 had the fantastic opportunity, this week, to participate in a work shop hosted by Heilbronn Institute. Celebrating Mathematicians with Big Ideas, the workshop introduced Year 5 to the amazing life of mathematician, Katherine Johnson.

Year 5 learned how 'Human Computer' Katherine Johnson worked for NASA and was critical to the success of crewed space flight – her story featured in the film "Hidden Figures".



During the workshop, Year 5 met the World's Most Interesting Mathematician, Dr Angela Tabiri of the African Institute of Mathematical Sciences and discovered more about the maths which made Katherine Johnson world-famous.

## Y5 Charles Dickens House Trip



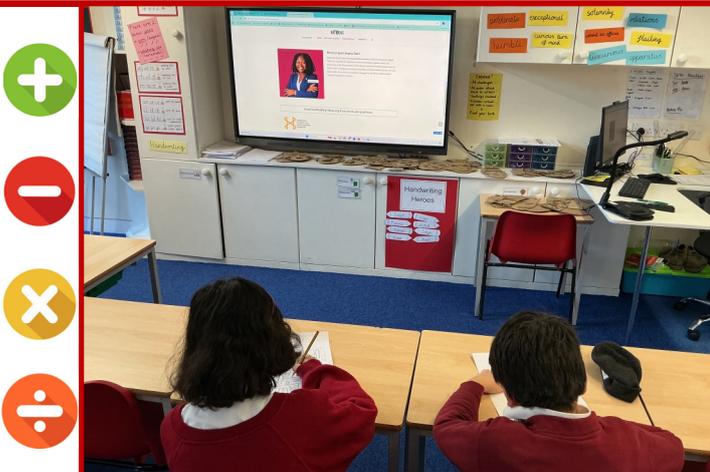
**Exciting curriculum...** Year 5 enjoyed an exciting trip to the Charles Dickens Museum, bringing their studies of the Industrial Revolution and Victorian era to life.

Students visited the home where Dickens lived and saw the desk where he wrote *Great Expectations*, gaining a fascinating insight into his life.

They even got the chance to pen something of their own, bringing the experience to life.

## Times Tables Rock Stars Go Shine Federation Competition...

Year 3 and Year 4 have been demonstrating their fantastic multiplication and division skills in a competition against all the Year 3 and Year 4 classes in the Go Shine Federation. The **determination** and **excellence** shown by the students has been impressive. Results will be announced next week. **Well done, Year 3 and 4!**



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **30.01.2026**

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

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

## Attendance...

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

*This week marked Holocaust Memorial Day*

Dear Lord,

We pray for God's ancient people;  
the Jewish people;  
the first to hear your word.

Let us never forget those who died in the Holocaust.  
We trust in you, our God of hope.

We pray for greater understanding between people,  
Whatever their religion, race or gender.

Help us to be people of hope, love and respect for all.

Amen



## Important Dates for your Diary...

**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

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

**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

**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

**Friday 6th March** - EYFS and KS1 Autumn Music Concert - at 10:00am;

**Friday 6th March** - KS2 Autumn Music Concert - at 2:20pm

**Tuesday 24th March** - Y1 Trip to Hyde Park Lookout Centre - exploring seasons

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



## Person of the Week!

**Nursery** - Theodore

**Reception** - Amelia

**Year 1** - Alysha

**Year 2** - Alexander

**Year 3** - Amaia

**Year 4** - Aaron

**Year 5** - Lucas

**Year 6** - Aisha



## 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 Katayoun in Year 3.



Year 3 have been writing a retell of *Mufaro's Beautiful Daughters*. Katayoun focused on writing in the third person, using adverbial phrases of time, and choosing ambitious vocabulary to describe characters and events clearly.

Katayoun has shown excellence and determination by producing a truly exceptional retell. It was well-organised, with each paragraph beginning clearly as it guided the reader through the story, and excitingly written with excellent character description and development.

**Well done, Katayoun!**

## 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.**



# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING



## AT DESTINATION IMAGINATION THIS FEBRUARY HALF-TERM

Holiday HQ: Destination Imagination offers a mix of activities designed for children aged 4–11, keeping them engaged throughout the day. From **Hero Activities** and hands-on **Make & Take** creations to **Skill Zone** challenges that support confidence and teamwork, every day brings something a little different. Daily themed activities include:



### DEEP-SEA DISCOVERER

- ✓ Sunken Treasure Quest
- ✓ Ocean Creature Cookies
- ✓ Sea Bottom Mini Golf



### EXPLORER ENGINEER

- ✓ Elements Endurance Towers
- ✓ Static Surge Dance
- ✓ Electric Paper Circuit



### RAPID RESCUE RESPONDER

- ✓ Disaster Dash – Save the Town!
- ✓ Mini Parachute Buddy
- ✓ Emergency Airlift Landing Zone



### INTELLIGENCE AGENT

- ✓ Operation: Escape Room!
- ✓ Cipher keypad
- ✓ Operation: Stealth Trace



### SPORTS STAR

- ✓ Super Sports Tournament
- ✓ Finger Football Frenzy
- ✓ Slam Dunk Snack Shootout

Holiday HQ by Junior Adventures Group provides trusted, Ofsted-registered holiday childcare. Flexible attendance options and a range of payment methods help families plan February half-term with confidence.



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