



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

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Go, shine in  
the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to an exciting term of learning at St James and St John :-). We will continue to use London as our classroom, providing children with a wide range of off site visits and visitors to enhance their learning and enrich the curriculum :) Please look carefully at the '**Important Dates for your Diary**' section on the back of the newsletter as there are lots of exciting events to look pop into your diary, including *Sports Day; Curriculum Presentations to Parents; Family BBQ; Music Concerts; the Y6 production and Leavers Assembly; and Academic Review Day.*

There is also an important letter to all parents and carers from Kasanah Shalders-Gayle from Westminster City Council's School Attendance Support Team, attached to this week's newsletter.

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

## Our School Golden Rules

To make sure our school is a place where children are taught to treat each other well and children can learn, feel safe and '**shine in the world**', our pupils follow the **GOLDEN RULES**.

### The Golden Rules

1. **Do be kind, helpful and polite.**  
*Don't hurt people's feelings by being rude or unkind.*
2. **Do be gentle. Don't hurt or play fight.**
3. **Do listen to people and follow instructions.**  
*Don't ignore people or interrupt them.*
4. **Do look after our things. Don't waste or damage things.**
5. **Do be honest. Don't tell lies or cover up the truth.**
6. **Do understand its OK to make mistakes.**  
*Don't laugh at those who are brave enough to have a go.*
7. **Do work hard and try your best. Don't waste time or give up easily.**



In assembly, Mr. Peters and Ms. Hubbert spoke to children about **Justice** (*making sure that everyone is treated fairly*) and **Responsibility** (*taking care of the things God has given us and doing what is right to help people even when it is hard*). At St James and St John, we treat each other well and we take responsibility by following the **Golden Rules** and demonstrating our school values.

## Easter Eucharist Service, St. John's Church

This week, pupils and staff attended an Easter Eucharist service at St John's Church, led by Father Alex, who told the children the story of Easter. Thank you to those parents who joined us for this, and well done to Year 6, who wrote and read such thoughtful and spiritual prayers.



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **17.04.2026**

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

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

## Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y1 & Y3** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **MOST Y1 & Y3** 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 **Y1 & Y3** 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 20th April** - After School Clubs start  
**Monday 20th April** - Reception trip to St James's Church  
**Tuesday 21st April** - Y4 Local Walk to Hyde Park  
**Wednesday 22nd April** - Y5 Computing Workshop  
**Friday 24th April** - Y2 Computing Workshop  
**Friday 24th April** - Non Uniform Day  
**Monday 4th May** - Bank Holiday - School Closed  
**Monday 11th May** - Y6 SATs begin  
**Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May** - Half Term  
**Friday 19th June** - EYFS/KS1 Music Concert - 10:00am  
**Friday 19th June** - KS2 Music Concert - 2:15pm  
**Thursday 25th June** - Sports Day - at Paddington Rec.  
**Friday 26th June** - Non Uniform Day  
**Friday 3rd July** - Family BBQ - 4:00-6:00pm  
**Wednesday 8th July** - Y6 Production  
**Friday 10th July** - Academic Review Day  
**Friday 17th July** - Last day of summer term

## Our Prayer of the week...

*Easter is a time of hope and new beginnings...*

**Lord God,**

We thank you for the gift of new life.

May we live our faith in the risen Lord,  
in all we say and do.

Help us to live always as Easter people.

**Amen**



## Curriculum Presentations to Parents in the Summer Term - all parents welcome to join!

**Wednesday 29th April:**

9:15am - Year 4

2:45pm - Year 3

**Wednesday 6th May:**

9:15am - Reception

2:45pm - Year 5

**Wednesday 20th May:**

9:15am - Year 1

2:45pm - Year 2



## 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 River in Y2.



This week, Year 2 wrote their spirituality prayers in their prayer books.

River reflected carefully on the questions 'When have I helped someone because of how they were feeling?' and 'Why did I choose to do this?' and wrote a thoughtful and considerate prayer in response.

River also put a great amount of care into his incredibly neat, joined handwriting and into the pictures he drew around the border of his prayer, including religious symbols and drawings that related to the topic.

**Well done, River!**

## Person of the Week!

**Nursery** - Albert

**Reception** - Amelia I

**Year 1** - Asia

**Year 2** - Cosmo

**Year 3** - Nikolaos

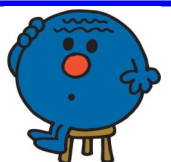
**Year 5** - Sofia



## 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.**





## City of Westminster

Dear Parents and Carers at St James and St John C of E Primary School,

I hope you're all well and keeping warm as Spring approaches. My name is Kasanah, and I work for Westminster City Council in the School Attendance Support Team.

I work with all the primary schools in Westminster to support them to improve the attendance of their pupils, as we know great attendance has a big positive influence on attainment, as well as emotional and social development.

I meet with Mr. Evans every term to discuss pupils with low attendance (under 90%).

We discuss whether the absence is authorised (such as medical appointments or school trips) or unauthorised (such as term time leave or lateness that results in a U code) and explore the barriers to attendance.

It's really important to communicate with the school every day your child is absent, with the reason why so the school is aware and to avoid any safeguarding worries.

The school is responsible for the safety of every pupil, even when they're not at school, so will contact you if they don't hear from you every day of your child's absence.

Evidence to support absences before and after school holidays may be requested due to a whole school pattern of increased absences around school holiday. Without supporting evidence, the absence might not be authorised.

I know term time holidays are a big topic at the moment. I must share that term time holidays are not allowed and cannot be authorised by headteachers. If families do take unauthorised term time leave, you might receive a fixed penalty notice fine.

For more information on this, please view St James and St John's attendance policy on the school website.

If you have any questions around attendance or would like some support to improve attendance or lateness, please do not hesitate to get in touch with your class teacher or Mr Evans.

Kind regards,  
**Kasanah Shalders-Gayle**  
Business Support Officer  
School Attendance Support Team



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