



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 8th May 2026

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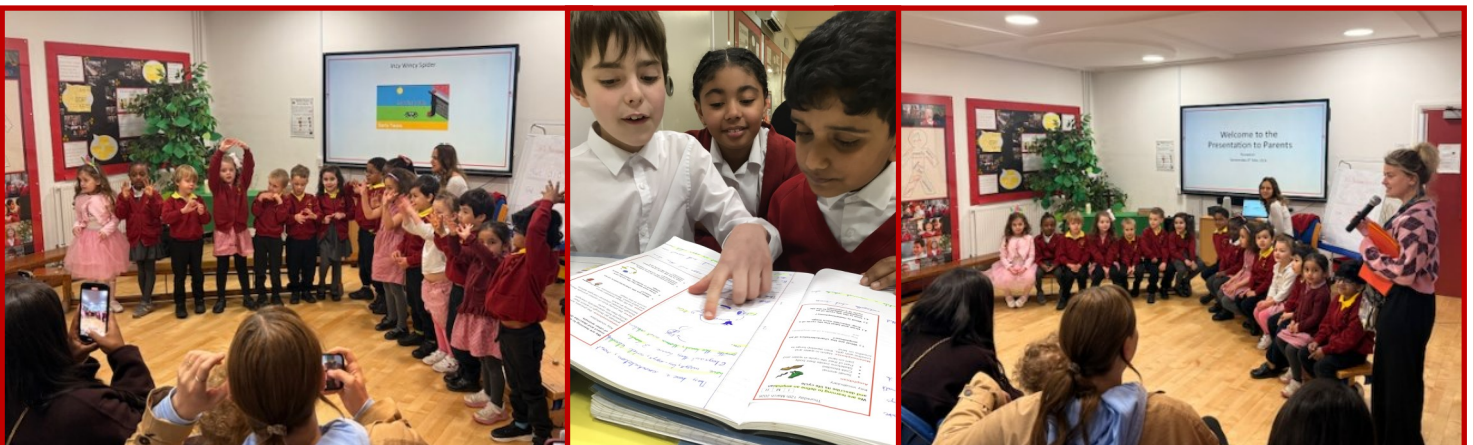
Dear Parents and Carers,

A reminder that all of the children begin their day with a reading lesson, which starts at 9.00am. 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. The children go straight to class to do some Morning Practice before 9:00am, which is a valuable opportunity for them to practise key skills and to develop fluency and retrieve key information they have learned. Thank you for your help with this!

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



Y4 Science Trip to Hyde Park... Recently, Y4 visited Hyde Park to observe the changes associated with Spring. The children did a Spring scavenger hunt to look for signs of the changing season! Year 4 then went on a hunt for leaves of different types – oval, compound, lobed and heart-shaped.



Curriculum Presentations to Parents...

Thank you to all the parents who joined us for Reception and Year 5's Curriculum Presentations this week. The children enjoyed sharing their learning with you, with both classes showing the school values of '**inspiration**' and '**excellence**'. Thank you to all of the parents who were able to join us!

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **08.05.2026**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Nursery, Y2, Y4 and Y6** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Nursery, Y2, Y4 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, Y2, Y4 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 :)



Important Dates for your Diary...

Monday 11th May - Y6 SATs begin

Friday 22nd May - Parent Information Coffee Morning: *How do we teach Relationships, Health and Sex Education?* - 9:00am in Main Hall

Monday 25th May - Friday 29th May - Half Term

Friday 19th June - EYFS/KS1 Music Concert - 10:00am in Main Hall

Friday 19th June - KS2 Music Concert - 2:15pm in Main Hall

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...

Excellence is one of our 9 Christian Values..

Dear Lord,

We thank you for examples of ways we can be excellent

We ask that you can help to put the feeling into our hearts.

Going forward, we will do better and be

better than we did the day before.

Not necessarily winning, but always striving for excellence in all that we do.

Amen



Curriculum Presentations to Parents - all parents welcome to join!

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 Rafael in Y3.



In English, Year 3 have been learning how to write a non-chronological report about the River Nile.

Rafael produced a brilliant non-chronological report about the River Nile. He used his plan carefully to organise his ideas and made sure each paragraph stayed focused on the information he wanted to share. His report included all of the key features that have been taught, including a clear title, sub-headings, an introduction and detailed facts about the River Nile.

Rafael's piece of work showed real effort, focus and pride from start to finish.

Well done, Rafael!

Person of the Week!

Nursery - Khalifa

Reception - Adam

Year 1 - Serena

Year 2 - Alexander

Year 3 - Aiden

Year 4 - Adelah

Year 5 - Nieve

Year 6 - Lilia



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.



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Children and Young People's Newsletter



Allkind



Happy May everyone! In this month's newsletter we are discussing Mental Health Awareness Week and World Laughter Day as well as our online forums coming up in June for CYP, school staff, and parents and carers.

Mental Health Awareness Week

This month, we are marking Mental Health Awareness Week, which takes place from 11th to 17th May. This annual event is organised by the Mental Health Foundation to raise awareness and promote positive mental wellbeing.

The theme for this year is "Action". We are shifting our focus from simple awareness to creating real, practical change. This is a call to take small, meaningful steps toward improving our own wellbeing and supporting those around us.

You might take action for yourself by finding one simple thing that supports your mental health. You can also take action for others by thinking about how you can help build a more supportive and connected community. When we come together, our actions become more powerful.



Taking action for mental health



What we can do for ourselves

- Take regular breaks and rest when needed
- Move your body, e.g. walking, stretching
- Do something you enjoy, even for a short time



What we can do for someone else

- Check in regularly
- Listen without judgement
- Invite them to join activities so they feel included
- Encourage them to seek help if they are struggling



Summer Term Online Forums

As part of our Whole School Approach Offer, we offer forums for children and young people, parents & carers and school staff. This is an opportunity for you to share your feedback with us on using our service and contribute to the future development of our service. We deeply care about shaping our services based on your feedback.

CYP

24 June 2026
4:30pm

School Staff

25 June 2026
4:00pm

Parents & Carers

26 June 2026
4:30pm

For more information or to show your interest in the forums, contact us on mhsteam@allkind.org.uk or speak with your allocated Practitioner.

World Laughter Day

World Laughter Day on the **3rd of May** is a global event dedicated to promoting happiness and spreading positivity through laughter. On this day, communities organise laughter sessions, group activities, and public gatherings to celebrate joy and togetherness. The concept behind this day goes beyond entertainment - it highlights laughter as a natural therapy that can improve both mental and physical health.

Laughter has the power to: reduce stress hormones, improve mood instantly, strengthen social bonds and boost overall mental health. So come on, laugh away!

What you can do

- Have a comedy film marathon
- See a stand-up show
- Share jokes with those around you
- Try laughter yoga with friends and family
- Try a solo laugh meditation



Mindfulness Corner

Sit in a comfortable position. Massage your jaw and yawn at least two times to loosen your mouth and relax the muscles in your jaw. Start by slightly smiling and then begin laughing without too much effort. Move to deep belly laughs. Pause for a moment and recognise what comes up for you. Then try again.

