



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Go, shine in the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

As you know, St James and St John belongs to a successful federation of schools. We have very well-trained, high quality staff who stay with our federation for many years. This helps to maintain stability for our pupils. Staff tend to stay with us because they enjoy the supportive working environment in our schools and because we give them opportunities for promotion and development within the federation.

At the end of each year, we say goodbye to some staff and welcome new ones. Ms. Vibert feels called to serve at her local church where she will continue to work with children, taking on the role as children's pastor. Congratulations to Ms. Sil and Ms. Green, who are beginning their journeys to become teachers, and starting their Teacher Training in September. Ms. McCaig and Ms. Vanderwal will be relocating back home to Australia while Ms. Chernenko will be continuing her career development and training to become an art therapist. We say a fond farewell to them all, thank them for their hard work and wish them all the very best for their next adventure.

We welcome Ms. Mutu, a highly experienced teacher, who has been teaching at one of our federation schools. Ms. Mutu popped in to say 'hello' to the Nursery children this week. The school has also successfully recruited Ms. McConnell, an experienced class teacher, who will be teaching Year 2 in the new academic year. Ms. McConnell popped in to say 'hello' this week and she has already taught the children this year. We also welcome Mr. Nir, who will be joining St James and St John as the Year 5 class teacher. Mr. Nir will be popping in to school to say 'hello' to the children next week. Ms. Mutu, Ms. McConnell and Mr. Nir are all very much looking forward to teaching the children in September and saying 'hello' to parents after the summer holidays.

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

Class Teachers for September...

Nursery	Ms. Silva
Reception	Ms. Mutu
Year 1	Ms. Hubbert
Year 2	Ms. McConnell
Year 3	Ms. El-Azouzi
Year 4	Mr. Buckingham
Year 5	Mr. Nir
Year 6	Ms. Eriksson



Year 6 Performance of 'Matilda'

Children in Year 6 showed our school values of 'excellence' and 'inspiration' in their fantastic performance to parents and to the school this week. Thank you to the many parents who said how incredible it was. Well done to all the children for their hard work - they really 'shone in the world' with their acting, singing and choreography.

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **09.07.2026**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y1** and **Y2** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **MOST Y1** and **Y2** 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** and **Y2** 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...

Friday 10th July - Academic Review Day

Wednesday 15th July - Y6 Leavers

Assembly - at 9:30am in Main Hall - Y6 parents invited

Wednesday 15th July - End of School Year Service at St James's Church - at **2:30pm** - all parents invited to attend

Friday 17th July - Last day of summer term - Year 6 and Year 6 siblings finish school at 2:30pm; Usual finish time for all other pupils (3:15 - Early Years Site; 3:30 - Main Site)

Thursday 3rd September -

Pupils back at school



Our Prayer of the week...

Friendship is one of our 9 Christian Values at St. James & St. John...

Dear Lord,

Thank you for all our friends...

For times when we can laugh and have fun together...

When we can be quiet together and care for each other...

Please help us to be good friends.

Help us to be quick to sort out problems and always be willing to forgive.

Amen.



The Children's Commissioner has launched a survey for children to have their say on what it's like to be a child in England today. She will take children's views to the Government, to help them make life better for children. You may like to complete the survey together and discuss your child's answers. The survey can be completed online at <https://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigfuture>. The survey is not part of the school and children's views are kept private.



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 **Eliza** in Year 4.



In English, Year 4 are working towards writing a newspaper article about the eruption of **Mount Vesuvius** that destroyed **Pompeii**. Eliza showed **excellence** by making detailed notes about the events that led up to the destruction of Pompeii. She presented her work beautifully using her best joined handwriting. All this means Eliza is well-prepared to write a brilliant newspaper article.

Well done Eliza!

Person of the Week!

Nursery - Juliette

Reception - Christina

Year 1 - Natalia

Year 2 - Amelia

Year 3 - Rafi

Year 4 - Fatima

Year 5 - Victor

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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