



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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the world



Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing families at the Family BBQ this evening. Thank you to all parents who have helped us prepare for this event. Please bring your tickets to gain entry and to receive complimentary food and drink.

We know that next week will be particularly warm. We have, once again, put plans in place to keep children as cool as possible, including giving the children plenty of water breaks during the day. Please ensure children only wear their school T-shirt and shorts or dresses to keep cool. Children must not wear jumpers or cardigans. Please apply sun cream at home before children come to school but we will keep them out of the direct sun during the hottest times. Thank you for your help with this.

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



Reception have been learning about the life cycle of a butterfly, watching caterpillars change into chrysalides before emerging as beautiful Painted Lady butterflies. The children recorded the changes in their butterfly observation diaries and loved watching them grow and change each day. The children finished our learning by releasing the butterflies into Sussex Gardens, where they flew off to continue their life cycle.



Nursery have been learning about the life cycle of a duck and enjoyed meeting our ducklings up close. Nursery and Reception children practised using gentle hands as they carefully held and observed the ducklings, learning how to keep them safe and well cared for. They showed the school values of **compassion** and **respect** as they helped care for the ducklings while they grew bigger and stronger. The ducklings have now returned to the farm to be reunited with their brothers and sisters!

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **03.07.2026**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Nursery** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Nursery** 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** 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...

Tuesday 7th July - Y1 Local Area Walk

Wednesday 8th July - Y6 Production of *Matilda* - at 10:00am - Y6 parents invited

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 welcome to attend - **change of time**

Friday 17th July - Last day of summer term

Monday 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.



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 Victor in Year 5.



As part of our English unit on poetry, Year 5 explored the beauty and mystery of the rainforest through music, images and videos. We took inspiration from Grace Nichols' poem *The Forest* before writing our own descriptive poems, using similes, metaphors and personification to bring the rainforest to life.

Victor has produced an excellent poem, creating vivid imagery and carefully chosen language that captures the atmosphere and wonder of the rainforest. His thoughtful use of figurative language makes his writing both engaging and imaginative.

Well done, Victor



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Emma

Reception - Adam

Year 1 - Charlie

Year 2 - Bruce

Year 3 - Abi

Year 4 - Shenouda

Year 5 - Erdem

Year 6 - Aisha



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



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Happy July everyone! In this month's newsletter, we discuss self-care tips over the summer holidays as well as support available during this period and our new Kindness workshop for secondary schools.

Self-care over the summer holidays

As we approach the summer holidays, it is a good time to think about how you can look after yourself and your wellbeing during the break. The summer holidays can be a helpful opportunity for you to rest, recharge and develop healthy habits. Practising self-care can support your wellbeing and help you feel more prepared for the new school year. Here are some self-care ideas you can try this summer:

Exercise and move around

Moving your body can help improve your mood, energy and sleep. You could go for a walk, play in the park, ride a bike or dance.



Start a new hobby

The summer holidays can be a great time to try something new or spend more time doing something you enjoy. You could read, play music, garden, learn a new skill or try a creative activity.

Keep a simple routine and balance your screen time

Having a simple routine can help you feel calmer and more settled. Try to keep regular times for sleep, meals, outdoor time and rest, and balance screen time with other activities.

Practise gratitude

Try to notice the good things in your day. You could write down three things you are grateful for or share something positive with someone.

Getting ready for September

Near the end of holidays, slowly get back into your school routine. You could prepare your school things, adjust your sleep routine and talk to someone about any worries



Films for the family



Join us on Sat & Sun mornings and in the school holidays for our favourite family films + free activity on Sundays.

James and the Giant Peach (1996)
SAT 11 JUL / SUN 12 JUL

Bugsy Malone (1976)
SAT 18 JUL / SUN 19 JUL / WED 22 JUL

The Lion King (1994)
SAT 25 JUL / SUN 26 JUL / WED 29 JUL

Labyrinth (1986)
SAT 1 AUG / SUN 2 AUG / WED 5 AUG

101 Dalmatians (1961)
SAT 8 AUG / SUN 9 AUG / WED 12 AUG

Muppet Treasure Island (1996)
SAT 15 AUG / SUN 16 AUG / WED 19 AUG

Monsieur Hulot's Holiday (1953)
SAT 22 AUG / SUN 23 AUG / TUE 25 AUG

8 Astonishing Animated Shorts
for ages 4+ (Various Years)
SAT 29 AUG / SUN 30 AUG / MON 31 AUG

Rio (2011)
SAT 5 SEP / SUN 6 SEP

