



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Thursday 10th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed welcoming new children into our Reception class this week. A warm welcome to all of our new children and their families to St James and St John :) Teachers of children in Year 1 to Year 6 are looking forward to meeting you at Academic Review Day tomorrow. A reminder that there will be no school for children in Reception tomorrow.

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

Learning at Home...

At St James and St John, children take reading books home every week in order to develop a love of reading and to improve their reading fluency. This week, all children have taken home a '**sharing book**'. This is a book that children have chosen from the class library. The 'sharing book' may be a little bit tricky for your child to read by themselves and is designed to be shared with an adult.

Children have also taken home **independent reading books** this week. These are books that children are able to read by themselves. Teachers are currently carrying out assessments to make sure that these books are at the right level for each child. The children will take home independent reading books every week. Please do listen to your child read and support them to sound out words if they are stuck. Ask them questions too to check that they have understood what they have read. Please initial and date the book titles in your child's reading record.

Children in Y1-Y6 receive homework on a **Friday**, to be returned on **Wednesday**. The purpose of the homework is for children to practise what they have been learning in the classroom, so that children become more confident and fluent. Many parents have told us that they would prefer **paper-based homework** to help reduce screen time for their children. We have listened to this feedback and have decided to move to mainly **paper-based homework** this term across all year groups. Teachers will go through what homework your child will receive in Academic Review Day meetings tomorrow. If you are not able to attend Academic Review Day, a letter about homework will go home on Monday.



Parents Working Alongside Children (P.W.A.C.) in the Autumn Term

We are offering parents the opportunity to join in a class lesson alongside their child on the following dates at 9:05am:

Thursday 17th September - Year 6 P.W.A.C.

Thursday 24th September - Year 4 P.W.A.C.

Thursday 1st October - Year 5 P.W.A.C.

Thursday 8th October - Year 3 P.W.A.C.

Thursday 15th October - Year 2 P.W.A.C.

Thursday 22nd October - Year 1 P.W.A.C.

- a letter with further information will be sent home soon!



A Few Remaining Places...

Our school is very popular in the local community. We have a few last places available in all year groups. Please tell your friends and family to apply now as these last few places will go very quickly.

Application forms are available from the school office and can be downloaded from our website:

www.stjamesandstjohnschool.co.uk

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **10.09.2026**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Year 2** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. Most **Year 2** pupils came to school every day; **Year 2** 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 **Year 2** 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...

A prayer for the start of the new academic year...

Dear Lord,

Use my eyes to see new friends.
Open my ears to hear my teacher.
Open my mind to learn new things.
Let my heart remember you are near
Help me to love others like you do.
I want to shine your light so bright in my school
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 Telmuun in Year 6.



For the start of the new school year, Telmuun has thoughtfully created his own prayer, sharing his hopes and wishes for Year 6.

What is particularly impressive is the thought and care Telmuun put into choosing his words. He has used mature and meaningful vocabulary to ask God for the knowledge, wisdom and understanding he will need as he takes on the opportunities and challenges of this important year.

It is wonderful to see you beginning Year 6 with such a thoughtful and positive mindset, Telmuun. Your prayer really shows how much you care about making the most of this year.

Well done, Telmuun!

Important Dates for your Diary...



Friday 11th September - Academic

Review Day - Y1- Y6 children attend meetings with their parents. (**INSET Day / No school for Nursery or Reception children**).

Thursday 17th September - Year 6 Parents

Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Monday 21st September - After School

Enrichment Clubs Start

Thursday 24th September - Year 4 Parents

Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Friday 25th September - PFA Meeting -

9:05am in Main Hall - all parents welcome

Friday 25th September - Non Uniform Day -

children donate £1 to charity 'Plan International' to wear their own clothes

Thursday 1st October - Year 5 Parents

Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Monday 5th October - Healthy Heart Day -

further information to follow

Thursday 8th October - Year 3 Parents

Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Thursday 15th October - Year 2 Parents

Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Friday 16th October - PFA Meeting - 9:05am

in Main Hall - all parents welcome

Friday 16th October - Family Fancy Dress

Disco - 6:00pm-8:00pm

Monday 19th October - Wednesday 21st

October - Y6 School Residential Journey to

Sayers Croft

Thursday 22nd October - Non Uniform Day -

children donate £1 to charity 'Plan International' to wear their own clothes

Thursday 22nd October - Year 1 Parents

Working Alongside Children - at 9:05am

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October

- Half Term

Wednesday 11th November - School

Photograph Day (No PE Kits to be worn today)

Parent Tours...

St James and St John is a very popular school in the local community. If you know someone who would like to apply for their child to join our school in September 2027, please ask them to give the office a call on **020 7504 0535**.

Mr. Evans is running parent tours in the Autumn Term on Friday mornings, to talk to prospective parents about the school and to answer questions about applications.

Please spread the word about joining our wonderful, vibrant school!

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.



St James and St John CE Primary School

Term Dates 2026/27

Autumn Term 2026

1 st & 2 nd September 2026	INSET DAYs. Pupils not in school
3 rd September 2026	Pupils back at school
11 th September 2026	Academic Review Day (Nursery and Reception class do not attend school for this)

Half term

26th October – 30th October 2026

End of term

18th December 2026

Pupil attendance
(70 days)

Spring Term 2027

4th January 2027

Pupils back at school

Half term

15th February – 19th February 2027

26th February 2027

Academic Review Day

End of Term

25th March 2027

(53 days)

Summer Term 2027

12th April 2027

Pupils back at school

3rd May 2027

May Day Bank Holiday -school closed

Half Term

31st May – 4th June 2027

16th July 2027

Academic Review Day

End of Term

22nd July 2027

(67 days)

(Total 190 days
attendance)