



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome back to school to all of our families! It has been wonderful to welcome the children back after the holidays, smiling as they enter their new classes, looking incredibly smart in their school uniforms and feeling so proud. The children have settled back into school life so smoothly and, as I walk around our calm and peaceful school, it is lovely to see everyone working hard, trying their best, following our Golden Rules, showing great enthusiasm for their learning, enjoying being back at school and '*shining in the world*', living our values. A very warm welcome to all of our new pupils, families and members of staff. We are delighted to welcome you as part of our school community.

Please take a look at '**Important Dates for Your Diary**' on the second page of the newsletter, as we have lots of exciting events and opportunities to look forward to throughout the Autumn Term.

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



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **04.09.2026**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

PFA of St. James and St. John...

After the huge success of last year's disco, we are pleased to announce that we will be holding a Family Fancy Dress Disco on **Friday 16th October** from 6.00-8.00pm.

We will be holding our first PFA meeting on **Friday 25th September** at **9.05am** in the Main Hall so that we can start planning for this event.

We will then have another meeting before the Family Fancy Dress Disco on **Friday 16th October** at **9.05am**.

We look forward to seeing any parents who would like to help at these meetings. All parents from any year group are welcome to come along, so do come and join us :)



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



Year 6 Secondary Transfer and Sayers Croft (Residential Trip) for Y6 parents...

Mr. Evans and Ms. Eriksson will be having a meeting for Year 6 parents to explain how the secondary school application process works.

Please do attend this meeting as very important messages will be given out. It is on **Thursday 10th September** at **3.45pm** in the main school hall. We will also be giving information about the Year 6 residential trip to Sayers Croft (**Monday 19th October - Wednesday 21st October**).



Important Dates for your Diary...

Thursday 10th September - Secondary School Transfer and Sayers Croft Meeting for Year 6 parents - at 3:45pm in the Main Hall

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 to school today).

Parents Working Alongside Children in Class

We are pleased to let you know that we are again offering parents the opportunity to join in a class lesson alongside their child - after the success of last year's sessions. These sessions help to strengthen the partnership between home and school and impact positively on pupils' learning. Please do have a look at the dates above to see when the sessions are being run for each class.

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.**

