



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

Friday 25th September 2026

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those parents that came along to our first PFA meeting of this academic year, to help plan and volunteer to help with our **Family Fancy Dress Disco** on **Friday 16th October**. Tickets will go on sale from the school office / EYFS site from Monday. From Monday, we will also be collecting donations for our **Harvest Assembly** (on **Wednesday 7th October**) on the gate every day, next week.

Thank you to all the Y4 and Y6 parents who recently attended the **Parents Working Alongside Children (PWAC)** sessions. If you would like to attend the remaining **PWAC** sessions, please ensure you return the letter, indicating you would like to attend

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



Year 3 Science Trip: Natural History Museum

This week, Year 3 visited the Natural History Museum for a **Dino Dig Workshop** where they learned how fossils are formed over millions of years and how animals changed and adapted over time as their environments changed. The children had the opportunity to examine real fossils, identify what they may have come from and match fossils to different animals. They used their observations to discuss what fossils can tell us about animals and the environments they lived in long ago.

Non Uniform Day - Charitable Giving...

One of the ways we show our values of community, friendship and compassion is by donating to charity. Today, we held our first Non Uniform day of this academic year. Children brought a £1 charity donation to wear their own clothes. School Councillors reported that we raised a fantastic sum of **£170**, which will be donated to two charities we support - New Ways and Plan International. Both support children in other countries with their education. Please visit their websites to find out more:



Healthy Heart Day...

A reminder that, on Monday 5th October, Nursery to Year 6 will be taking part in their **Healthy Heart Day!** This is a sponsored event, involving the children joining in with Healthy Heart activities throughout the day, including Breakdancing, Circuit Training, Skipping and making a healthy snack.



Please help your child to collect as many sponsors as they can before the event and fill up their Sponsor Form. All proceeds will go towards buying sport, dance and exercise equipment for the school. Please help us by making sure that your child wears their PE kit to school on **Healthy Heart Day** :)

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **25.09.2026**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Y4** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Y4** pupils came to school every day; **Y4** 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 **Y4** and 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 Harvest Festival...

Dear Lord,

Each season brings something new for us to enjoy,
With sunny days and rainy days, crops grow larger,
Fruit and vegetables ripen, ready for us to harvest.
Thank you for all of the food we have to eat,
Let us remember people who may not have enough.

Help us to be kind to others in words and deeds.

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 Filip in Year 3.



In English, Year 3 have been exploring **The Frog Prince Continued** and learning how to write diary entries from a character's perspective, and taking on the role of the Prince.

Before writing, pupils carefully planned their ideas by thinking about the key events in the story and how the Prince might be feeling.

Filip produced a thoughtful and engaging diary entry from the Prince's point of view. His detailed planning helped him capture the character's voice brilliantly. Filip used emotive language, strong vocabulary, and clear structure to bring his diary to life. Filip's writing shows creativity and a strong understanding of diary features.

Well done, Filip!

Important Dates for your Diary...



Monday 28th September - Y4 Ancient Greeks Workshop

Monday 5th October - Healthy Heart Day

Thursday 8th October - Football Tournament - for selected Y6 pupils

Wednesday 14th October - Lunch Tasting Session for Parents - at 2:30pm - more details to follow

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

Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October - Half Term

Wednesday 11th November - School Photograph Day (No PE Kits to be worn today)

Friday 20th November - EYFS/KS1 Music Concert - 10:00am in Main Hall

Friday 20th November - KS2 Music Concert - 2:15pm in Main Hall



Person of the Week!

Nursery - Amira

Reception - Khalifa

Year 1 - Amelia

Year 2 - David

Year 3 - River

Year 4 - Justin

Year 5 - Amir

Year 6 - Amaia



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.



Harvest Assembly

Wednesday 7th October 2026
at 3:00pm in the school hall



Please bring in tinned food, dried goods (pasta, cereal, noodles etc.) and toiletries (toothbrush, deodorant, soap, shower gel) to donate to members of our community, who are in need.

Baskets will be on the gate to collect donations every day - on the Main Site and the EYFS Site - from Monday, next week.

St James and St John **Family FANCY DRESS Disco!**



Great Raffle Prizes!

Fantastic first prize, plus a fabulous mixture of adults' and children's prizes.

Friday 16th October 2026
6.00pm to 8.00pm
In the school hall

Fun, family-friendly costumes!
No scary costumes, please!

Adults £3.00 (including a free drink)

Children £2.00 (including a free drink)

Please buy your tickets from the school office / EYFS Site in advance.

Cash only so take some cash out this weekend.

Tickets are not available on the night.

Buy your tickets early as they are very likely to sell out!

The disco will be held across our Main Hall and Lunch Hall.

We have taken safety advice on how many people we can safely host in the halls. This means that the maximum tickets we can sell is 200.

We want everyone to have a lovely time together but also to be safe :)

All children must come with an adult to look after them.

Tickets will be on sale from the school office and EYFS Site from **Monday 28th September**

