



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge **'Thank You!'** to all our families for your generosity during our Harvest collection this week! Every tin, packet and item donated on the gate is a reminder of the **friendship** and **compassion** of our school **community**. Our School Council, who organised the Harvest collection as part of their charitable giving activities, are very proud to be taking your generous donations to the local foodbank at St Matthew's Church in Bayswater after our Harvest Assembly next week, where they will help people and families in our local community. Together, as a **community**, we demonstrated how, through **'generosity'**, **'friendship'**, **'compassion'** and **'community'**, we can **"Go shine in the world!"**

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



Year 4 History Workshop: Ancient Greece

This week, in their workshop on Ancient Greece, Year 4 met Asphasia, who told them about the **Golden Age** of Ancient Greece, and how it has influenced our lives to this day - for example, in **democracy**, **philosophy**, **maths**, **theatre**, the **Olympics** and **architecture**. The children learned to respond to the commands **'march'** and **'retreat'** and to stay in a tight formation so that they stayed strong and could **defend** and **attack** well. They then tried using the Ancient Greek **script** (writing), learning to be a **scribe**. Year 4 also acted out the Greek **myth** of **Persephone** and **Demeter**, which is used to explain why we have seasons. Finally, they played some Ancient Greek **board games**!



Year 2 History Workshop: The Great Fire of London

Last week, Year 2 took part in a very exciting workshop about the Great Fire of London and Bubonic Plague. Year 2 began by listening to how the fire started on Pudding Lane and spread quickly through the city as well as examining some artefacts. It helped them understand what life was like in 1666 and why the fire was so difficult to stop. The children also made their own fire stamps out of clay and scented bags using herbs, and learned how to write like people did in the 17th Century.

I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **02.10.2026**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Nursery, Reception, Y1** and **Y4** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Nursery, Reception, Y1** and **Y4** pupils came to school every day; **Nursery, Reception, Y1** and **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 **Nursery, Reception, Y1** and **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



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.



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 Daniel in Year 4.

In English, Year 4 have been exploring ***The Wolves in the Wall*** by Neil Gaiman.

This week, pupils wrote a **diary entry** in role as Lucy, explaining what happened when the wolves came out of the walls.

Daniel used Widgit pictures to help him say sentences out loud to an adult, and then he worked completely independently to write his sentences. He also used his red pen to respond to his feedback and practise his spellings.

Well done, Daniel!



Important Dates for your Diary...



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

Wednesday 14th October - Y6 Trip to Imperial War Museum

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 - Julian

Reception - Elodie

Year 1 - Lucy

Year 2 - Gabi

Year 3 - Yorusalem

Year 4 - Olivia

Year 5 - Skye

Year 6 - Oscar



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.**

