



St James and St John C of E Primary School Newsletter

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are looking forward to welcoming lots of families to our **Family Fancy Dress Disco** this evening, from 6pm to 8pm! A reminder that **tickets are sold out**, and **no tickets will be available on the door**: we cannot admit anyone without a valid ticket, and all children must be accompanied by an adult. If you missed out this time, don't worry! We have more exciting PFA events to look forward to this year, including **Movie Night** and our **Summer Family BBQ**. A huge thank you to all the Friends of St James and St John parents who have helped with the preparations for this evening's disco. Your time and support are greatly appreciated. We hope everyone attending has a fantastic, fun-filled evening!

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

Year 6 Visit to the Imperial War Museum

Year 6 enjoyed a memorable visit to the Imperial War Museum, taking part in *We Were There: Meet Our Eyewitnesses*. Pupils heard powerful first-hand accounts from veterans and eyewitnesses of conflict, sharing stories of courage, loss and hope. Through thoughtful questions and reflection, they gained a deeper understanding of the past and the importance of keeping these stories alive.



School Council Visit to the Foodbank

This week, as part of their charitable giving work, School Councillors delivered the wonderful collection of food donated for our Harvest Festival safely to our local food bank at St Matthew's Church in Bayswater, where it will help support individuals and families in need. This is a fantastic example of our school values of '**community**', '**compassion**' and '**friendship**' in action, showing how even the smallest acts of kindness can make a big difference. Together, we continue to '**Go Shine in the World!**'



School Lunch Tasting Session

Thank you to parents who joined us for our School Lunch Tasting Session this week. It was a wonderful opportunity to sample some of the delicious dishes on offer to our children and learn more about the school's commitment to providing nutritious, balanced and tasty school meals. Many of you told us how delicious the food tasted. Thank you to our kitchen staff and the Chartwells team for hosting the session, encouraging healthy eating habits and making lunchtimes delicious and enjoyable for all our children!



I have received and read the St James and St John CE Primary School newsletter of **16.10.2026**

Name of child _____ Class _____

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

Attendance...

Congratulations to **Nursery, YR, Y1 & Y3** for having the **BEST ATTENDANCE** this week. **ALL Nursery, YR, Y1 & Y3** pupils came to school every day; **Nursery, YR, Y1 & Y3** 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, YR, Y1 & Y3** 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 Muhammad in Year 1.



In RE, Y1 have been learning about creation, and how to care for and look after our wonderful world.

Muhammad thought carefully about all the things he loves in the world and wrote a thank you poem about them. He worked carefully with Ms. Hubbert sounding out the words, using his phonics and his neatest handwriting. He wrote that we can care for creation by "keeping it clean". Muhammad showed our values of determination and inspiration when completing his work, and even showed it to Mr.

Evans for a headteacher's award!

Well done, Muhammad!

Important Dates for your Diary...



Monday 19th October - Wednesday 21st October - Y6 School Residential Journey to Sayers Croft

Monday 19th October - Y1 History Walk to Paddington Station

Wednesday 21st October - Firefighter visiting EYFS

Thursday 22nd October - Non Uniform Day for Reception and Nursery - children donate £1 to charity 'Plan International' to wear their own clothes

Friday 23rd October - Non Uniform Day for Y1 -Y6 - children donate £1 to charity 'Plan International' to wear their own clothes

Friday 23rd October - Reception and Nursery visiting Library

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 - Eve

Reception - Emma

Year 1 - Amia

Year 2 - Asia

Year 3 - Bruce

Year 4 - Katayoun

Year 5 - Astor

Year 6 - Diogo



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.

