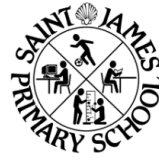


St James Church of England Primary School

News Letter 23rd September

Let all that you do be done in love 1 Corinthians 16:14



SCHOOL LIFE

Welcome back to school routines. Children have settled in to their new year groups really quickly and lots of events are filling up the calendar. On the first day we gave out the rewards for the summer term and I love watching how proud the children look knowing their teacher is proud of them. Sports events and ice-cream on the second day of term was another joyous event and all children threw themselves into the events brilliantly. We were then very lucky to get tickets for everyone in year 6 to go and see the Test Match at Edgbaston – children tell me it was brilliant and they got to see plenty of wickets.

At lunchtimes this year we have decided to start building more play opportunities through a programme we have called 'SHINE'. Lots more activities are set out and children are encouraged to use their imagination. As the year progresses lots of new opportunities will be added to this programme and I know lots of children are applying to become shine ambassadors and they will be supporting the younger children to – **Share, Help, Include, Never Give Up and Enjoy Play!**

I am beginning to get requests for Year 6 children to walk home after school – please put this in writing and make sure children understand they are to go straight home no distracting trips to the shops! If your child stays to an after-school club they are not allowed to walk home alone in the Autumn and Spring term due to the darker nights coming.

Reception school places for September 2027 – The admissions process opens on 1st October and you access this on www.birmingham.gov.uk

MALACHI TRUST

We are lucky to have the support from Malachi Trust who offer a one-to-one support service for families; they create a safe space for families to express themselves and to promote good mental health and wellbeing. They can support with Emotional Wellbeing, School Attendance, Family Relationships, Behaviour, Anxiety & Stress and Self Confidence. If you feel that this is a service that you would benefit from, please speak to Mrs Pritchard.

ATTENDANCE

Whole School attendance for last academic year was 94% which was more in line with national expectations for good school attendance. Good attendance is everyone's responsibility and being in school everyday makes a real difference to children's learning, friendships and wellbeing. Every lesson missed is an opportunity lost, and we want to ensure all our children can make the most of their time at St James.

This year we will continue to work closely with families to support good attendance. If you're concerned about your child coming to school, please speak to Mrs Sagoo or Mrs Pritchard, we are here to try and help overcome any issues you may be having.

Attendance Matters



Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

STAR OF THE WEEK



Week Beginning – 07.09.26		Week Beginning – 14.09.26	
RJ – Azarah-Lee	RC – Remayah H	RJ – Raji	RC – Eshaal
1C – Kwame	1L – Eimear-Rae	1C – Kedus	1L – Nicardo
2AL – Navkirat	2AR – Mandara	2AL – Hania	2AR – Hazmin
3M – Anayah	3G – Kaiden	3M – Taqdeer	3G – Owais
4R – Rykai	4O – Isobel H	4R – Evalina	4O – Asher
5C – Jorawar	5H – Leyla	5C – Sehajpreet	5H – Ekamvir
6M – Jahni	6N – Nylah	6M – Sonam	6N – Erica

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2026-2027

Thursday 15 th October	Year 3 Falconry Centre Trip
Monday 19 th October	Individual Photographs
Friday 23 rd October	Half-term
Monday 2 nd November	Children return to School
Tuesday 3 rd November	Year 5 Wonder Dome Workshop
Wednesday 4 th November	Year 6 London Trip - Residential
Thursday 12 th November	Parents Evening – 4pm -8pm
Friday 13 th November	Inset Day 3 – Staff only
Monday 16 th November	Year 3 Stone Age Workshop
Tuesday 17 th November	Year 6 RAF Cosford Trip
Monday 23 rd November	Year 4 Mountain Workshop
Tuesday 1 st December	Year 5 Egyptians Workshop
Friday 18 th December	End of Term – Christmas Break
Monday 4 th January	Inset Day 4 – Staff only
Tuesday 5 th January	Children return to School
Tuesday 12 th January	Year 6 Antarctica Workshop
Thursday 28 th January	Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
Friday 12 th February	Half-term
Monday 22 nd February	Children return to School
Thursday 4 th March	World Book Day
Monday 8 th March	Year 4 Viking Workshop
Thursday 25 th March	End of Term – Easter Break
Monday 12 th April	Children return to School
Tuesday 27 th April	Year 3 Ancient Greeks Workshop
Monday 3 rd May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 10th May	SATs Week Year 6 – No Holidays
Friday 28 th May	Inset Day 5 – Staff only
Friday 28 th May	Half-term
Monday 7 th June	Children Return to School
Wednesday 21 st July	End of Term – Summer Break