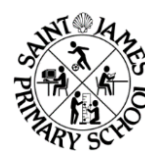


St James Church of England Primary School

News Letter 3rd May 2023

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



SCHOOL LIFE

I have started to see some of the competition entries arriving in school as we build up to the King's Coronation events in school on Friday. Please remember children should come to school wearing – red, white or blue so we can reflect the flag! Lots of you booked the special dinner and we look forward to celebrating with the children in school on Friday.



Year 2 children enjoyed their trip to the Botanical Gardens and saw lots of different species of plants growing in different environments.



ATTENDANCE

Average school attendance for the year so far is 90% which is below Government expectations and a real worry in terms of missed learning opportunities and consistent routines.

Whilst we recognise that there are extraordinary viruses and illnesses around at the moment Persistent Absence continues to be a real concern, as we continue to have unauthorised leave in term time and high rates of absence from a small group of the same children. The local authority has started to issue fines to any families taking leave in term time.

Classes 2M & 4U won the attendance bears for last week

Thank you to all of you who continue to make it your priority to get children into school every day and on time. **Parents must remember to call school to report your child's absence.**

STAR OF THE WEEK



Week Beginning – 17.04.23		Week Beginning – 24.04.23	
RM – O'Ryah	RO - Dahmone	RM – Aarondeep	RO – Omar-Bun
1J – Sehajpreet	1D – Oluwajoba	1J – Jorawar	1D – Adam
2M – Jay'ovanni	2O – Tenaya	2M – Drishika	2O – Mustafa
3K – Liyana	3R – Reko	3K – Andrew	3R – Rawiezh
4H – Ezekiel	4U – Sufiyan	4H – Zaciah	4U – Arnavjot
5C – Mosiyah	5M – Dehquan	5C – Jannat	5M – Amelia
6G – Tuba	6N – Sienna	6G – Ian	6N – Muhammed

Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Friday 5th May	Red, White and Blue day – King’s Coronation Feast and activities
Monday 8 th May	King Charles Bank Holiday – School Closed to all
Tuesday 9 th May	Year 6 SATs Week begins – No holidays Please ensure Year 6 children arrive at school on time so we can get them settled and ready for tests.
Monday 22 nd May	Year 6 Bikeability Week
Thursday 25 th May	Year 4 trip to Walsall Art Gallery
Friday 26 th May	End of Half-Term
Monday 5 th June	Children return to School
Tuesday 6 th June	Year 1 Trip to West Midlands Safari Park
Monday 12 th June	Year 6 Theatre Workshop Careless Talk
Wednesday 14 th June	Year 4 Residential Trip to Woodlands
Monday 19 th June	Whole School Art Week Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 4 th July	Year 6 Leaver’s Service at St Philip’s Cathedral
Wednesday 5 th July	Year 6 – 7 Transition day / visits to new Secondary School
Thursday 13 th July	Year 6 Leaver’s Production 6pm
Tuesday 18 th July	Year 6 Safari Park Trip
Thursday 20 th July	Year 6 Graduation and Party 9.30am
Friday 21 st July	End of Summer Term

New School year 2023-2024 – Key Dates

Monday 4 th September	Teacher Training Day 1 – School Closed to pupils
Tuesday 5 th September	Teacher Training Day 2 – School Closed to pupils
Wednesday 6th September	Children Year 1 to 6 return to school 8.45am
Monday 11 th September	Reception classes start school full time 8.45am
Wednesday 13 th September	Roald Dahl Story Day
Tuesday 10 th October	World Mental Health Day
Friday 27 th October	End of half-term
Monday 6th November	Start of new term - Children return to school 8.45am
Monday 13 th November	Anti-Bullying Week
Friday 18 th November	Children in Need – Charity Day
Friday 22 nd December	End of term for Christmas Break
Monday 8th January	Start of Spring Term – Children return to school 8.45am
Friday 9 th February	End of half-term
Monday 19 th February	Teacher Training Day 3
Tuesday 20th February	Children return to School 8.45am
Friday 22 nd March	End of Spring term for Easter Break
Monday 8 th April	Teacher Training Day 4
Tuesday 9th April	Children return to School 8.45am
Thursday 2 nd May	Elections – School Closed TBC
Monday 6 th May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed
Friday 24 th May	End of half-term
Monday 3rd June	Children return to school 8.45am
Friday 19 th July	End of term for children
Monday 22 nd July	Teacher Training day 5