# St James Church of England Primary School News Letter 8<sup>th</sup> November 2023



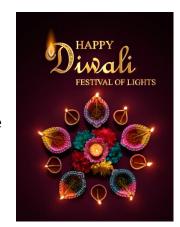
Let all that you do be done in love 1 Corinthians 16:14

## **SCHOOL LIFE**

It has been wonderful to see everyone return to school this week with huge smiles and big thick coats to keep nice and warm! We hope you had a lovely break and for all are families who celebrate Diwali – we hope you enjoy the special time with loved ones this weekend. Visitors and trips for new topics are now getting underway – children are already engrossed in new learning.

Below are the topics for each year group, this half term:

Reception	Story Time
Year 1	Changes in Living Memory
Year 2	The Coast
Year 3	Stone age to Iron age
Year 4	Mountains and Rivers
Year 5	Ancient Civilisations
Year 6	World Wars





Year 3 had a lovely start to their new topic with a Stone age to Iron age workshop. The children learned what it was like to live in that era. The engagement level was very high and the children had a great day.

#### ANTI-BULLYING WEEK

Next week is Anti-bullying week, we will be doing assemblies and learning in class about this. As part of this it is world kindness day on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> November, as always we will be encouraging the children to be kind to one another as this forms a big part of our school values.

## CHILDREN IN NEED - FRIDAY 17TH NOVEMBER

To help raise money for this charity, the children can give a £1 donation to come to school wearing non-uniform. We look forward to seeing you all in your bright, spotty, stripy, Pudsey clothes. – Lets be SPOT-tacular!



### **ATTENDANCE**

Whole School attendance for last week was 93.7%. This is below our school expectations for good attendance. Thank you to all of you who continue to make it a priority to get children into school every day, so that they can maximize their learning opportunities and have consistent routines.

Please remember holidays should not be taken in term time.

The local authority will issue fines to families where this is the case.

To date 7 fines have been issued.

Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16



Week Beginning – 16.10.23		Week Beginning – 23.10.23	
RM – Kaison	RO – Kozan	RM – Rhea	RO – Tajah
1J – Leon	1M – Mahir	1J – Senen	1M – Jake
2K – Anmol	20 – Reyan	2K – Teegan	20 - Gurveen
3C – Giselle	3R – Jahni	3C – Kaycie	3R – Ava
4H - Jae'ton	4M – Olivia	4H – Andrew	4M – Isaiah
5U – Reet	5M – Jaskaran	5U – Alis	5M – Gurkirat
6G – Maria	6N - Sukhraj	6G – Is'Haaq	6N – Amar

## **SCHOOL CALENDAR**

Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> November			
	Year 6 Residential Trip to London –		
Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return from London – Birmingham New Street		
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Anti-Bullying Week		
	Year 4 Mountains Workshop		
Tuesday 14 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Ancient Egyptians Workshop		
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 trip to RAF Cosford		
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Class 3R Diwali Assembly – 2:30pm – Parents Welcome		
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – Charity Day		
Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> November	Reception – Jack and the Beanstalk workshop		
	Parents and Carers Evening 1		
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Parents and Carers Evening 2		
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> November	New Reception Open Day - 9:30am – 11:30am & 2pm – 3pm		
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity – 2:15pm – Year 1 Parents Welcome		
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Year 1 & 2 Nativity – 2:15pm – Year 2 Parents Welcome		
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December	End of term for Christmas Break		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Start of Spring Term – Children return to school 8.45am		
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 6 Antarctica Workshop		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 Saxons & Vikings workshop		
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop		
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 5 Trip to Gurdwara		
Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> February	End of half-term		
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	Teacher Training Day 3		
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to School 8.45am		
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> February	'Young Voices' Concert – Resorts World Arena		
Tuesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 6 Think Forensic Workshop		
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day – dress up as a book character		
Friday 22 <sup>nd</sup> March	End of Spring term for Easter Break		
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	Teacher Training Day 4		
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	Children return to School 8.45am		
Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 3 Ancient Greeks Workshop		
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> April	Year 4 trip to Walsall Art Gallery		
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Year 2 trip to Botanical Gardens		
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Elections – School Closed TBC		
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday – School Closed		
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Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 2 trip to Central Mosque		