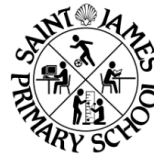


# St James Church of England Primary School

## News Letter 11<sup>th</sup> September

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



### SCHOOL

Welcome back! What a wonderful start to the year we have had. The children have come back looking very smart and have been getting to know their new teachers and classrooms. Some children settle in very quickly and others need a little more support to get used to the new environment and new staff. If you are concerned over the next few weeks that your child needs support to settle in, then please talk to Mrs Buckle the learning mentor.

We start the new term with good news – following the school inspection in July our Ofsted report is now published and we retain our good status. We have linked this on the website. It celebrates the hard work that we have been doing around the curriculum, reading and ensuring all children get supported to do well. Thank you for continuing to support our school and with waiting lists in most year groups we are proud of our achievements.

The term has quickly entered the trips and workshop stage of new topics – and children are already fully immersed in their new areas of learning. Please read trip letters carefully as we do sometimes need to travel a great distance and start times can vary. Following on from a successful visit to the Theatre in the summer term – we have secured tickets for year 3 to go to the Theatre as well this term! What a fantastic opportunity – please keep an eye out for all dates.

### YEAR 6 PARENTS

This is a crucial time to visit secondary schools and attend open evenings before applying online for your school places for Year 7. Please ensure you think about distance to school when applying for school places and if you need support Mrs Sagoo in the office will be sending out more information.

### UNIFORM FOR SPORTS LESSONS

All of the juniors have a PE T-shirt and should be bringing this to school with their PE Kit on the days they have lessons. Please note children should always wear their school uniform to school and then get changed for their lesson at school.



### ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for last year was 93.09%. This is below our school expectation for good attendance. It is very important that children attend school every day and on time so that they can maximise their learning opportunities and have consistent routines. If your child is too unwell to attend school, you must call the office on the first day of their absence. If your child is absent from school and we haven't been provided with a reason, or if contact cannot be made with parents, then school has a duty to report this to the local authority as children are seen as missing from education.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

Please remember holidays must not be taken in term time. The Local Authority will issue fines to any families where this is the case. Last year over 40 fines were issued.

*Let Your Light Shine* Matthew 5:16

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 4 trip to Think Tank
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 1 trip to Sandwell Valley
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 2 Mini Beast workshop
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 3 trip to Falconry Centre
Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 3 Trip to Alexandra Theatre
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Individual and Family Photographs
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	End of half-term
<b>Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Start of new term - Children return to school 8.45am</b>
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 4 Mountains workshop
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 6 Residential Trip to London
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November	Children return from London – Birmingham New Street
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 3 Stone Age to Ice Age workshop Year 6 trip to RAF Cosford
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Children in Need – Charity Day</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> November	Year 5 Ancient Egyptians Workshop
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November</b>	<b>Parents Evening – 4-7pm (No Clubs)</b>
Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance for Year 1 Parents – 2.15pm
Tuesday 17 <sup>th</sup> December	Nativity performance for Year 2 Parents – 2.15pm
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	End of term for Christmas Break
<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day 3</b>
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>Term starts for Children</b> Year 6 Antarctica Workshop
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 4 trip to Tamworth Castle
Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February	End of half-term
<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>Children return to School 8.45am</b>
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Year 2 Great Explorers Workshop
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Year 6 Forensic workshop
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	World Book Day
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	End of Spring term for Easter Break
<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Children return to School 8.45am</b>
Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May	Early May Bank Holiday – <b>School Closed</b>
Wednesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2 trip to Botanical Gardens
Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 6 SATs Week – No holiday
Tuesday 13 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 1 trip to The Grand Theatre
Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 3 Ancient Greeks workshop
Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	End of half-term
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day 4</b>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June</b>	<b>Children return to School 8.45am</b>
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 5 trip to Black Country Museum
Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 Woodlands Residential Trip
Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 4 return from Woodlands
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> July	Year 3 trip to Roman Lunt Fort
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	End of term for children
<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> July</b>	<b>Teacher Training Day 5</b>