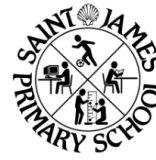


# St James Church of England Primary School

## News Letter 21<sup>st</sup> October

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



### SCHOOL

Lots of important information being shared this week so not much space for news! I did want to mention that Year 3 had a wonderful trip to the Theatre and I am informed behaved beautifully and loved every second of it! I am so happy with our programme of trips and wonderful moments that the children get to experience here.



### IS YOUR CHILD DUE TO START SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

Children in Birmingham can start school (Reception) in the September after their fourth birthday. If your child was born between 1 September 2020 and 31 August 2021, they will be able to start school in September 2025. Applications for primary school in September 2025 opened at 9:00am on 1 October 2024. **The closing date is at 11:59pm on 15 January 2025.**

### YEAR 6 SECONDARY SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

**The closing date is at 11:59pm on 31 October 2024.** Applications received after the statutory closing date (31 October 2024) for secondary school transfers will only be considered after applications received on time have been processed. Late applications will be processed after 3 March 2025.

Late applicants are less likely to get a place at one of their preferred schools for their child as most schools in Birmingham fill to their published admissions numbers with on time applicants that met their admissions criteria. Both of the above applications can be made via the following:

<https://eadmissions.birmingham.gov.uk/prefs.php>

### IS YOUR CHILD ENTITLED TO RECEIVE A FREE SCHOOL MEAL?

Your child may be able to get free school meals if you get any of the following:

- Income Support / income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- support under Part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- the guaranteed element of Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (provided you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)
- Working Tax Credit run-on - paid for 4 weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- Universal Credit - if you apply on or after 1 April 2018 your household income must be less than £7,400 a year (after tax and not including any benefits you get)

If you think you may be entitled, an application can be made via the following:

<https://apply.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/birmingham>

### APPOINTMENTS & LOST PROPERTY

Reminder to parents that dental and opticians' appointments should not be made during school hours, these appointments should be made either after school or during the school holidays. We have accumulated quite a bit of lost property, including jumpers, cardigans, and coats. If your child has lost anything, please come to the small hall after school on **Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October from 3pm onwards.**

*Let Your Light Shine* Matthew 5:16

## ATTENDANCE

Whole school attendance for last week was 93.5%. This is below our school expectation for good attendance. It is very important that children attend school every day and on time. If your child is absent, please inform the school and provide a reason. If a reason is not provided your child will have an unauthorised mark for the day.

**MOMENTS  
MATTER,  
ATTENDANCE  
COUNTS.**

## STAR OF THE WEEK

Week Beginning – 30.09.24		Week Beginning – 07.09.24	
RM – Jaylan	RO – Navkirat	RM – Eliza	RO – Arvan
1C – Freddy	1L – Raya	1C – Dalai	1L – Kaptaan
2C – Niealah	2O – Aarondeep	2C – Aizah	2O – Asher
3B – Kanika K	3M – Adam	3B – Sehajpreet	3M – Jasmeet
4C – Bethany	4R – Giselle	4C – Kshaun	4R – Trevarn
5H – Anisa	5M – Asma	5H – Maria	5M – Harmani
6G – Danielle	6N – Aayan	6G – Eman	6N – Zaina

## SCHOOL CALENDAR 2024-2025

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 25<sup>th</sup> May

End of half-term

**Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> June**

**Teacher Training Day 4**