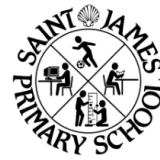


St James Church of England Primary School

News Letter 10th September

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



SCHOOL LIFE

What a wonderful start to the new term – children have come in ready to learn and they have all settled in quickly with their new teachers. It is wonderful to see the new topics and class novels start – children are very committed to learning as much as they can and we love this enthusiasm. Ask children about this terms topics and encourage them to read at home, some children have told me they didn't read once during the six weeks holidays so we are doing our best to get them to catch up quickly.

We are entering our second year of being part of the Voice 21 Oracy Programme – this helps children to develop their speaking and listening skills. Children get to learn about discussions and presentations while building confidence in expressing ideas clearly. You will start to notice children getting stickers and prizes for great oracy work in class – this involves them talking well but also listening!



Trips start next week with Year 5 going to the National Space Centre – please check the details as they will have different times on that day as it is a long journey.

CHOIR OPPORTUNITY SATURDAY MORNINGS

The World Youth Music Choir which is free to 8-16 year olds meet during term time on Saturday mornings at 10am. Grosvenor Road Studios, 16 Grosvenor Road, Birchfield, B20 3NP. Take a look on their website to find out more information.

ATTENDANCE

Whole School attendance for this week is 96%. This is in line with our school expectation for good attendance. Well Done everybody – lets keep this up.

Attendance Matters



Congratulations to Classes 20 & 4R who won the attendance bears.

Every Day Counts....

Well done to classes RO, RM, 1L, 2O, 2A, 3A, 3B, 4R, 6G and 6N for having attendance over 95%.

Parents, please remember to contact school by 10.00am if your child is absent from school. If school is not given a reason, then it is recorded as an unauthorised absence.

PE T-SHIRTS

Your child would have already been given one PE t-shirt from us. If you would like an additional one or a bigger size they are now available to buy on our school shop via the Teacher2Parents app. They are on sale for a discounted price of £5.

Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

Wednesday 3rd September	Children Year 1 – 6 return to School
Wednesday 17 th September	Year 5 trip to National Space Centre
Monday 22 nd September	Year 6 Bikeability
Tuesday 7 th October	Year 2 Mini Beast Workshop
Monday 13 th October	Whole School Flu Immunisations
Monday 20 th October	Individual & Family Photos
Thursday 23 rd October	Parents Evening
Friday 24 th October	Half-term
Monday 3 rd November	Children return to School
Wednesday 5 th November	Year 6 London Residential Trip – Meet at New Street
Friday 7 th November	Year 6 London Residential Trip – Return day
Monday 10 th November	Year 3 Stone Age to Iron Age Workshop
Tuesday 11 th November	Year 4 Mountain Workshop
Monday 17 th November	Year 5 Egyptians Workshop
Thursday 18 th December	Aladdin Pantomime in school
Friday 19 th December	End of Term – Christmas Break
Monday 5 th January	Inset Day 3 – Staff only
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to School
Monday 12 th January	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop
Tuesday 13 th January	Year 4 Saxons Workshop
Monday 19 th January	Year 6 Polar Workshop
Friday 13 th February	Half-term
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to School
Monday 2 nd March	Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Monday 9 th March	Year 2 Great Explorers Workshop
Friday 27 th March	End of Term – Easter Break
Monday 13 th April	Children return to School
Monday 20 th April	Year 3 Ancient Greeks Workshop
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Monday 11th May	SATs Week Year 6 – No Holidays
Friday 22 nd May	Half-term
Monday 1 st June	Inset Day 4 – Staff only
Tuesday 2 nd June	Children Return to School
Monday 8 th June	Year 3 Romans Workshop
Friday 17 th July	End of Term for Children
Monday 20 th July	End of Term for Staff – Inset Day 5