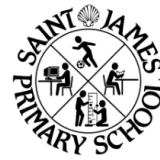


St James Church of England Primary School

News Letter 15th January

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



SCHOOL LIFE

Happy New Year – it was lovely to see lots of happy faces last week as they returned to school. Children have begun their new topics and learning is going well. Please keep checking the calendar so children don't miss their workshops and trips. Clubs start next week – please note that if it starts snowing they will not go ahead so that staff can travel home safely. Please keep your phones on and be in the local area.

SNOW CLOSURES

This is always a tricky one as some families can make it to school and some can't. On Friday with no buses or trains and roads being blocked I decided to close and switch to online learning as nobody could get to school safely. Considering we have not done this for a while – it worked really well ☺ Thank you for everyone that logged on for some morning lessons. I loved seeing the snowman photographs!



Please note these plans will be activated again if we judge the conditions unsafe at school and unsafe for teachers and families to travel to school.

We do have some extra devices at school that we can provide families with – if you wish to be put on the device waiting list please ask the office to add your name to the list.



RECEPTION CLASS 2026

Please make sure you have applied for school places before the January deadline. If your child was born between 1 September 2021 and 31 August 2022, they will be able to start school in September 2026. Please go online to make your application for a school place – the form can be found on www.birmingham.gov.uk.

The deadline to do this application is Thursday 15th January 2026 at 11:59pm.

ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY

Regular school attendance is one of the most important factors in helping children achieve their best. Even missing just a few days can make it harder for them to keep up with learning and friendships.

We understand that sometimes illness or emergencies happen, but where possible, please aim to ensure your child is in school every day and on time. Good attendance builds confidence, supports progress, and sets positive habits for life.

Attendance Matters



Our whole school attendance for last week was **92%**, which is well below the national average of 95%. Let's work together to give our children the best chance to shine – every day really does count!

Congratulations to Classes 2A and 4C who won the attendance bear.

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.

Let Your Light Shine Matthew 5:16

STAR OF THE WEEK



Week Beginning – 08.12.25

RM – Aaliyah L	RO – Aurelia
1C – Aryan	1L – Logan
2A – Elias	2O – Noah
3A – Diego	3B – Alaiysha
4C – Harris	4R – Mazza
5H – Ahmed	5M – Prabsahaj
6G – Kevin	6N – Rumaisa

SCHOOL CALENDAR 2025-2026

Monday 19 th January	Year 6 Polar Workshop
Tuesday 27 th January	Year 1 Great Fire of London Workshop
Friday 13 th February	Half-term
Monday 23 rd February	Children return to School
Monday 2 nd March	Year 4 Vikings Workshop
Wednesday 4 th March	Year 3 trip to Cadbury World
Monday 9 th March	Year 2 Great Explorers Workshop
Tuesday 24 th March	Year 6 Think Forensic 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
Tuesday 21 st April	Year 4 trip to Walsall Art Gallery
Wednesday 22 nd April	Year 2 trip to Botanical Gardens
Monday 4 th May	Bank Holiday – School Closed
Thursday 7 th May	School Closed – Polling Station
Monday 11 th May	SATs Week Year 6 – No Holidays
Wednesday 20 th May	Year 4 Woodlands residential
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
Tuesday 9 th June	Year 1 trip to Twycross Zoo
Tuesday 30 th June	Year 6 trip to Safari Park
Friday 17 th July	End of Term for Children
Monday 20 th July	End of Term for Staff – Inset Day 5