



# St James' Church of England Primary School and Nursery

A Christian Community Achieving Excellence and Equality

Friday 31st January 2025

## Dates for your Diary

### Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March

World Book Day

### Friday 21<sup>st</sup> March

Comic relief day

### Friday 28<sup>th</sup> March

School Reports for years 1-6 home to  
parents

### Friday 4<sup>th</sup> April

Church Easter service for the  
children

Last day of the spring term

See Diary Dates

Dear Parents and Carer,

We have made it to the end of January It always seems like such a long month but the children have been surging forward with their learning.

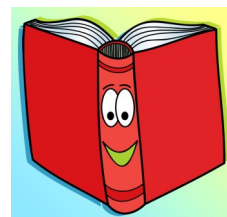
This week in our Eucharist with Father James and Yellow class, we learnt all about Candlemas and the importance of the power of love. The children did a fantastic job with their readings, acting and singing.

This term year 4 have been enjoying swimming at Colchester Leisure Centre. They have been developing key skills to either learn how to swim or refining their technique.

We have been working on developing our play and lunch time provision and part of this includes developing playground leaders within the school. Before Christmas children from years 4, 5 and 6 applied for this role. This term Miss Gladying has been working with the children and training them on their role within the playground. Some have already started their duties on the playground and the feedback from the pupils and staff has been so positive.

Thank you to those parents who have donated toys, equipment or activities to our playground project we are looking forward to using these as the weather improves.

Half term is fast approaching and with that in mind we have been looking ahead to some of our future events. One of which is World Book Day on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March. On this day the children are invited to come into school dressed as their favourite book character.



The children will also be participating in various activities through out the day which we will share with soon so, please do look out for this information.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Grace and blessings,

Mrs Emrich and Mrs Turner



## Contact

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# Attendance

## Punctuality Matte

### Whole school Attendance

**94.1%**

Congratulations to Indigo Class once again who continue to achieve the highest attendance! There are still 11 children in indigo class who have 100% attendance.

The Department for Education tracks attendance carefully and we aim to have an attendance figure in excess of the national average of 96.7%. Our attendance figure to date is 94.3% - we MUST try to improve on this figure.

Regular attendance is very important for children to achieve the best they can. If children are absent from school, it not only affects their education but they will miss out on the social side of school which affects their ability to make and keep friends and can dent their self confidence.

| Registration Form        | Present R/C: Marks |
|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Rainbow Class - Nursery  | 92.1%              |
| Red Class - EYFS         | 91.7%              |
| Rouge Class - EYFS       | 91.6%              |
| Orange Class - Year 1    | 94.4%              |
| Osan Class - Year 1      | 91.1%              |
| Sari Class - Year 2      | 96.2%              |
| Yellow Class - Year 2    | 94.4%              |
| Green Class - Year 3     | 91.4%              |
| Verde Class - Year 3     | 96.3%              |
| Blue Class - Year 4      | 96.0%              |
| Niebieski Class - Year 4 | 93.2%              |
| Indigo Class - Year 5    | 97.3%              |
| Llullaq Class - Year 5   | 93.7%              |
| Aro Class - Year 6       | 96.4%              |
| Violet Class - Year 6    | 95.3%              |



### Punctuality Matters

#### Lateness

Frequent lateness can negatively affect your child's mental health, learning ability, concentration and friendships. Children who frequently arrive late are at a significant disadvantage compared to those who arrive on time, every day. Arriving late to school is unsettling for children and disrupts the start to their day. Being 10 minutes late every day = 33 hours lost learning each year!!

#### Dressing up

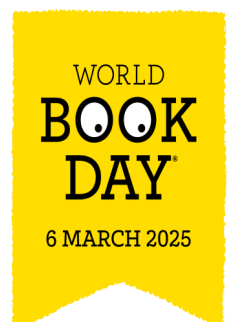
It's up to you!

Here are some handy hints provided by [Families - World Book Day](#)

1. If your child doesn't have a favourite book, use a hobby as inspiration. Attach a piece of paper to collect book recommendations.
2. A favourite fact or illustration from a graphic novel attached to a t-shirt is just as good as a full costume.
3. We share great low-cost ideas that you can adapt for nearly every character on our dressing up page. [World Book Day 2025 Low-cost dressing up pack - World Book Day](#)
4. Not dressing up? Please talk to the class teacher about your dressing up concerns. There are lots of alternatives to dressing up which will still allow your child to feel included on the day. Some can be found on the World Book Day link above.

The website also has dressing up ideas so please take a look

[Dressing-up-resources-Ideas-for-Parents.pdf](#)



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## Diary Dates

|                                                                                      |                                                  |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                      |                                                  |
| <b>Spring Term 2025</b>                                                              |                                                  |
| Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January                                                       | First day of Spring Term                         |
| Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> January                                                      | Violet Class Eucharist                           |
| Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January                                                   | Phonic workshop for Y1 parents -3.30-4.00pm      |
| Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> January                                                      | Aro Class Eucharist                              |
| Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> January                                                      | Sari Class Eucharist                             |
| Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> January                                                      | Yellow Class Eucharist                           |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> February                                                      | Osan Class Eucharist                             |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> February                                                     | Orange Class Eucharist                           |
| <b>Half Term – Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February</b> |                                                  |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> February                                                     | Indigo Class Eucharist                           |
| Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> March                                                       | World Book Day                                   |
| Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> March                                                         | Llullaq Class Eucharist                          |
| Friday 14 <sup>th</sup> March                                                        | Blue Class Eucharist                             |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March                                                        | Comic relief day                                 |
| Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> March                                                        | Niebieski Class Eucharist                        |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                                                        | School Reports home to parents (not Early Years) |
| Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> March                                                        | Reception (Red and Rouge) Class Eucharist        |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April                                                         | Church Easter service for the children           |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April                                                         | Last day of Spring Term                          |
| <b>Easter Holidays Monday 7<sup>th</sup> April – Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>    |                                                  |
| <b>Summer Term 2025</b>                                                              |                                                  |
| Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> April                                                        | Non-Pupil Day – Easter Monday                    |
| Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April                                                       | First day of Summer Term                         |
| Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> April                                                        | Green Class Eucharist                            |
| Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> May                                                           | Verde Class Eucharist                            |
| Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May                                                           | Non-Pupil Day – May Bank Holiday                 |
| Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> May                                                           | Sari Class Eucharist                             |
| Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> May                                                          | SATs week                                        |
| Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> May                                                          | Yellow Class Eucharist                           |
| Friday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May                                                          | Blue Class Eucharist                             |
| <b>Half Term Monday 26<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30<sup>th</sup> May</b>             |                                                  |
| Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June                                                          | Yr 4 Multiplication timetables check week        |
| Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> June                                                          | Rouge Class Eucharist                            |
| Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> June                                                          | Phonic Screening week                            |
| Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> June                                                         | Red Class Eucharist                              |
| Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> June                                                         | Sports Day (KS2 am KS1 PM) National sports week  |
| Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> June                                                         | Niebieski Class Eucharist                        |
| Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> June                                                         | Reserve sports day                               |
| Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> June                                                         | Verde Class Eucharist                            |
| Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> July                                                          | Green Class Eucharist                            |
| Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> July                                                         | Whole school (Pupils only) Eucharist             |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                                                         | Yr 6 Leaver Eucharist                            |
| Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July                                                         | Last day of Summer Term                          |