



# St James' Church of England Primary School and Nursery

A Christian Community Achieving Excellence and Equality

Friday 14th February 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

### Thursday 3rd April

Spring Disco

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

Church Easter service for the  
children

Last day of the spring term

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Dear Parents and Carer,

As we reach the end of another busy half term, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on the remarkable progress our children have made. It's been a lively few weeks, full of hard work, creativity, and a fantastic attitude towards learning that deserves a round of applause! Whether it's tackling new subjects, participating in various activities, or collaborating on projects, their enthusiasm has been inspiring to behold. We always aim to uphold high expectations for all pupils, and it's wonderful to witness how they have risen to the challenge, consistently displaying impressive behaviour as well as showing respect and kindness towards one another.



Looking ahead, there is so much to be excited about as we prepare for the next half term. One event that we're especially thrilled about is World Book Day, a fantastic occasion for celebrating our love of reading. It'll be a delightful opportunity for children to come dressed as their favourite characters, and teachers will be engaging in some fun activities to inspire creativity and imagination.

We are sad to announce that Mrs Burt will be leaving us today to embark on an exciting new job opportunity. While we are thrilled for her as she takes this next step in her career, we can't help but feel a bit of a void in the office. Mrs Burt has been an integral part of our team for a short time, bringing her cheerful spirit and unwavering dedication to everything she does.

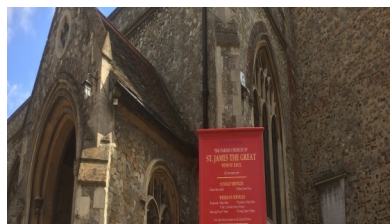
Please join us in wishing Mrs Burt all the best in her new adventure. We hope she keeps in touch, and we look forward to hearing about all the wonderful things she will accomplish in her new role. Thank you, Mrs Burt, and good luck!

We are absolutely delighted to announce that Mrs Green will be joining our office team! With a passion for education and experience in administration, she is set to make a fantastic addition to our school community.

Mrs Green comes to us with a wealth of knowledge and a background in supporting various educational initiatives which means she'll be able to hit the ground running and provide invaluable support to parents, staff and students alike.

With the half term break approaching, I encourage you to take this opportunity to relax, recharge, and enjoy some quality time together as a family.

**Mrs Turner & Mrs Emrich**



## Contact

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## Parking

It is important to address an increasingly concerning issue regarding parking outside our school grounds. It has come to our attention that certain parking behaviours are not only infringing upon local regulations but are also compromising the safety of our children.

Firstly, we have observed numerous instances of vehicles being parked on double yellow lines and zigzag lines outside the school. These markings are explicitly designed to ensure the safety of our children during school arrival and departure times. Parking in these prohibited areas not only poses a danger but also reflects a lack of consideration for our collective responsibility towards the wellbeing of all students.

Furthermore, we wish to highlight issues of speeding in the vicinity of the school. The safety of our children is paramount, and adherence to speed limits is vital, particularly during peak school hours when children are arriving or leaving. We request that all drivers exercise utmost caution when navigating through our neighbourhood.



We are increasingly worried about the safety implications of children arriving at school before 8.35am, especially given the traffic congestion and parking issues observed on Guildford Road during drop off times. This has led to some concerning behaviours, particularly among those who are walking to school unaccompanied and spending unnecessary time near the road. The presence of vehicles manoeuvring, parking and generally using the road poses a potential danger to our children, and any earlier arrivals contribute to this hazardous environment.

Having a rolling start to the day, between 8.35am and 8.50am, enables children and families to arrive and enter the school safely without the need to wait outside on the pavement. We kindly request that all parents ensure their children do not arrive at school prior to 8.35 am. By adhering to this guideline, we can help maintain a secure environment for our young learners and minimise risks related to vehicular traffic.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding in this matter. Your support is vital in ensuring the wellbeing of our school community.

## ATTENDANCE

As we progress through the academic year, it is imperative to emphasise the significance of regular attendance. Consistent school attendance is not only crucial for academic achievement but also for the social and emotional development of our students. Every day at school provides valuable learning opportunities, fosters social connections, and reinforces a sense of community within our classrooms.

In recent weeks, we have observed an unfortunate increase in absences due to an outbreak of chickenpox within our school community. We understand that this illness can be particularly challenging for families, and we sympathise with those affected. However, we encourage all families to prioritise consistent attendance whenever possible, as we believe that continuity in education is vital for the overall growth and learning of our students.

As the warmer weather approaches, we are hopeful that this will lead to a reduction in illness and, consequently, an improvement in attendance rates. We appreciate the efforts of parents in ensuring that children attend school regularly and look forward to seeing our students return refreshed and ready to embrace the learning experiences that await them in the coming weeks. Thank you for your continued support in fostering a culture of attendance and engagement within our school.

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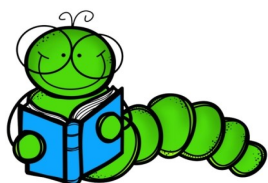
## ATTENDANCE

### Congratulations Indigo Class!

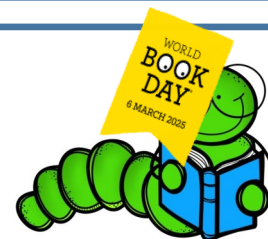
I'm thrilled to share that Indigo Class continue to achieve the best attendance overall so far this year! Your commitment and dedication to being here every day have truly paid off, and it's wonderful to see how hard each of you has been working.

We all know that attending school regularly is essential for our learning journey, and you've set a brilliant example for everyone. Your enthusiasm and determination have not gone unnoticed, and it's clear that you are all committed to making the most of your time here.

| Class                    | Attendance % |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Rainbow Class - Nursery  | 91.7%        |
| Red Class - EYFS         | 89.9%        |
| Rouge Class - EYFS       | 90.3%        |
| Orange Class - Year 1    | 93.6%        |
| Osan Class - Year 1      | 91.2%        |
| Sari Class - Year 2      | 95.9%        |
| Yellow Class - Year 2    | 94.0%        |
| Green Class - Year 3     | 90.8%        |
| Verde Class - Year 3     | 96.2%        |
| Blue Class - Year 4      | 96.2%        |
| Niebieski Class - Year 4 | 92.9%        |
| Indigo Class - Year 5    | 97.1%        |
| Llullaq Class - Year 5   | 93.1%        |
| Aro Class - Year 6       | 95.8%        |
| Violet Class - Year 6    | 95.0%        |



## Reading Raffle



Congratulations to **Orange** class who are this half term's winners of the reading raffle.

Individual winners for each KS1 class are:

|               |               |               |              |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| <b>Red</b>    | <b>Anaya</b>  | <b>Osan</b>   | <b>Aaron</b> |
| <b>Rouge</b>  | <b>Luna</b>   | <b>Yellow</b> | <b>Acer</b>  |
| <b>Orange</b> | <b>Andrew</b> | <b>Sari</b>   | <b>Ryan</b>  |

### 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

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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        |
| Thursday 3rd April                                                                   | Spring Disco                                     |
| 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                          |





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SCAN TO SIGN UP!

# HOLIDAY CLUB

9.15AM - 3PM

20TH  
FEBRUARY  
2025



- ARTS & CRAFTS
- BIBLE STORY
- GAMES
- LUNCH IS INCLUDED

*age 5 - 11 years*

