



St James' Church of England Primary School and Nursery

A Christian Community Achieving Excellence and Equality

June Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to our new monthly newsletter! What a month it has been so far. It has certainly been delightful to see the sun shining more frequently, especially during our recent sports day. We would like to express how incredibly proud we were of all the children who participated. The conduct of the children was exemplary, and they performed their individual roles with remarkable skill and enthusiasm. It truly was a privilege to be part of such a splendid day. A heartfelt thank you to all the parents for your enthusiastic support of this event; it was wonderful to see so many of you in attendance.

We would also like to extend our gratitude to the staff for their unwavering dedication, especially Mrs Metaal and Mrs Beales, whose organisational skills ensured the smooth running of the day. We were very fortunate to have Year 9 pupils from St Helena join us as supporters. They served as fantastic role models for our students, and their presence added a wonderful dynamic to the event.

This week, many of our Year 6 children experienced their transition day at their chosen secondary schools. This period can be very exciting but also quite emotional for children as they embark on the next stage of their education. We are confident that they had a fantastic time, and we eagerly anticipate hearing their stories. The rest of the school enjoyed a similarly engaging transition experience yesterday, participating in various activities tailored to their new year groups while getting to know their new teachers. We hope your children shared the delightful experiences with you at home!

As you may already be aware, we will be changing the name of the school in September 2025. Our new name will be St James the Great Church of England Primary School and Nursery. This name change signifies our connection with our local church, St James the Great, with which we have cherished ties. To celebrate this momentous occasion, we will hold a name change celebration at the church on Wednesday, 9th July. Regrettably, due to limited space, we are unable to accommodate parents and carers at this event; however, we trust the children will take immense pleasure in sharing their experiences with you upon their return home.

With the name change, we will also unveil a new school logo. We are thrilled to have worked with a fantastic designer who beautifully incorporated elements of our history into a fresh, digital design suitable for the 21st century. We are absolutely delighted with our new logo and eagerly await its appearance on our uniforms and new signage come September. A massive thank you goes to David Mansfield from DM Design Creative, who created this wonderful design for us; we genuinely love it!

Beginning in September, our uniform colours will undergo a slight modification. While we will retain our navy jumpers and cardigans, we will be replacing the yellow polo shirts with white ones, and the existing white polo shirts for Physical Education will be changed to white t-shirts. We will continue to provide the gingham dresses for summer wear. Our new uniform should be available for order by the end of the school term, and we cannot wait to see our pupils sporting it!

As if the summer term has not been busy enough, numerous events remain on the horizon in the coming weeks. We are excited to announce that our school fête will take place on Friday, 4th July, after school. The PTA has been industriously planning behind the scenes to ensure a host of enjoyable activities for the children while simultaneously raising funds to support our school. We would love to see as many families as possible come along and partake in the festivities. Wristbands will be available for purchase after school on 1st, 2nd, and 3rd July, allowing your children to access all the inflatables on the day.

Thank you for your ongoing support!
Mrs Emrich and Mrs Turner

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Dates for your Diary

4th July

Summer Fete

15.30-17.30pm

7th July

Yr 6 play (year 6 parents only)

8th July

Yr 6 play (year 6 parents only)

9th July

St James the Great name change ceremony (pupil only)

18th July

Year 6 Leaver service (year 6 parents only)

18th July

Last day of term

21st & 22nd July

Inset Days



Whole School Attendance

93.5%

Congratulations Indigo Class, back to the top spot for the highest class attendance.

Indigo class attendance is now **96.2%**

Uniform

We have decided to make some changes to our uniform for the new school year. Please be advised that whilst you can still buy our current uniform from our supplier, it would be advisable to wait until the launch of the new uniform before purchasing for September.

As we transition to the new uniform, there will be a phasing out period for sweatshirts, fleeces etc, where both new and old can be worn.

We will let you know as soon as possible when the new uniform is available to buy.



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African Day



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Year 6 Bounce

Bounce is an engaging and supportive workshop designed to help children navigate life's transitions—such as moving schools, growing up, or changes in family life—while encouraging them to look ahead with curiosity and confidence. Through fun activities, storytelling, and creative expression, the children explored feelings around change, building resilience, and imaging a positive future. The workshop created a safe space for sharing, learning, and discovering that change, while sometimes challenging, can also bring exciting new possibilities.





Year 6 Crucial Crew

Year 6 attended a performance by Crucial Crew delivered by Essex Police, Fire and Rescue Services. The focus of the performance and workshops was centred around the topic of Knife Crime. The children learnt about the effects and consequences of knife crime and how to remain vigilant and keep themselves safe with this in mind.

Year 6 Play

Don't forget that our year 6 children will be performing their end of primary school play. Parents of year 6 children are invited to come and watch on either Monday 7th July at 2pm or Tuesday 8th July at 2pm.

We must remind parents that you need to be here on time as the play will start promptly, any parents that arrive late may not be admitted.





Reception

Reception had a fantastic morning at Castle Park. We played games, enjoyed the parachute and had a teddy bears' picnic. We also went on a nature hunt. We found sticks, feathers, leaves and pine cones. We used these to make a nature crown when we came back to school!





Year 2 Sports Day

