



St James the Great Church of England Primary School and Nursery



Class/School

Worship

7th October—Blue Class
Eucharist

14th November—Niebieski
Class Eucharist

21st November— Green
Class Eucharist

28th November—Blessings
of the Crib

5th December— Verde
Class Eucharist

12th December—Orange
Class Eucharist

18th December—Church
Service KS1 am, KS2 pm

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

As the first half of the autumn term comes to an end, we're excited to share some of the amazing learning and opportunities that we have taken place over the last couple of weeks in our school community. Last week the whole school took part in 'Show Racism the Red Card Day'. Through engaging lessons, discussions, and creative activities, students learnt how to challenge stereotypes, celebrate diversity, and stand up against discrimination. Children made posters, wrote kind messages and took part in thought provoking discussion. This week we saw Year 6 go to Duxford Imperial War Museum for a school trip. The children had a brilliant day where they explored historic aircraft, learnt about aviation history during World War Two and enjoyed seeing the planes up close. On Tuesday this week we celebrated "Diwali Day". It was wonderful to see the children come to school dressed in their best clothes and traditional dress. We had a whole school assembly that was led by Mrs Atkins friend Hansa. Hansa told us all about how she celebrates Diwali, what food is eaten, the celebrations that take place and worked with some children to create a Diwali dance. The children showcased the dance to the school. We even had some wonderful children in year 6 who made some delicious food for staff to share at lunch time. It really was a great day, and all the children were engaged in learning about the traditions and beliefs of others. It is important to us that we keep you informed of key dates.

Please find key dates for the next half term at the bottom of the Newsletter. We are in the process of compiling these dates for the Spring and Summer Term and will get these sent out to you as soon as possible.

Next week we have half term. Children will return to school on Monday 3rd November. We would like to wish you all a restful half term and look forward to welcoming the children back to school on the 3rd- ready for a new half term!

Mrs L Turner

Headteacher

'A Christian community achieving excellence and equality'

Love Joy Peace Faithfulness Kindness Goodness Forgiveness Self-Control



Key Dates



Autumn Term	
Wednesday 5 th November	Second round of One Plan meetings
Friday 7 th November	Blue class Eucharist
Tuesday 11 th November	New intake open evening (for 2026 starters)
Friday 14 th November	Niebieski Class Eucharist
Thursday 20 th November	Phonics Workshop for Parents/Carers (3:30 pm)
Friday 21 st November	Green Class Eucharist
Friday 28 th November	Whole School Eucharist – Blessings of the Crib
Thursday 4 th December	Panto – Key stage 1 and Reception (pm – late return)
Friday 5 th December	Verde Class Eucharist
Tuesday 9 th December	Year 2 Nativity – 2pm
Wednesday 10 th December	Year 2 Nativity – 9am
Friday 12 th December	Orange Class Eucharist
Wednesday 17 th December	Christmas Jumper Day I Rock Concert Panto – Key stage 2 (pm – late return)
Thursday 18 th December	Church Service – KS1am, KS 2 pm
Friday 19 th December	Last day of term
Christmas Holidays- Monday 22 nd December – Tuesday 6 th January	

Winter Uniform and Clothing



As the weather turns colder, we kindly remind all families to ensure children come to school dressed appropriately for the season. A warm, waterproof coat is essential for outdoor play and travel to and from school. Hats are also encouraged to keep everyone cosy during the colder days.

Please also ensure that children continue to wear the correct school uniform, including appropriate footwear. If you need support with uniform items please get in touch.

Thank you for helping us keep our pupils warm, safe, and ready to learn!

Harvest Donations

A huge thank you to all our parents and children for your generous harvest donations — together, we collected an amazing **142.2kg** of food for **Colchester Food Bank!**



Our Wonderful Learning

