St James the Great Church of England Primary School and Nursery

Friday 19th September 2025

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 23rd September:

Flu immunisations

Friday 3rd October:

School Disco (details to follow)

Friday 10th October:

Non Pupil Day

Tuesday 14th October:

Individual Photo Day

Monday 27th October:

Half Term

Monday 3rd November:

Return to school

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

A very warm welcome back to the new school year! It has been wonderful to see our children return full of energy, looking so smart in their new uniforms, and ready for the exciting year ahead. A special welcome also goes to our new families joining the school community, as well as to the new staff members who have already made such a positive start.

Attendance continues to be a top priority for us, as it makes such a difference to children's learning and wellbeing. Please remember that every school day counts and even missing just a few days over the year can have a significant impact on progress. We understand that children may sometimes be unwell, but we ask for your full support in making sure they are in school every day they are able. Please remember that holidays during term time cannot be authorised.
Essex County Council Term Time Holidays

This year is already shaping up to be full of opportunities, events and celebrations. Please keep an eye on our newsletters and the school term dates so you don't miss out on important dates for your diaries. A list of dates will be published in the next few weeks.

On behalf of all the staff, I wish every child and family a happy, successful and fulfilling school year.

Mrs L Turner
Headteacher

Attendance this week

95%

Congratulations to Osan Class who achieved 99% attendance this week

'A Christian community achieving excellence and equality'

Love Joy Peace Faithfulness Kindness Goodness Forgiveness Self-Control

Road Safety and Parking

It has been wonderful welcoming the children back to school; however, we need to ensure that everyone is being safe at drop-off and pick-up times, particularly those children arriving by car. Please make sure children are always wearing their seat belts in the car, we have noticed some children are not wearing seat belts when they are leaving school.

We need to ensure that all our children arrive at school and get home from school safely. Please make sure that you park carefully around school and adhere to the yellow lines that are outside the school. These are there to keep everyone safe – those who are walking, scootering or on their bikes!

Finally, a gentle reminder that the BT car park is not for school use. We kindly ask families not to park there. Thank you for helping us keep our school community safe and happy!

On the 7th October, our school will be celebrating the annual Harvest Festival, a time-honoured tradition that holds great significance within our community. This event not only allows us to come together in appreciation of the abundance of the season but also serves as a reminder of the importance of generosity and compassion towards those in need.

Once again this year, we will be making a donation to the Colchester Food Bank. This local initiative plays a crucial role in supporting individuals and families facing food insecurity.

We kindly request your support in this endeavour. Any Donations can be brought to school from 1st October up to and including the day of the Harvest Festival, 7th October. Together, we can make a significant impact on the lives of those less fortunate within our community.

Please see their wish list.

Colchester Foodbank
Together with Trussell

Colchester Food Bank Wishlist

- SMALL BAGS OF RICE
- LONGLIFE MILK
- LONGLIFE JUICE
- SHAMPOO
- CARRIER BAGS/ REUSEABLE BAGS
- SQUASH
- TINNED FRUIT
- DEODORANTS
- TINNED POTATOES
- TINNED PUDDINGS
- TINS OR PACKETS OF CUSTARD
- JAM
- TOOTH BRUSH/ TOOTH PASTE
- RAZORS
- SHOWER GEL
- SMALL JARS OF COFFEE
- SMALL WASHING POWDER/LIQUID
- SMALL MULTIPACK SNACKS (penguin/club/twix)
- TINNED TOMATOES