



St James the Great Church of England Primary School and Nursery



December Newsletter

Dates for your diary

Monday 5th January

Non-pupil day

Tuesday 6th January

Children return to school

As we reach the end of the autumn term, we reflect on what has been a fabulously busy and rewarding Autumn term. We are incredibly proud of all our children and the many achievements they have accomplished this term—both in their learning and in the wider life of the school. Their enthusiasm, resilience, and kindness have shone through, making this term one to remember.

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A highlight of the term was our festive Christmas dinner. It was wonderful to see the children enjoying a delicious meal together, sharing laughter, and celebrating the season in true school spirit. Thank you to our kitchen staff for making it such a memorable occasion.

We would like to say a heartfelt thank you and congratulations to **Year 2** for their wonderful Nativity performance. The children brought the story to life with such enthusiasm, confidence, and charm — it was truly a joy to watch. From the singing and acting to the costumes and stage presence, every part of the production reflected the hard work and dedication they've put in over the past few weeks. A big thank you also goes to the staff who supported the children in preparing for the play, and to families for helping with costumes and cheering them on. It was a lovely way to celebrate the season and showcase the talents of our young performers.

We say a fond farewell to Mr Anderson, Indigo Class teacher, who leaves us at the end of this term. We thank him warmly for his time, dedication, and care during his time with us, and we wish him every success and happiness for the future.

Finally, we wish all our children, families, and staff a very **Merry Christmas**. May your holidays be filled with joy, rest, and celebration. We look forward to welcoming everyone back, refreshed and ready for the new term, on **Tuesday 6th January 2026**.

Best wishes

Mrs L Turner

Headteacher

'A Christian community achieving excellence and equality'

Love

Joy

Peace

Faithfulness

Kindness

Goodness

Forgiveness

Self-Control

Uniform Reminder

As we look ahead to the new term, we'd like to remind families about the importance of our school uniform. A consistent uniform helps children feel a strong sense of belonging, supports positive routines, and contributes to the calm, purposeful atmosphere we work hard to create. When everyone is dressed appropriately, it helps all children feel part of our school community and ready for learning.

Children should arrive each day wearing their school jumper and school shoes as part of the standard uniform. We have noticed a few non-uniform items creeping in recently, particularly hoodies and casual jumpers, and we would really appreciate your support in ensuring that the correct school jumper is worn. If children need to wear trainers instead of school shoes, please ensure these are **plain black** so that they still align with our uniform expectations.

We would also like to remind families of the correct **PE uniform**:

- **Navy shorts or navy jogging bottoms**
- **A navy jumper**
- **A white T-shirt**
- **Trainers**



This helps ensure that all children are dressed safely and comfortably for physical activity.

As an inclusive school, we fully understand that some children may experience difficulties with certain items of clothing. We are always happy to consider reasonable adaptations where needed. If this applies to your child, please speak with me or a member of staff so that we can agree on an appropriate arrangement together.

Finally, a gentle reminder to **label all clothing clearly**. This makes it much easier for us to return misplaced items to the right child and helps avoid unnecessary stress or lost belongings.

Thank you for your continued support in helping our children feel confident, comfortable, and ready to learn each day. If you need support with providing uniform, please do not hesitate to ask.

The Cupboard @ St James – Here to Support Our School Community

We would like to remind families about **The Cupboard @ St James**, our very own school-based food bank designed to offer a little extra support to anyone who may need it. We know that circumstances can change quickly, and sometimes a helping hand can make all the difference. The Cupboard is here for exactly that reason.

Thanks to the generosity of our staff, parents, and our partners at Tesco, The Cupboard is well stocked with a wide range of items. You'll find everyday essentials such as **tinned food, pasta, cereals, toiletries, and household products**, all available for families within our school community. We also keep bags on hand, so you are very welcome to pop in and take whatever you feel would be helpful for your family.

If you would prefer a more discreet option, you can contact **Mrs Herring**, who will be more than happy to put together a selection of items for you. These can then be collected at the end of the school day at a time that suits you.

The Cupboard @ St James exists because we believe in looking after one another. Please do make use of it if you need to—no explanation is ever required, and you will always be met with kindness and confidentiality.



St James Primary School & Nursery - 2025-26 – Key Dates

Christmas Holiday – Monday 22 nd December – Friday 2 nd January	
Spring Term 2026	
Monday 5 th January	Non- Pupil Day
Half Term – Monday 16 th February – Friday 20 th February	
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day
Friday 20 th March	Comic relief day
Friday 28 th March	Church Easter service for the children
Friday 28 th March	Last day of Spring Term
Easter Holidays Monday 30 th March – Friday 10 th April	
Summer Term 2026	
Monday 13 th April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 4 th May	Non-Pupil Day – May Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May- Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Half Term Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	
Monday 1 st June- Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 6 Residential
Monday 1 st June- Friday 12 th June	Year 4 Times Table Check
Monday 8 th June- Monday 15 th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Test
Friday 26 th June	MULTI CULTURAL DAY
Friday 17 th July	Last Day of Summer Term

Photo Gallery

