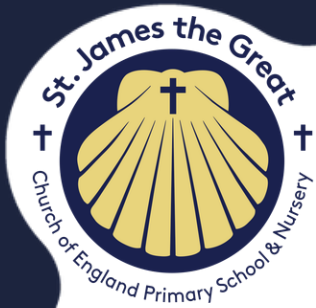




St James the great Church of England Primary School and Nursery

February Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a lovely and restful half-term break. Although this half term is a short one, it is certainly packed full of exciting events and opportunities for our children.

We kicked off the week with our Purple Pinky Day, where the children proudly supported the Rotary Club in their mission to eradicate polio worldwide. Thank you so much for your generosity and support of this excellent cause. I was incredibly impressed by the compassion shown by the children and the enthusiasm with which they embraced the day. Although there were some prizes awarded, I could easily have given out many more – the purple and pink outfits were truly fantastic!

I am delighted to let you know that we raised £231, which will be enough to buy roughly 640 polio vaccines, helping to make a real difference to children around the world.



This week we also marked the end of the Winter Olympics by holding our very own school event. Children across the school took part, with each child competing in four different sporting activities. It was wonderful to see such determination, teamwork and encouragement for one another throughout the day.



We are also very excited to share that OPAL play has now started at lunchtime. This has been an incredible success already, and we are so pleased with how positively the children are engaging with the different play opportunities on offer. OPAL will continue to grow and develop over the coming weeks, providing even more exciting ways for children to enjoy their playtime. A huge thank you to the OPAL team who have worked so hard to get this initiative up and running.



Wellies and Shoes

We are so pleased that so many children have been able to bring their wellies into school. This is allowing them to access all the activities that are on offer at lunchtime. Please can I ask that you make sure your child's name is in their school shoes, as we are finding it difficult to reunite some children with their shoes at the end of lunch. As you can imagine, school shoes can all look quite similar, and we don't want anyone walking off in someone else's shoes!



Donations

We are still asking for donations of:

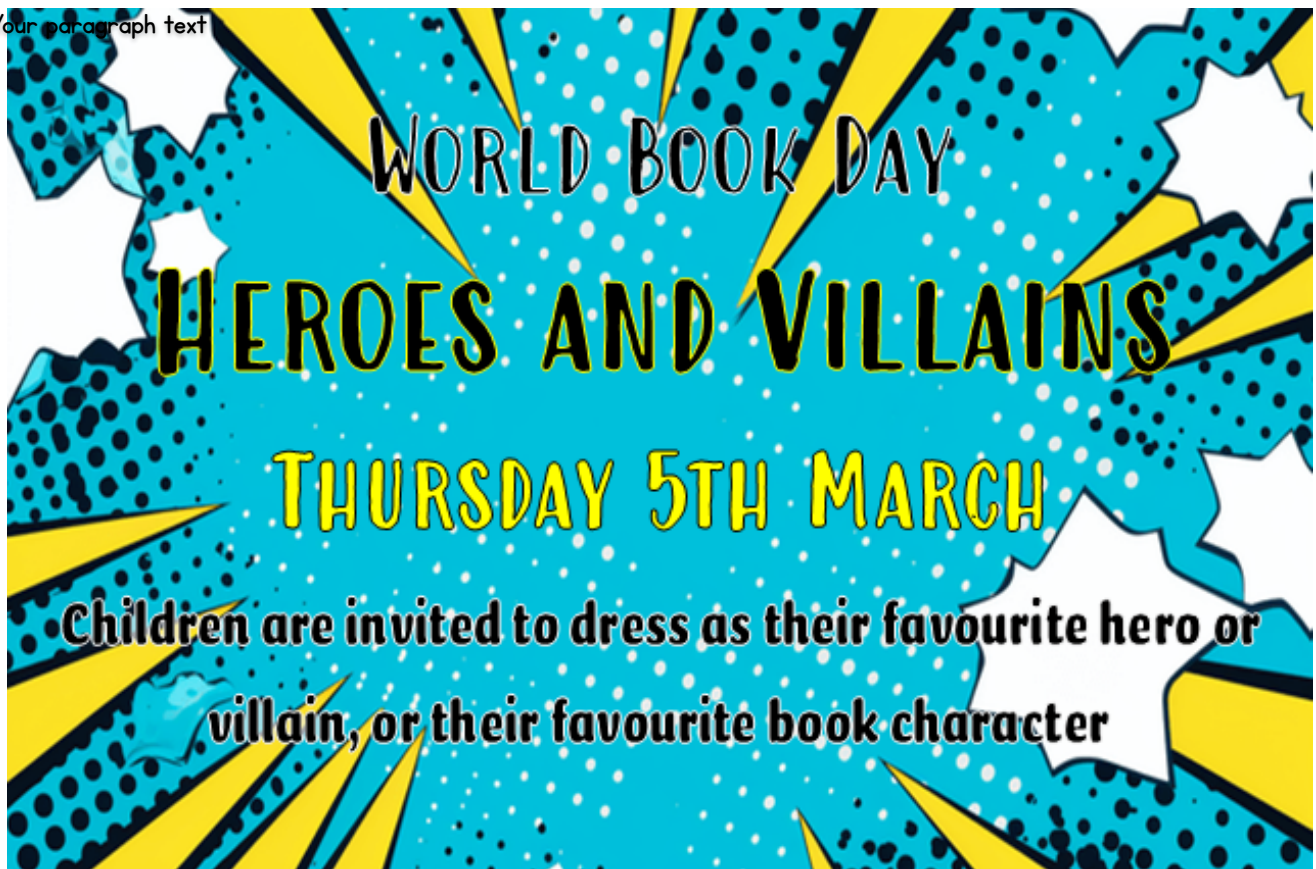
Handbags & hats

Toy cars and vehicles

Small world toys

Next Week

Your paragraph text



World Book Day Thursday 5th March

Our school theme this year is 'Heroes and Villains.' Children are invited to dress up as their favourite hero or villain book character; however, they are also welcome to dress up as any book character of their choice if they prefer not to follow the theme.

Spring Term 2026	
Thursday 5th March	World Book Day - Heroes and Villains
Tuesday 10th March	Parents evening (Reception (Rouge), Years 1 - 6)
Wednesday 11th March	Parents evening (Nursery, Reception (Red) & Year 2)
Thursday 12th March	Parents evening (Nursery, Reception, Years 1,3,4,5,6)
Friday 20th March	Comic relief day - Cake Sale in Mary's Hall after school
Tuesday 17th March	Movie Night KS1 3.20-5pm
Tuesday 24th March	Movie Night KS2 3.20-5pm
Thursday 26th March	School Disco
Friday 27th March	Church Easter service for the children
Friday 27th March	Last day of Spring Term
Easter Holidays Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April	
Summer Term 2026	
Monday 13th April	First day of Summer Term
Monday 4th May	Non-Pupil Day – May Bank Holiday
Monday 11th May- Thursday 14th May	Year 6 SATs Week
Monday 18th May	Year 6 Putt in the Park
Tuesday 19th May	Year 6 Putt in the Park
Half Term Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May	
Monday 1st June- Wednesday 3rd June	Year 6 Residential
Monday 1st June- Friday 12th June	Year 4 Times Table Check
Monday 8th June- Monday 15th June	Year 1 Phonics Screening Test
Wednesday 10th June	Sports Day (EYFS and KS1 AM/KS2 PM)
Wednesday 17th June	Reserve sports day
Friday 26th June	MULTI CULTURAL DAY
Friday 10th July	Reports to parents
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Summer Term

Friends of St James the Great

DISCO

Thursday 26th March 2026

Reception & KS1

3.30pm - 4.45pm

Wear disco clothes to school for the day

KS2

5pm - 6.15

£5 per child

St James Movie Night!

Entry fee is £5 Per child (pizza, snacks and drink included)

KS1 (Reception to Year 2) - 17th March 3:20pm-5:00pm

KS2 (Years 3-6) - 24th March 3:20pm-5:00pm

Film to be decided by vote from children attending.

Please pay Via Arbor 'Movie Night' by 11th March.

