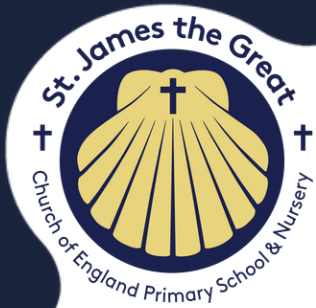




St James the great Church of England Primary School and Nursery

March Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we reach the end of a wonderfully busy spring term, we wanted to take a moment to celebrate everything the children have achieved over the past few weeks. It's been a lively, joyful half-term filled with creativity, teamwork, and community spirit!

From classroom projects and outdoor learning to assemblies and enrichment activities, this half-term has been packed with opportunities for the children to learn, explore, and grow. We're so proud of their hard work, curiosity, and kindness.

World Book Day was a brilliant success! The school was transformed by an array of imaginative costumes—from classic storybook heroes to modern favourites. Children enjoyed a day of reading-themed activities, shared stories, book swaps, and plenty of literary fun. Thank you to everyone who helped with costumes and encouraged a love of reading at home.



Our newly formed school football team represented us proudly in their recent match. They played Kings Ford Academy and the final score was 2-1 to them, however Bobby scored a great goal and the children were supporting and respectful. They demonstrated fantastic teamwork, resilience, and sportsmanship. They are looking forward to a rematch soon!

A huge thank-you to our wonderful school community for supporting the Comic Relief cake sale. Thanks to your generosity—both in baking and in buying—we raised an impressive £144.

This week has been an especially busy and exciting one for all of us. We've had a full schedule, starting with movie night, which everyone looked forward to and enjoyed together. Then we kept the momentum going with the discos, bringing plenty of energy, music and fun. I'd like to say a special thank you to Alex and the Friends PTA for arranging this event, which the children clearly enjoyed. Today, we ended the week on a meaningful note with a special Easter church service. It was a lovely opportunity to reflect, celebrate, and come together as a community during such an important time of year. All in all, it's been a full and memorable week for everyone!



After a well-deserved break, we look forward to welcoming everyone back for yet another exciting term filled with learning and new adventures. Wishing all our families a relaxing and enjoyable holiday.

Warm regards,
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✠ HOLY WEEK SERVICES ✠

At St James the Great Church

East Hill

Colchester

29th March – 5th April

✠ Palm Sunday (29th March) 9.30 am: Mass & Procession from
Church School (Guildford Road).

4.00 pm: Stations of the Cross.

✠ Maundy Thursday 7.00 pm: Mass (Foot Washing & Stripping
of Altars).

Vigil: Until Midnight at the Altar of Repose.

11.45 pm: Night Prayer.

✠ Good Friday 2.00 pm: Liturgy of the Passion.

✠ Easter Day 6.00 am: Dawn Vigil & Holy Communion.

✠ 10.00 am: Easter Sung Parish Mass.

Easter Holidays Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April

Summer Term 2026

Monday 13th April	First day of Summer Term
Wednesday 15th April	Phonics Showcase – Year 1 Parents/Carers
Wednesday 29th April	SEND support coffee morning for Parents/Carers
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
Wednesday 20th May	Year 6 Residential Information meeting
Friday 22nd May	Sponsored walk/run/jog (in school)
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
Thursday 4th June	Parent drop in morning for RSE
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
Thursday 25th June	2026 New Intake information meeting 4:00
Friday 26th June	MULTI CULTURAL DAY
Tuesday 30th June	Non uniform day – Donation for the Summer Fair
Friday 3rd July	Summer Fair
Monday 6th July	Transition morning
Tuesday 7th July	Year 6 Performance to parents (AM)
Wednesday 8th July	Year 6 Performance to parents (PM)
Thursday 9th July	Red and Rouge trip to the farm
Friday 10th July	Reports to parents
Wednesday 15th July	St James Has Got Talent!
Friday 17th July	Last Day of Summer Term