



St James' RC Primary Weekly Newsletter

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Headteacher's Message

Dear Parents,

This week the children have been taking part in Sports Week and the weather has been perfect. The week started with Sports Morning and then for the rest of the week the children took part in a range of sporting activities. The children have taken part in Yoga, Cricket, Rounders, Archery, Track Races, Parachute Games, Hula Hoop Challenges and have designed playground games.

It has been a busy and exciting sports filled week! Thank you to Mrs Connolly for organising this wonderful week. I would like to thank her for everything that she has done to make the week such an amazing success.



The results of sports week were:

1st Yellow Team with 1317 points

2nd Red Team with 1287 points

3rd Blue Team with 1264 points

4th Green Team with 1255 points

Well done to the Yellow Team!



On Monday the children in Harlequins Dance performed for their parents. The children clearly enjoy this club and the show demonstrated the children's hard work over the term.



On Tuesday we were delighted to watch the children in the Gymnastics Club perform their routine. They were amazing and are obviously very talented.



We had a beautiful summer walk through Jubilee Park on Thursday where the children were partnered with someone from another year group. Thank you to the parents and grandparents who walked with us and to the PTA who provided refreshments at the end.



On Friday, the children in the Cricket Club were lucky enough to go to the Lords Cricket Ground to have a tour of the grounds and watch some cricket. They were lucky enough to get complimentary tickets for the Ladies' 20/20 London Cup final between Surrey and Middlesex. The day started with a tour of Lord's and the museum. Thank you to Mr Wakefield, Mr Gajraj and Mrs Connolly for their work organising this and to Miss Spencer-Boyce for taking the children.



We are working with the Warren Road Teaching Alliance and this year we were lucky enough to attend the Coding Challenge Day with some Year 5 children as our representatives. The children spent the day working on various different software and hardware and had a great day solving problems. Thank you to Miss Atkinson for organising this and to Mrs Pearce for attending with the children.



We were treated this week to a performance from the Helen O'Grady Drama Club. It was great to see how the children have developed in confidence over the term. I know how hard they have worked and all their hard work has certainly paid off. Well done!



This week saw some judges from the Coolings Garden Centre come to see our garden. They were really impressed by what they saw and were pleased to hear about our determination to reduce, reuse and recycle in the garden. They shared our disappointment that the CDs that we have displayed have not managed to scare off our rather persistent and hungry Magpies! However, our use of rainwater, compost and natural mulches to sustain the garden through the driest and hottest weeks of June and July was commended. They have very kindly invited us to an awards ceremony in early September at which we hope to be recognised in the Best School Allotment category.

We were delighted to receive our KS2 SATs results this week which were all well above the National Average and are so proud of our Year 6 children. I hope they are as delighted with their results as we are. The Year 6 children deserve to be congratulated on such impressive results and for their hard work and sustained focus throughout their time at St James'. The children can all move onto secondary school with a good foundation which will lead to further future successes I am sure. We are very proud of the progress every single member of our Year 6 class has made and of course we remember that much of their learning in Year 3 and Year 4 was interrupted.

Congratulations Year 6!

Our KS2 results are as follows:

97% reached expected in Reading and 72% reached Greater Depth

94% reached expected in English grammar, punctuation and spelling and 75% reached Greater Depth

100% reached expected in Mathematics and 59% reached greater depth

97% reached expected in Writing and 44% reached greater depth

97% reached expected in Science

I attended the final PTA meeting of this year and passed on my thanks to them for all that they do. The children and staff are so grateful for their work and the money that they raise. We have much to be grateful for at St James' and the PTA is certainly one of those things. Many of the PTA are working parents and they are still able to support the school in such an incredible way. Much of their work goes unnoticed but it is certainly appreciated. A huge thank you to everyone who has organised fundraising events this year or supported the fundraising efforts. Thank you particularly to Mr Colonnese, Mrs Pavia and Mrs Saunders who do so much to make everything run so smoothly.

This week teachers met with me and Mrs Richards, the SENCO, to talk in depth about each child so that information is passed on to the next teacher. This enables all staff to start back in September with detailed knowledge of their individual children. As you know children have also been spending time with their new teachers so that they were all able to get to know one another before September.

Today we said thank you to Mrs Le Cuirot for her work in Year 2 over the last 2 years. We are very grateful to her for her commitment to the children and for all that she has done. We are not saying goodbye to her though as she will hopefully cover classes if needed next year.

Please remember to return your Parent Questionnaires by Monday 17th July.

God bless

Mrs Weeks

Dates for your diary

July

Monday 17th Parent Questionnaire returned
Monday 17th Summer Reading Challenge Assembly
Tuesday 18th KS2 Reading Passport Assembly
Tuesday 18th 11 am Meet the Teacher for all children
Tuesday 18th Talent Show for children
Wednesday 19th Year 1 to Mudchute Farm
Thursday 20th 10 am Whole School Mass Leavers (Yr 6)
Thursday 20th Last day of term and school ends at normal time

Word on Wednesday

This Week's Word is LISTENING. As we all know, children love to be listened to and it helps them to grow in self-esteem. If, from a young age, they know that they are truly listened to, they are far more likely to keep listening to us as they mature. In this Sunday's Gospel, we hear Jesus inviting us to listen to him and act upon his words. He reminds us how important it is to take time to listen to God and to act upon what we hear. This helps us to make wise and safe life choices

Safeguarding

The online world gives us access to a huge amount of information and services but the scale of information available also means that there is content that is inappropriate for children. What is or isn't appropriate is up to individual parents to decide, and could be based on things like age, ability and family values. Parental controls allow you to block and filter upsetting or inappropriate content. They work across your WiFi, phone network, individual apps and devices. Parental controls can help you to plan what time of day your child can go online and how long for, create content filters to block apps that may have inappropriate content and manage the content different family members can see. Please see the following link for more information:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/parental-controls/>

FREE SCHOOL MEALS

I want to share some news about school lunches with you before the summer holidays begin. The Mayor of London is ensuring **all primary school children** who attend state schools in London will receive free school meals for the full academic year, starting this September. This means that your child and all children in our school will be entitled to free school meals next year.

If your child is also eligible for extra funding it is really important to still complete the Government's registration form as the extra funding for schools for your child is worth £1,300 per year. If you think that you are entitled to further support please contact Bromley for further information. The registration process is straightforward and confidential.

More information can also be found on the Mayor's [families hub](#).

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The children have been having some great football sessions this week. They have been quite tired from sports week and are all probably looking forward to a relaxing weekend. Just to remind you, Thursday is our last day. All the staff at Breakfast and After School Club would like to wish you a lovely summer and thank you for all our lovely gifts. It is very nice to know that we are appreciated.

We look forward to seeing you all again in September.

Oakie dokie



Alessandra attended the European Cheerleading Finals in Liverpool last weekend and her team successfully won a spot at the World Championships in Florida next spring. Congratulations Alessandra!



OTHER NEWS

We are delighted to share with you the news that Oscar won the 5km St James Church fun run last Sunday - in a time of 23:20! He was faster than the adults running that day!



AWARDS

Headteacher Awards



Rec	Varden
Year 1	Tadhg
Year 2	Chagi
Year 3	Jadon T
Year 4	Lukas
Year 5	Izzy
Year 6	Ethan



KS1 AWARDS

Year	Gold Sticker Award		Golden Promises
Rec	Chloe	Max	Isabella
Year 1	Taron	Harry	Teddy
Year 2	Matt	Alistar	Lucas

ST JAMES THE GREAT CHURCH NEWS

Dear Parents,

It has been a pleasure to teach your children this year in Children's Liturgy. The children have been engaged, enthusiastic and exceptionally well behaved. It has worked well having Reception - Year 3 age children, as we have been able to share and discuss the Gospel in more depth. The children have had such insightful contributions! Unfortunately, we are still unable to provide a preschool Liturgy class for the children. We need additional adults who would be able to teach them in a separate room with the focus on activities more suited for their age. If, over the summer, you decide that you would like to either become a Liturgy teacher or helper, please get in touch with the Parish Office. Someone from the Children's Liturgy will be happy to explain what is involved. You will not be expected to teach/help every week: we have a rota in place! Please note, the final Children's Liturgy session for this academic year is this **Sunday 16th July.**

We wish you all a wonderful summer.

All the best,
The Children's Liturgy team

PTA NEWS

We hope everyone enjoyed the Summer Ball last weekend. I personally thought the singing during the meal was excellent, as well as the dancing! The games were fun (thank you to Ben who donated his £100 prize back to the PTA and for being a very glamorous assistant for Play Your Cards Right) and I for one loved the old school garage DJ set!

Congratulations to the winners of the silent auction prizes.

The summer ball raised £1700, which will go straight back into the school to purchase new Robots to help with coding for KS1.

We hope you enjoyed sports day and your children have enjoyed the ice poles at the end of sports week today.

The PTA meeting took place on Wednesday and the minutes and final Treasure's report for the summer term will be circulated by email.

Today was the last Friday ice creams sale for this term. .

Finally, thank you to all the PTA class reps for your hard work this year, and all of you who have donated time to the PTA this year. We are so fortunate to be part of such a wonderful school community.

Hope you have a fantastic summer

The PTA committee

Dates for your diary

Saturday November 25th Christmas Fair