



# St. James' Church of England Primary Academy

# NEWSLETTER

Term 2 – 2025-2026



Term 2 is always a busy one, but this year our feet truly haven't touched the ground! It has been an incredible term filled with learning, creativity and joy across the school.

We were treated to two wonderful festive performances: our show-stopping Nativity, *The Happy Clappy Nativity*, featuring children from Year R to Year 2 and a beautifully performed Key Stage 2 Carol Concert telling the story of Jesus' birth.



**Nursery** have enjoyed visiting different places and the universe such as the moon, Africa and Antarctica exploring the climate, animals and how we would get there.

**Year R** have loved their storytelling adventures—from learning the Nativity story to playing Bear Hunts in the mud and story mapping *The Gruffalo*.

**Years 1 and 2** were thrilled by our 'Hook Day' when Fiona the Scientist visited. The children took part in a range of exciting experiments that left them amazed!

**Year 3** showed fantastic teamwork and sportsmanship during our inter-house sports competition. They supported each other brilliantly and had great fun showcasing their multi-skills and racing against one another. The dodgeball finale was a real highlight!

**Year 4** explored the digestive system in Science creating models of organs using playdough - a hands-on way to learn that they thoroughly enjoyed.

**Year 5** impressed us with persuasive leaflets promoting a fabulous firework display, using clever techniques to convince and persuade the readers. They also discovered fascinating facts about the Shang Dynasty, including how rulers used oracle bones to predict the future.



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**Year 6** have worked hard to strengthen their Maths and English skills this term. The highlight was bringing joy to others during their visit to Great Ormond Street Hospital. Their singing was truly heartwarming and a delight to hear.



The Ambassadors would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who took part in our Christmas Bauble Design Competition - they raised an amazing £33.00! The creativity was outstanding and choosing just three winners was no easy task. Congratulations to those selected.

On Christmas Jumper Day, we raised £128.00 for Save the Children - thank you for your generosity, especially at this time of year. Your support truly makes a difference.

Finally, I want to say how proud we are of your children. Their ideas, energy and determination never cease to amaze us. The staff work hard to keep up with them and it's a joy to see their enthusiasm for learning shine through every day.

Wishing you all a restful, peaceful and joyful Christmas.



” Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people.” *Luke 2:10*

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Date	Event	Audience
<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>START OF TERM 3 - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	
Tuesday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Children return to school	
Thursday 15 <sup>th</sup> January at 2.50pm	Shared reading and talk for parents ( <i>information to follow</i> )	Key Stage 2
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Deadline for payment of deposit for Year 6 residential visit	Year 6
Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> January at 2.45pm	Service in St. James Church led by Year 1 - parents welcome	Year 1
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	Visit to Grain Library	Key Stage 2
Thursday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January at 2.50pm	Shared reading and talk for parents ( <i>information to follow</i> )	Key Stage 1
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm	Service in St. James Church led by Year 2 - parents welcome	Year 2
Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm	Celebration Worship	Year R and Key Stage 1
Friday 13 <sup>th</sup> February at 2.45pm	Celebration Worship	Key Stage 2
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> February</b>	<b>END OF TERM 3</b>	

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