



NEWSLETTER

Term 3 – 2025-2026

We grow together, through God we are Giving, Loving and Honest

It has been wonderful to see the children return to school so settled, enthusiastic and raring to go and their classrooms have been full of energy.

We have welcomed several visitors into school this term, all of whom have commented on how exceptionally well-behaved and polite our pupils are. They were particularly impressed by how purposeful lessons are and how confidently the children are taking responsibility for their own learning. We were delighted to welcome Conjesta from St Paul's and St Peter's in Kondo, who thoroughly enjoyed seeing our school in action. Our Governors also visited on their Governor Day and were very impressed with the high-quality learning taking place across the school.

Feedback like this is always a pleasure to hear and reminds us just how lucky we are to work with such wonderful children every day. Thank you, as always, for your continued support.

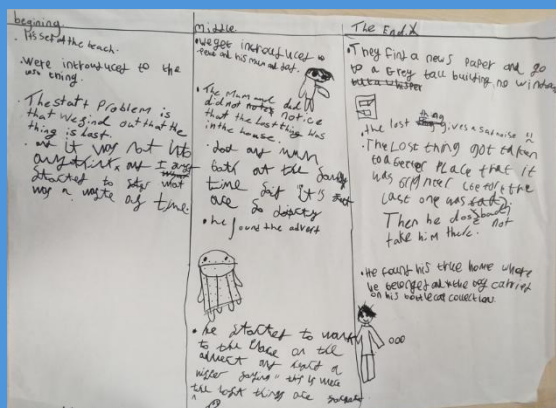


We also had great fun celebrating Number Day, with the children enthusiastically taking part and proudly wearing their number-themed outfits.

It was a fantastic way to combine both the learning with enjoyment and really showcased the children's creativity.

We look forward to another exciting and successful term ahead.

Year 4 have had an exciting term. In English, they used the book 'The Lost Thing' by Shaun Tan and produced an advert and a recount.



THANK YOU!



A HUGE thank you to the local Royal Mail Sorting Office who have very kindly donated books to our school.



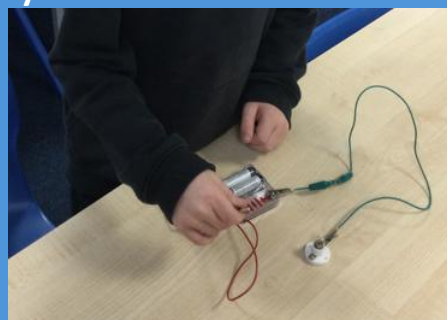
Attendance Matters

EVERY SCHOOL DAY COUNTS!

Whole School Attendance To Date – 95.2%
School Target – 95%+

Congratulations to Year 2 who have achieved the highest attendance this term at 97.7%

Year 3 have had a brilliant term learning all about electricity and created their own circuits. They have also enjoyed diving into ancient Greek history, learning about theatre and lifestyle.



Year 1 have had a fantastic term looking at Australia. The children have investigated the country's climate and some of its physical features and made their own Aboriginal inspired artwork.



Year 2 have also enjoyed diving into learning all about Australia. They have been amazed at how big the Great Barrier Reef is and visited the local beach to look at the shells as inspiration for their own drawings.



Year R have enjoyed their topic Why Am I A Superhero and thought about the qualities of superheroes. They especially enjoyed creating their own superheroes out of clay.



Year 5 have been learning about the USA and UK and enjoyed creating artwork using different mediums focussing on the local area (rural) and New York City, an urban environment.



Year 6 have had a fabulous time this term exploring gymnastics as part of PE - they have learned about using their bodies for balances and travel and have even began to put together their own rhythmic sequences.



The children in our Nursery have also been learning about Superheroes, looking at Fire Fighters and Police Officers and how they help us. We also shared the story 'Supertato' and had lots of fun making their own vegetable Superheroes.



If your child is having a school dinner on the first day of term (Tuesday 24th February), may we please remind you to book it on the system before the morning deadline.



We are very excited about the launch of our new after school provision next term!



ST JAMES' COFE PRIMARY ACADEMY

ST JAMES' JAMS AFTER-SCHOOL CLUB

MONDAY - FRIDAY
3:15PM UNTIL 5:45PM

AT ST JAMES' PRIMARY SCHOOL

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OUR PROGRAM

- Sports & games
- Homework help & support
- Creative arts & crafts
- Bouncy castles
- Go-karts
- Safe, supervised environment
- Qualified and trained staff

PRICES:
3:15PM-4:15PM £6.50
3:15PM-5:45PM £9.50

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

| DATE | EVENT | AUDIENCE |
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| Monday 23 rd February | START OF TERM 4 - STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY | |
| Tuesday 24 th February | Children return to school | |
| Tuesday 24 th February | Young Voices Concert at the O2 Arena London | Pupils from Year 3 |
| Thursday 26 th February | Multi-Skills Festival – Howard School Rainham | Selected pupils |
| Friday 27 th February | Visit to Rochester Cathedral | Year 2 and selected pupils |
| Friday 6 th March | World Book Day Celebration – information to follow | |
| Monday 9 th March | Instrumental Festival at The Central Theatre Chatham | Selected pupils |
| Monday 9 th March | Visit to Grain Library | Key Stage 2 |
| Thursday 12 th March | Hearing and Vision Screening | Year R |
| Tuesday 17 th March | Parents' Evening – information to follow | |
| Wednesday 18 th March | Parents' Evening – information to follow | |
| Wednesday 1 st April at 2.45pm | Celebration Worship | Year R and Key Stage 1 |
| Thursday 2 nd April at 2.45pm | Celebration Worship | Key Stage 2 |
| Thursday 2 nd April | END OF TERM 4 | |



The St. James' Parent Association are celebrating Mother's Day again this year and would like to provide an opportunity for the children to select an extra special gift at their Mother's Day Shop.

Please return the form sent home earlier this week, together with the correct cash, in a sealed envelope by Thursday 26th February.

They will also be taking card payments on the playground on Tuesday 24th February and Wednesday 25th February.