



NEWSLETTER

Term 4 – 2025-2026

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

What a wonderfully busy lead-up to Easter it has been at St James! The school has been absolutely buzzing with creativity, music and memorable experiences - just the way we like it.

A Musical March!

It has *certainly* been a musical couple of weeks. Our Year 3 pupils were lucky enough to attend Young Voices at the O2, a first-time experience for all of us and what an incredible one it was! The children sang their hearts out and represented the school beautifully.



Not to be outdone, 15 talented pupils from Year 4 took their recorders to the Central Theatre in Chatham, filling the space with confidence and charm. Meanwhile, our Ukulele Group, made up of brilliant musicians from Years 5 and 6, showcased their growing skills with performances that made us beam with pride.

Cement Fields Project – A Taste Adventure

A group of our pupils also had the chance to take part in the Cement Fields Project, where they created their very own tea infusion using natural plants. Who knew brewed leaves could taste so good? The children were fascinated and so were the staff!

A Very Special Visitor

We were honoured to welcome Bishop Given, visiting England from Kondo. His time with us was eye-opening and inspiring. The children learned so much about life in different parts of the world and walked away with a newfound appreciation for the everyday comforts we often take for granted: clean water from a tap, plenty of food options and schools where kindness and encouragement guide our learning. His visit has certainly left a thoughtful mark on us all.

Wishing You a Happy Easter

As we move into the Easter break, we want to extend our warmest wishes to all our families. May your holiday be filled with rest, joy and time spent with loved ones.

**For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son,
that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.**

John 3:16



To Date – 95.4%
School Target – 95%+

Congratulations to Year R who have achieved the highest attendance this term at 97.8%



Our annual Music Soiree will be held on Friday 3rd July 2026 so please put it diary!

This term our topic has been "I wonder who lives here?" We have been looking at insects and their habitats and our outdoor learning has taken us to the beach, the field and around the school - always on the look out for bugs!



Year 1 had a fantastic Make a Difference Day, with a walk to the beach where we were able to help the community by picking up lots of litter. We have also talked in class about lots of other ways we can help our planet.



Year 3 has had a really busy and enjoyable term. We became detectives, using clues to help us solve the problem of which mythical creature visited our classroom and made a very unwelcome mess! We gathered facts, information and clues to help us write newspaper reports.



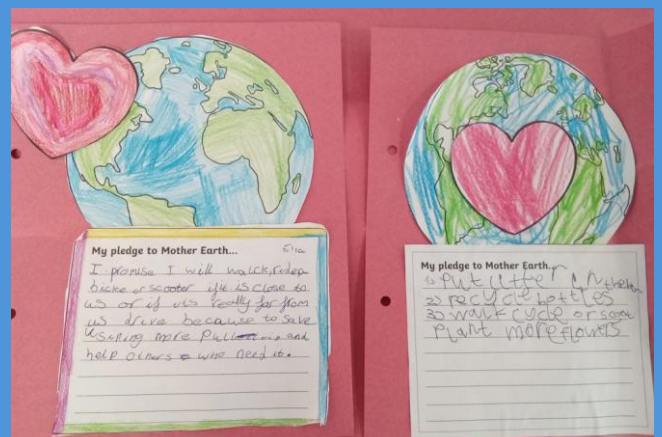
Year R were very excited by our World Book Day book, 'Mother Earth is Weeping'. They enjoyed going on a walk to litter pick to take care of our world as a result of reading this!



Year 2 have enjoyed their learning this term: multiplication and division have been a challenge and we are trying all sort of methods to get this right! Here's one that could be useful to practice at home.



Year 4 have been super busy this term! From exploring the world through the eyes of Mother Nature for World Book Day to time travelling back to Ancient Greece to learn about what life was like.



This term Year 5 have continued to explore the book 'Holes' and had fun researching the highly venomous, yellow-spotted lizard. As part of our DT learning they created carousels using recycled cardboard, which linked to our World Book Day text 'Mother Earth is Weeping'.



Year 6 had the best time during World Book Week designing and making carousels to celebrate Mother Earth and her wonderful creations. This went alongside some wonderful letter writing reassuring Mother Earth that we will make good choices to help her look after our planet.



REMINDER

If your child is having a school dinner on the first day of term on Monday 20th April, don't forget to book it on the system before the morning deadline.

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AGES 5-11

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Dates For Your Diary

DATE	EVENT	AUDIENCE
Monday 20 th April	START OF TERM 5	
Monday 20 th April	Visit to Fenn Bell Zoo	Year R and part Year 2
Tuesday 21 st April	Visit to Fenn Bell Zoo	Year 1 and part Year 2
Tuesday 21 st April at 3.20pm	Phonics Screening Meeting	Year 1
Monday 27 th April	Visit to Historic Dockyard Chatham	Year 5
Monday 4 th May	MAY DAY BANK HOLIDAY – SCHOOL CLOSED	
Tuesday 5 th May – <i>time to be confirmed</i>	Shared Reading and Snippets	Year R – Year 6
Thursday 7 th May	Visit to Rochester Cathedral	Selected pupils
Monday 11 th May to Thursday 14 th May	Key Stage 2 SATS Tests	Year 6
Monday 18 th May	Visit to Grain Library	Key Stage 2
Monday 18 th May at 3.15pm	Secondary school transition meeting	Year 5
Tuesday 19 th May	Mini Youth Games Tag Rugby Event	Selected pupils
Thursday 21 st May at 2.45pm	Celebration Worship	Year R and Key Stage 1
Friday 22 nd May at 2.45pm	Celebration Worship	Key Stage 2
Friday 22 nd May	END OF TERM 5	

Wishing you a restful Easter Break and we look forward to welcoming the children back to school on Monday 20th April 2026