NEWSLETTER

Term 6 – 2025-2026

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



Another school year has flown by and what a wonderful year it has been at St. James'! As we reach the end of term, I would like to thank everyone who attended our Music Soirée. It was a fantastic evening celebrating the talents of our children and we raised an incredible £1,200 for the school.

This year, we also set ourselves the challenge of achieving attendance above 95% and I am delighted to share that we have reached 95.1% - our highest attendance figure since before COVID and a wonderful achievement for our whole school community.

This term has been especially busy, with children enjoying a range of exciting educational visits, including trips to Dover Castle, Kent Life and Shorne Country Park, as well as the much-anticipated Year 6 residential. These experiences have provided valuable opportunities for learning, teamwork and adventure beyond the classroom.

Another highlight this term was the Year 6 production, which was nothing short of spectacular and truly worthy of the West End! The standard of singing, acting and confidence displayed by every child was exceptional and the audience was treated to a memorable performance that showcased the talent, hard work and dedication of our pupils and staff.

As always, my heartfelt thanks go to our dedicated staff, governors, parents and wider community for their continued support throughout the year. Together, we have created another year filled with opportunity, achievement and wonderful memories. As we say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 pupils, we thank them for the joy, friendship and leadership they have brought to St. James' and wish them every success and happiness as they begin their next exciting chapter. I wish all of our families a restful and enjoyable summer break and look forward to welcoming everyone back in September.

Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or discouraged for the Lord your God will be with you wherever go.

Joshua 1:9

Our Nursery children have enjoyed growing beans and were excited to create their own scene from 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. We wish the children moving forward to Seahorse Class all the best and we are looking forward to supporting the remaining Anemone Class and new intake in September.



Year R have continued with their interest in the natural world and have explored the churchyard helping Reverend Wright discover the minibeasts that live there. They have used their budding phonic skills to record what they saw as well as developing their art to document this. It has been a fantastic year and the children have shown themselves to be inquisitive, motivated and absolute superstars.



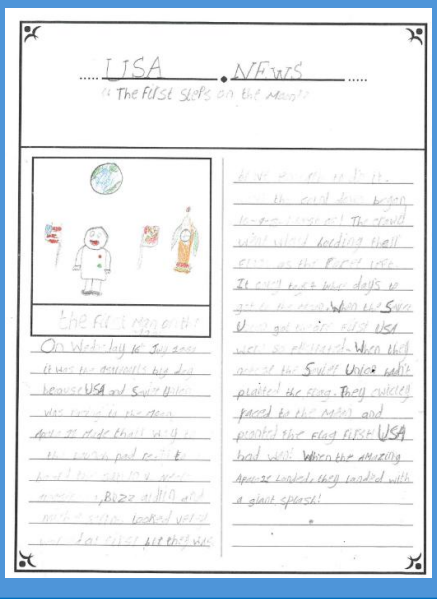
Year 1 have thoroughly enjoyed our topic 'Wonders of the Night' and have learned lots about the moon landing. As well as writing their own diary entries from the perspective of Neil Armstrong, they have created some fantastic moon art.



Year 4 have mummified barbies, created an emotive diary entry, enjoyed our pottery class at Kent Life, taught Year 1 all about plants in Science, create positive affirmation oyster shells as part of our Make a Difference Day and so much more! We have certainly ended the year on a high.



Year 2 enjoyed learning about the Space Race of 1969 between the USA and Soviet Union. We watched videos, sung songs and danced our way through this topic to make sure that we could remember all those key dates and events. We finished off by writing a newspaper report and the children created some brilliant pieces!


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Year 3 have packed in so much learning this term! We also enjoyed making inspirational designs on oyster shells which we have hidden in different places in Grain. We are hoping that they will make a difference to the local community.



Year 5 have continued their learning about World War II, focusing on the evacuee movement and the impact it had on families across the country. They developed a deeper understanding of what life was like for evacuees and the challenges they faced during wartime. They also explored the artwork of Paul Nash and created their own impressive pieces inspired by his style.



Year 6 have finished the year with some lovely celebrations including our fantastic production Alice the Musical! We were all so impressed with their commitment, especially during the heat and they played their parts beautifully. We also enjoyed a lot of teamwork, fun and not so much sleep on our residential. Well done Year 6 on a superb end to the year



Have a safe and restful Summer Break and we look forward to welcoming the children back on Thursday 3rd September 2026