



# St. James Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER: February 2024



What a busy half term we have had in school, settling back after the Christmas break. We've enjoyed Chinese New Year Celebrations, raising awareness for children's mental health, many sporting events with the Sports Network, additional After School Clubs, supporting the NSPCC Number Day, Stay and Pray sessions and SO MUCH MORE! We can feel Spring in the air and are looking forward to the brighter days.



### After School Clubs

As this has been a short half term we are offering an additional week of Little Dribblers and Sports Club to our current groups Year 1 and Year 4. Letters for the new Clubs will be issued to the Year 2 and Year 3 children during the first week back after half term. All other clubs will run as normal until the end of term.



### St James Spellathon

As you know on Friday 7th March, we will hold a sponsored spellathon in school. The children have all been given a set of spellings which they have been learning here and at home with their families. All monies raised will go towards our school fund which subsidises school trips, parties and many additional experiences for our children.

This is a great way to get family and friends involved in supporting your child with their learning and brings an immense sense of achievement to the children.

We are so excited for this event!

### Red Nose Day

We will be celebrating Red Nose Day in school and coming together to raise money for Comic Relief on Friday 21st March.

**More information will follow.**

### Breakfast Club after February Half Term

We are delighted to announce that after February half term we will be providing an additional earlier session.

The sessions are as follows:

**Session 1 - 7:30am - 9am (extended provision timings) £4.00 per child/£3.50 additional siblings**

**Session 2 - 8am - 9am (current provision timings) £3.00 per child/£2.50 additional siblings**

We hope that by offering this extended session we can support our families that start work earlier. All information can be found on the school website.

### World Book Day

On Thursday 6th March we will be celebrating World Book Day 2025.

The theme for this year is "Read your way"

This is always a brilliant event and one which the children and staff always enjoy. World Book Day encourages more children and families to find the fun and enjoyment in reading, because reading for pleasure changes lives.

**More information will follow**

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## DID YOU KNOW...

Our fitness class runs in school every Tuesday 3:30 - 4:30pm. Parents, Carers, Children and Staff are ALL welcome £3.50 per session. Come along, get fit and have FUN!!!!

## DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- Class photos and prospectus shoot - Wednesday 19th February
- World Book Day - Thursday 6th March
- St James Spellathon - Friday 7th March
- Junior Music Festival - Monday 17th March
- Infant Music Festival - Wednesday 19th March
- Year 3 River Project - Information to follow
- Year 4 Oriental Museum - Information to follow

## Chadwick Celebrations Awards 2025

One of Bishop Chadwick Catholic Education Trust's values is Celebration and we want to celebrate all our staff across the Trust who go that extra mile. There are seventeen categories in our awards and only pupils can nominate in the Inspirational Staff Award category. We would like you to think about all the staff at our school, teachers, the teaching assistants, the Headteacher the office staff, the kitchen staff, caretaking team etc. If there is someone that you think has done a really good job then you can nominate them for this award. Younger children may need to ask an adult for some help to make a nomination. Nominations need to be a minimum of 50 words and a maximum of 200 words. Nominations will close on Monday 24th March 2025. The link to the form can be found on our Facebook Page.

## We would like to reiterate...

We understand that the current financial climate is having a tremendous effect on our school community. If you are struggling, please reach out to us and we will endeavour to support you and your children in any way we can. We want to say that this is on a strictly confidential basis. This can be help with uniform, school lunch support or simply a listening ear and a friendly face. Help is here please, reach out!!!

## Things to look forward to...

As we move into the second half of the Spring Term we move into our Christian season of spiritual preparation known as Lent.

This will lead us to one of the most important and significant dates in our liturgical calendar which is Easter. This time of year is a huge celebration in school and is always enjoyed by our children.

We have so much planned!

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