



# St. James Catholic Primary School

## NEWSLETTER: May 2025



We are nearing the end of the first half of the Summer Term and the sun is beginning to shine. We have had a short but very busy half term together

### YEAR 6 SUPERSTARS!

Our Year 6 children have successfully completed their SATS this half term. I would like to take the opportunity to thank you for the great attendance throughout that week. All children were there bright and early, enjoying a breakfast together before completing the papers. The children showed great resilience and stamina during the SATS week and were a credit to the school and their families. Thank you to all of the staff involved for making this week run smoothly and calmly.



### AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Clubs will run the first week back after half term until the last week of the Summer Term. All Clubs should now have been paid for in order to secure your child's place for the rest of the Summer Term. As this has been a particularly short half term we are offering an additional two weeks of Little Dribblers and Sports Club to our current groups Year 1 and Year 4



### GOOD LUCK!

We would like to wish Mrs Gibbons good luck as she starts her maternity leave. We can't wait for updates on the new arrival!

### UNIFORM

A reminder that all children should be in **full St James school uniform/PE Kit**. This includes sensible black shoes, **NOT TRAINERS**, unless there is a specific need which has been discussed with school. We do not allow patterned, dyed or shaved haircuts, jewellery or nail varnish.

We gratefully accept donations of uniform and are proud to be eco warriors. Our new uniform rotation rail has proved really popular; the rail changes every two weeks. Parents and carers can pick up good-quality, freshly-washed and pressed uniform for free.

### DID YOU KNOW...

Our Class Blogs have been updated. Check out the tips to help your child learn during Summer Term.

### ARBOR UPDATES

Thank you to everyone who has signed up to the new Arbor portal. We are increasing our Usage of Arbor and will roll out further parental usage options over the coming weeks. Our long-term plan is to move entirely over to Arbor, therefore, if you haven't already done so, please sign up as soon as possible. We will update you with further steps.

### TOP TIP...

Apply once a day factor 50 sunscreen before school to protect your children from the sun. Every child at St James has their own cap. Together we can work together to help children enjoy the warm sunny days outdoors.

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### NEW STARTERS AND FOND FAREWELLS

Miss Guthrie will take part in the process of home visits with Mrs Watson in preparation for our newest arrivals, who will start Reception Class in September. It is always an exciting time as we begin the process of getting to meet our new families and children.

With that comes the hardest of goodbyes as we move into our last half term with our lovely Year 6 children who we will say farewell to in July. We have enjoyed these lovely children since they were so small and watched them grow into delightful young people. They are more than ready for the next step in their educational journey and we are proud that they represent St James. These children are a credit to our school, their families and themselves. They have set a great example to our younger children especially to their special friends. The children have received their Leavers' Hoodies which is always the symbol of the approaching move.

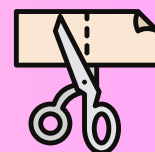


### PLEASE HELP US...

It is important as a school community that we continue to be respectful of our local residents. There have been many occasions this year where we have received complaints of issues concerning parking. A reminder that it is important to drive safely and slowly around school. Small children are harder to see and we must keep everyone safe. Please keep this in mind when bringing children to and from school.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- **Coffee afternoon in school from 2:30pm on Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> May – All welcome**
- **Year 6 Thurston Residential – Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> June – Information sent**
- **Y5 Quadkids – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> June – Information sent**
- **KS2 Cheeleading Festival (select children only) – Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> June – Information to follow**
- **Y5 Youth Village Residential – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> June – Information sent**
- **Y1 Orienteering – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> June – Information to follow**
- **First Holy Communion – Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> June – Information sent**
- **Y3 & Y4 Quadkids – Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Information to follow**
- **Y6 Youth Village Primary Festival – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June – Information to follow**
- **Whole School Summer Trip – Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> July – Information sent**
- **INSET DAY – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July**
- **Y6 Transition Days – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July/ Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Information to follow**
- **Moving up Day – Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> July – Information to follow**
- **Summer Fete – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> July – Information to follow**
- **Sports Day – Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July – Information sent**
- **LAST DAY OF TERM – Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July – School finishes at 1:15pm**
- **INSET DAY – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July**



### HAPPY HALF TERM EVERYONE...

We look forward to seeing everyone after the half term holiday on Monday 2nd June.

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