



St James' Church of England Primary School Newsletter

Friday 5th December 2025

At St James' Church of England Primary School, we focus on our 'Core Values' of **Endurance, Forgiveness, Friendship, Koinonia, Peace, Thankfulness** and **Trust**.

Our School Motto is based on Matthew 13 – Parable of the Sower,
'Growing in God's love, learning as we go.'

Dear Parents

With another very busy week in school, we approach a very busy fortnight ahead. We have lots planned, do keep up to date with events on the calendar. **Please take note that we are now a nut free school – do not send in any food containing nuts. This is to protect children with allergies. Thank you.**

We sent out a letter yesterday to notify parents about changes in staffing in EYFS. Mrs Fawcett visited yesterday to meet the wonderful children in Reception class and to liaise with Miss Sutton for an effective handover. She will visit again on 11th and 15th December to ensure everything is ready for a super start in January. We know you will make her very welcome.

Please continue to enjoy the advent calendars we sent home by opening a door each day and taking part in the kindness calendar so that we can help others and spread kindness and caring over the coming weeks. Next week Y5 will have *Bikeability* on Wednesday and Thursday as well as our amazing nativity taking place on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon – please get your tickets from the school office. Parents can take children home directly after the performance on Thursday.

Don't forget Christmas Jumper day on Thursday – please send in a donation for the tombola on this day with your child. Wonderful donations mean super fund raising which benefits our children throughout the year. Thank you in anticipation of your generosity.

In our final week, we have the Christmas parties, Christmas Dinner, Church Service – led by Y6 - and lots of fun planned for every class!

We look forward to seeing you all again on Monday after a wonderful weekend.

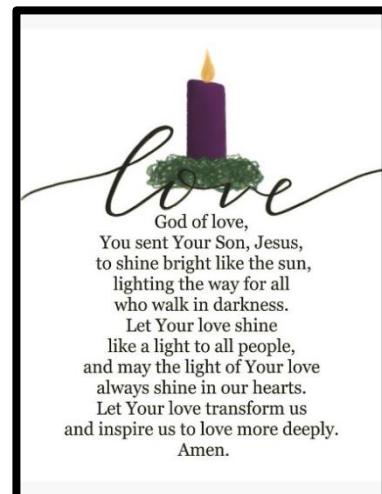
Best wishes

Frances Brady, Headteacher



St James PTFA

Hooray, we now have a PTA to support our school, parents and children. A big thank you to all the parents who attended our first meeting-we are looking forward to welcoming your ideas and contributions to the school. If anyone else is interested in joining, there's still space for a few more parents and friends!



St James' Super Stars

Star of the Week	Writer of the Week	Speaker of the Week	Kindness/Golden Tie
Rec Arifa Year 1 Esmat Year 2 Eylul Year 3 Khamilah Year 4 Aliyaah Year 5 Daaniya Year 6 Rayan	Rec Imran Year 1 Laibah Year 2 Alina Year 3 Yahya Year 4 Isaac Year 5 Reagan Year 6 Aleena	Rec Aaron Year 1 Zishan Year 2 Lea Year 3 Patrick Year 4 Misha Year 5 Ibraheem Year 6 Ameliah	Rec Idris Year 1 Deontay Year 2 Hamzah Year 3 Umayr Year 4 Yaseen Year 5 Oscar Year 6 Zurarah

The School's Attendance Target is 96%	
Class	Attendance
Reception	83
Year 1	94
Year 2	86
Year 3	94
Year 4	93%
Year 5	97%
Year 6	93%
TOTAL	91.2%
This week's winner is... Year 5	

Picture News

On Friday the Princess of Wales will host the annual carol service, which will bring people together to celebrate kindness. The event aims to show how love can link people of all ages, backgrounds or beliefs, especially at times when the world can feel divided

Use the think together and talk to support your discussions.



Think together and talk

- What is togetherness?
- Have you ever felt a sense of togetherness and belonging? What made you feel this way?
- Have you ever noticed a small act of kindness make a big difference in someone's day? What was the act?

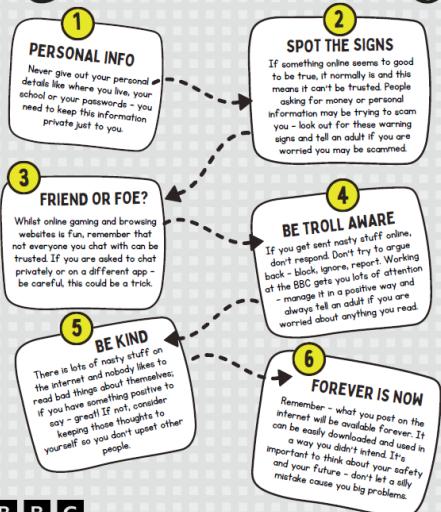
Key Dates for your diaries

December

Thursday	4 th	Afternoon	NSPCC Workshops Y2, Y5 and Y6
Friday	5 th	10am-11.45	Santa's Craft House Parent/child workshop
Wednesday	10 th	10am	KS1 and EYFS Christmas Nativity
Thursday	11 th	All Day	Christmas Jumper Day-bring an item for the Tombola
Thursday	11 th	2.15pm	KS1 and EYFS Christmas Nativity
Friday	12 th	2pm	Christmas Fair and Father Christmas
Tuesday	16 th	1pm	Christmas Parties and a visit from Father Christmas
Wednesday	17 th	12pm	Christmas Lunch
Thursday	18 th	9.05am	Carol Service in Church
Friday	19 th	1.30pm	School Closes for Christmas Holidays
January 2026			
Monday	5th	8.45am	School re-opens

STAYING SAFE ONLINE FOR

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Staff Shout Out!

This week we are celebrating Miss Fraser for bringing in treats and showing kindness.



Santa's Craft House

A huge thank you to all of our creative families for attending Santa's Craft House today. It was great to see you all working alongside your children and creating some fantastic pieces of art. I'm not sure who enjoys these sessions the most, the adults or the children!



Thursday 11th December-bring an item for the tombola for Christmas fair.

