



Newsletter

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This Week at St James'...

Bend the Rules Day is in full swing—we have crazy hair styles, children in pyjamas, teachers in all sorts of wacky outfits, and no one knows what people's names are—it's all great fun, and there's a real sense of joy and togetherness running through the school.

Yesterday, we were visited by our Schools of Tomorrow partners—joining SOTO has given us opportunities to consider our next steps as we move on our journey to being the very best school we can be. As part of the Fellowship, we visit each other's schools to learn from each other, and also receive feedback on areas to further develop. Our partners come from Bedford, Reading and Worcester, so we are able to gain more of a national view about what's going on elsewhere. Our visitors gave us some great ideas for how we can further develop our learning environments, which will feature in our action plan for next year. They were very impressed by our children, and in particular by their excellent behaviour and attitudes to learning, describing them as welcoming, confident and articulate. I was so very proud of everyone.

It was good to see so many parents at our information evening for Sex and Relationships Education, thank you for finding the time to come along and for the great questions you asked.

Earlier in the week, Years 1 and 2 had a good trip on Tuesday and clearly enjoyed themselves, and Years 3 and 4 took part in an athletics event along with other schools from the local area.

Next week is another short week, as we all get to enjoy a Bank Holiday on Monday—rest well and we'll see you back on Tuesday.

Very best wishes,

Maria & all the team at St James'

Gymnastics Club

There are limited spaces available at Gymnastics Club which is run by Falcon Gymnastics every Tuesday morning from 8.00 a.m – 8.45 a.m, the cost of the club will be £44 for 11 weeks. If you are interested in a space for your child, please contact Dawn in the School Office. Places will be offered on a first come, first served basis.



Please remember that the PSA is collecting pre-loved uniform as well as Bag2School donations—see last week's newsletter for details. Thank you for all the donations made so far.



We are also collecting plastic bottle tops and batteries as part of our Eco work—please keep bringing donations into school. **Many thanks** to Mary & Susie's mum who collected LOADS of batteries for us!

Important Dates for the Term Ahead

Date & Time	Event	Classes Involved	Staff Lead	Special Notes
Mon 6th May	BANK HOLIDAY—SCHOOL CLOSED			
Fri 10th May	Multi Sports	Years 3 & 4	GH, LR	
Fri 10th May 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 3	GH	
Fri 10th May	MUFTI Day	All classes	CD	See note below
Mon 13th-17th May	KS2 Statutory Tests	Year 6	IL	
Fri 17th May	Choir to sing at Village Hall	Choir	MS	Information letter will be sent home in due course
Fri 17th May 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 1	NB	
Weds 22nd May	Summer Sports	Years 5 & 6	IL, TKL	
Thurs 23rd May	PSA Disco	All classes	PSA	See separate letter
Fri 24th May 2.30	Class Assembly	Robins	CD	
Mon 27th-Fri 31st May	HALF TERM			
Mon 3rd June	Fire Service visit	Year 2	SBG	
Tues 4th—7th June	Year 6 residential	Year 6	IL	
Thurs 6th June	Visit to St Albans	Year 3	GH	
Thurs 6th June	Summer Sports	Years 1 & 2	SBG, NB	
Mon 10th-14th June	Phonics Screening	Years 1 & 2	NB	
Mon 10th June	Athletics	Years 5 & 6	TKL, IL	
Tues 11th June	Height & weight screening & hearing checks	Year 6, Robins	DS	
Fri 14th June	Tennis	Year 6	IL	
Fri 14th June 3.00-3.30	Book Blink	All years	Class Teachers	Please allow enough time so that you can be finished by 3.30
Mon 17th June	Tennis	Years 3 & 4	GH, LR	
Mon 17th June	Dental Checks	Years R & 1	DS	Consent forms & information will be sent home shortly.
Fri 21st June morning & lunch	Sports Day & picnic	All years	GH	
Fri 28th June 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 2	SBG	
Tues 2nd, Weds 3rd July	Biddenham Transition days	Year 6	IL	
Thurs 4th July	Sing On performance @ Corn Exchange	Year 4	LR	
Fri 5th July 2.30	Class Assembly	Year 5	TKL	
Tues 9th, Weds 10th July	Lincroft Transition days	Year 6	IL	
Weds 10th July	Moving Up morning	All classes	MS	
Weds 17th July 2.00	Leaver's Service	Whole School	IL	



Pupil Governor News

The Pupil Governors are holding a MUFTI Day on Friday 10th May. Please support them by bringing in a £1 donation. They are raising money so they can buy resources for each class or playground.



Italy



16th May 2019 Menu

Spaghetti alla Pollo Mediterraneo con Garlic Bread
(Mediterranean Chicken on a bed of spaghetti with
Garlic Bread)

Penne Arrabiata con Garlic Bread
(Pasta in Tomato Sauce with Garlic Bread)

Fagioli Verdi & Mais Dolce con Peperone
(Green Beans & Sweetcorn, Pepper mix)

Neopolitan Spugna
(Neopolitan Sponge)



St James' School Disco
Thursday 23rd May

EY / KS1 Years R-2 4:00pm - 4:45pm
KS2 Year 3-6 5:00pm - 6:00pm

Tickets: £5 first child / £3 additional children
Ticket includes entry, sweets & bottomless squash