



Newsletter

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So, here we are in the Roaring 20s! I hope you all enjoyed the Festive break, wherever you were, and that you're feeling refreshed and haven't struggled too much with the return to work and school. Your children have, as always, returned to school with great energy and enthusiasm, throwing themselves into new learning and it's been lovely to spend time with them all. All of the staff and I were extremely grateful for your gifts, cards and kind messages at the end of last term—we always appreciate your generosity and friendship.

This week has been spent getting back into the swing of things and setting up all the new topics—Curriculum Newsletters have been sent home by teachers so that you know what the children will be learning this term. On Wednesday, Mrs Lawless attended an information session about a project coming up called Singing Playgrounds—30 children from across the school will be leading this over the coming term, and more details will be sent home in due course. Also on Wednesday, Year 6 have started a project working with the Bedford Music Hub where they will learn how to write (and perform) their own songs—we all look forward to hearing the results!

Wishing you all a happy and peaceful weekend,
Maria & all the team at St James'

Christmas Jumper Day

Thank you for participating in our Christmas Jumper Day! We were able to raise **£129** for Save the Children. Due to your generosity, we have been able buy antibiotics for over 512 children suffering from pneumonia.

Many thanks for all your support.

Liam Renzi

Christmas Donations

Now that Christmas is over, we would be pleased to receive donations of Christmas 'stuff' which you might otherwise be throwing away, particularly:

- Christmas jumpers (which we could sell on a second hand stall ahead of next year's Christmas jumper day)
- Any good quality artificial Christmas trees
- Any other Christmas decorations (no glass baubles)
- Christmas lights (especially battery operated ones)

Thank you!

Event	Date & Time	Class	Staff Lead	Notes
Bedford Blues Rugby Guard of Honour	Sat 18th Jan	KS2	GH	A letter has been sent home this week to invited children
Reception health screening	Tues 28th Jan	YR	DS	Letters have been sent out for this
Science Week	w/b 3rd Feb	All	TKL	
KS1 & 2 Gymnastics competition	Tues 11th Feb	Y1-6	GH	
Valentine's Breakfast	Fri 14th Feb	All	GH	Mrs Hawkins will send details home in due course
Half Term	17th-21st Feb	All		
Class Photos	Tues 25th Feb	All	DS	
Parents Information Session—phonics	Tues 25th Feb 5.00	All	CD, FL	Open to all parents, but of most interest to parents in Reception and Year 1
Book Week	w/b 2nd March	All	IL	
Multi sports event	Tues 10th March	Y3, 4	GH, LR	
Book Blink	Fri 13th March 3.00-3.30	All		Finishes at 3.30
KS1 SATs meeting for parents	Tues 24th March 5.00	Y2	SP	
Multi Sports event	Thurs 26th March	Y1, 2	SP, FL	
Easter Service	Thurs 2nd April 9.30	All		
MUFTI—last day of term	Fri 3rd April	All		

Class Assemblies	Spring	Summer
Robins	6th March	25th June
Whinchats	28th February	3rd July
Canaries	7th February	12th June
Green Jays	14th February	22nd May
Kingfishers	31st January	15th May
Peacocks	24th January	1st May
Sabrewings	17th January	26th June

[Christmas Fayre Raffle](#)

There is one unclaimed prize leftover from the raffle. The ticket was in the name of Eileen Hawthorn, unfortunately when we dial the number left it is not recognised. If you know of anyone with this name please ask them to contact Dawn on 01234 352721 to claim their prize.

[May Day Bank Holiday](#)

Please be aware that the date has changed this year, and the Bank Holiday will be on **FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020** (rather than Monday 4th)

ESFA



CONGRATULATIONS!

Your school was selected to receive this special pack from the ESFA and Panini.

You will find:

200 worksheets that include a packet of **Premier League** stickers

40 **Premier League** sticker albums

Don't forget this is also a chance to enter an amazing **design a mascot** competition to win a **£50 voucher** and a **football shirt** for the winning pupil **PLUS £2000** for the school.

WIN!
£2000
FOR YOUR SCHOOL

£50
VOUCHER
FOR YOU



A FOOTBALL
SHIRT OF YOUR
CHOICE FOR
THE WINNING
DESIGN!

COMPETITION CLOSES
31st JANUARY 2020

Here's how to enter:



Submitted entries to the English Schools' FA should include:

- School name and address
- Teacher's name and contact details
- Pupils' names and class/school year
- A digital copy of each entry

The entries should be a digital scan of the worksheet as hard copies will not be accepted.

Entries must be sent via email to PaniniComp@schoolsfa.com

There is no limit to the number of entries that can be submitted by each primary school.

For general rules, terms and conditions go to schoolsfootball.org/sponsors-partners/panini/



These packs have been sent home to-day. The first 40 children to return their competition entries will win a sticker album. See Mrs Hawkins for more details.