

St James' Catholic Primary

"Great News"

Friday 11th October 2024

HARVEST MASS

We had a lovely whole school Mass last Friday at church. Thank you to Father Philip for celebrating Mass with us and it was great to see so many parents attend too. Thank you to all those parents who kindly donated food.

This morning, I delivered all donations to our local food bank at St. Barnabas. The volunteers were delighted by our parents' generosity and would like to say thank you too.

FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

If you would like a food bank voucher, please enquire at school.

YEAR 2 MASS

Next Friday, 18th October, our Year 2 children will be leading our infant Mass. This will be in church at 9:15am. Parents are very welcome to attend.

THURSDAY is **Community Assembly**. All are welcome to attend in the School Hall at 9am. We celebrate all the good work that has gone on during the week. We appreciate your patience after dropping your children off as it takes us a few minutes to convert the hall from Breakfast Club to Assembly Hall!

YEAR 6 CLASS ASSEMBLY

Next Thursday, 17th October, our Year 6 children will be leading our community assembly at 9am. They have already been busy rehearsing in the hall and it promises to be a very interesting assembly based upon their latest Pathways to Write book 'Star of Fear, Star of Hope'.

YEAR 6 TRANSITION

All High Schools are currently hosting open evenings and it is a good idea to visit any school that you are interested in. **The deadline for the High School application form is 31st October 2024.** Please see the Tameside Moving on 2025 booklet (available online) for more details.

BRASS LESSONS

Brass lessons have recommenced! Year 3 had great fun learning to buzz their mouth pieces and Year 4 have had an opportunity to try a variety of instruments. Please make sure instruments are brought into school every Friday. Unfortunately, we do not have the storage space in school and we need to clean our cloakrooms daily, so these can not be stored in school.



HATTERSLEY BRASS

Hattersley Brass is every Thursday with Mr Conway, starting with Beginners Brass at 3:30-4:30pm (please book onto this using the top-up on the app and inform the office. The Main band (once you can read music) is from 4.45pm-5.45pm and is free of charge.

NURSERY

We currently have some places in our Nursery if you know of anyone with a child who is already 3 or will turn 3 this academic year. If they give us a ring, we may be able to offer them places. Remember, we now offer 30hour places in our Nursery.

BREAKFAST CLUB

Our Breakfast Club is available every morning in the School Hall (using the side door). This needs to be booked in advance using the app. There are two sessions to book onto. The first session from 7:30am until 8:45am costing £2.50 per child. The second session begins at 8:15am and costs £1. Children must arrive no later than 8.30am.

AFTER-SCHOOL CLUBS

We have had excellent attendance at our after-school clubs. Children are really enjoying playing with their friends, learning new skill and making crafts to take home. All children from Nursery - Year 6 can attend our after-school club. We have four after school activities each day including: Lego club, crafts, sports, cheerleading, games and French Club. These sessions need to be booked in advance using the app. All activities cost £1 per day. On the app you will have four options (for each of the activities on offer). The fifth option is for extended wraparound after 4:30pm.

WRAPAROUND CARE

We now offer extended wraparound care from 4:30pm-6pm. This costs £6 per session (which includes the £1 for after school club). Children will receive a choice of snacks and drinks each day e.g. wraps, sandwiches, bagels, crumpets, pizza, fruit and salad.

TOP-UP PAYMENTS

In an emergency, you can book onto breakfast, after-school or wraparound clubs on the actual day. Simply pay the correct top-up on the app.

FLU VACCINATIONS

These vaccines will be given in school on Wednesday 6th November. Please can you fill in the form and return by Monday, if you haven't done so already.

PE KIT

PE is on a Tuesday for Nursery children and all those in Key Stage 2 (Years 3-6). PE is on Friday for Nursery (they have two shorter sessions), Reception and those children in Key Stage 1 (Years 1-2). On PE day children come to school in their PE Kits. Please can you ensure that it is our school kit of plain white t shirt and plain dark blue or black shorts/jogging bottoms.

FOREST SCHOOL

Year 1 are currently having a fun time in their Forest School sessions on Monday afternoons. The children need to come to school in their forest school clothes (clothes that you don't mind getting wet, ripped or dirty... and wellies or walking boots).

SPORTS NEWS

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS CROSS-COUNTRY

On Wednesday 25th September, some of our KS2 pupils competed in the Tameside Catholic Schools Cross-Country at King George V playing fields in Ashton. It was a superb event and a great effort from all our runners.

TAMESIDE CROSS-COUNTRY GRAND PRIX

Last Saturday morning, seven children attended the cross-country event at East Cheshire Harriers. Great effort runners! Our second race is tomorrow, Saturday 12th October, followed by the final race on Saturday 19th October.

FOOTBALL

Our football team have now had a few matches against local schools. They have shown some great determination, have been working well as a team and their skills are improving all the time. Mr Partridge is trying to arrange another match before half term.

TAG RUGBY

Terri, our sports coach, has now selected our team for two competitions coming up in the next couple of weeks. On Tuesday 15th October, it is the Tameside Tag Rugby event at Dukinfield Rugby Club and on Wednesday 23rd October, the Catholic schools' competition at St. Christopher's, Ashton. We wish them well.

AWARDS

We are very proud to announce we have won two awards from Tameside Schools Sports Partnership: The School Games Mark Gold award and a PE and School Sport Commitment & Engagement Award.

PHOTOGRAPHS

Our photographer was in school on Wednesday to take individual and sibling photographs. All the children looked incredibly smart! Please remember to complete your photo order form online. We have also had some lovely new photographs taken to update our school website. Most have been uploaded already, but over the next few weeks, we will add more photos.



NEW UNIFORM

If you are considering new uniform, you will need to order it online from School Trends using the link below. <https://www.schooltrends.co.uk/uniform/StJamesCatholicPrimarySchoolSK143DQ>

The example shown doesn't have our school badge on but the uniform that you are sent will have! Alternatively, you can buy any suitable uniform (without a badge) from supermarkets. Please make sure all clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class.

ROBINWOOD

Year 5 will be attending Robinwood Activity Centre on Monday 14th July-Wed 16th July 2025. The cost this year is £100 per child. A letter will go out next week with more details.

NEW PARENTS

There are many different ways in which we communicate information at St James'. Our **website** is www.st-james-hyde.tameside.sch.uk Class teachers have been recently updating their class pages on the website. We also have a parent **texting** service so please ensure that we always have your most recent mobile phone number. You can also talk to us on the gate or nip into the office with a message! Our **Facebook** page is Friends of St James Hattersley, please request to join, you will be asked questions about your relationship to children in school so we can ensure that we can check who is joining.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Thursday 24th October: Last Day of Half Term

Monday 4th November: School Opens

Wednesday 6th November: Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday 12th November: Parents Evening

Wednesday 13th November: Anti-bullying interactive play 'Walk the Plank!'

Friday 15th November: Children in Need

Wednesday 4th December: Christmas Dinner

Thursday 5th December: Hattersley Brass at Tesco (after school)

Thursday 5th December: KS2 Panto (fully booked)

Friday 6th December: Choir Sing at Tesco 1:30pm

Monday 9th December: KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 11th December: Early Years Christmas Crafts 9am in the hall

Wednesday 11th December: KS1 Nativity 2:30pm

Thursday 12th December: Early Years/KS1 Christmas Party

Thursday 12th December: KS1 Nativity evening performance at 6pm

Friday 13th December: KS2 Carol Concert 2:45pm at church

Monday 16th December: Early Years Nativity Dress Rehearsal

Wednesday 18th December: Early Years Nativity at 10:45am

Thursday 19th December: KS2 Christmas Party

Friday 20th December: Last day of term. School Closes at 3:30pm