

# St James' Catholic Primary

## "Great News"

Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024

### REMEMBRANCE SERVICE

We had a lovely Remembrance Service last Monday. The children were very respectful, honouring the two minutes silence. Thank you to Mrs Kinder, who played The Last Post so beautifully and thanks to Mrs Collins for preparing our prayer focus and displays around the school. Also, a very special thank you to all those who bought a poppy. Your kind donations for the Royal British Legion will help members of the Royal Navy, British Army, Royal Air Force, veterans and their families.

### ANTI-BULLYING PLAY

Last Wednesday, the whole school was treated to a fantastic play called 'Walk the Plank'. Not only did it have a very important message about treating others with respect and kindness but was also lots of fun. The children were really engaged and enjoyed the audience participation.

### CHILDREN IN NEED

On Friday, we had a great day fundraising for Children in Need. Our Mini Vinnies organised a really successful day. We had lots of fun completing the obstacle course and the milkshakes were delicious. The day raised £383.95 for the charity. An amazing result! Thank you for all your kind donations.



**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 1 CLASS ASSEMBLY

On Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> November, our Year 1 children will be leading our community assembly at 9am.

### YEAR 5 CLASS MASS

On Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, our Year 5 children will be leading our Key Stage 2 Mass in church at 9:15am. Parents are very welcome to attend.

### 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 still 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 30 hour 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 skills and making crafts to take home. All children from Nursery - Year 6 can attend our after-school clubs. We have at least four after school activities each day including: Lego, crafts, crochet, dance, hockey, cheerleading, games and even Cosmic Yoga! 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

Wraparound care is 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.

### PAYMENTS AND BOOKINGS

Thank you to all those parents booking in advance for relevant clubs. This really does help our office staff with the administration and organisation of this. However, we still have a number of parents who are not using the booking system or paying on time.

### 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. Also, please remember to inform office staff which club this payment is for.

## 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), as well as an extra session for Year 6. 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 5 are currently having a fun time in their Forest School sessions on Wednesday 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). As it's getting colder now, please ensure your child wears plenty of layers, thick socks (or two pairs) and brings a hat and gloves.

## SPORTS NEWS

### TAG RUGBY

Just before half term, our Tag Rugby team competed in two tournaments. Particularly well done for reaching the finals of the Tameside Schools competition. Some great tries by several members of our squad.

### MANCHESTER CITY FESTIVAL

A group of children from Year 5 participated in a football festival at the training academy. This was a great experience for the children and they had an excellent attitude, despite facing some tough competition.

### LIONESSES

Our girls football squad attended a football festival at Curzon Ashton. Well done to Imojen who was our player of the match.

### CATHOLIC SCHOOLS GIRLS INDOOR FOOTBALL

Well done to the girls from Year 5/6 who played so well as a team at the indoor competition held at St. Thomas More High School. Lots of great passing!

### EVEN MORE FOOTBALL

There are a couple of 'friendly' matches planned over the next couple of weeks at St Paul's, for both the boys' and girls' teams. We wish both teams well.

### UNIFORM

Please make sure all clothes are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. Recently, we have had lots of missing jumpers!

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.

## ROBINWOOD

Year 5 will be attending Robinwood Activity Centre on Monday 14<sup>th</sup> July-Wed 16<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The cost this year is £100 per child. A deposit of £10 to secure your child's place needs to be paid on the app by Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

## RECEPTION CLASS PANTO

Our Reception children have been invited to the annual panto at Hattersley Hub on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. Please can you drop your child off at The Hub for 8:50am, where school staff will be there to meet you. Those who attend breakfast club will be taken up to The Hub by other staff. This a free visit.

## 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](http://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

**Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December:** Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper Day

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** Hattersley Brass at Tesco (after school)

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Panto (fully booked)

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December:** Choir Sing at Tesco 1:30pm

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity Dress Rehearsal

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December:** Reception Class Panto at Hattersley Hub

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** Early Years Christmas Crafts 9am in the hall

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity 2:30pm

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** Early Years/KS1 Christmas Party

**Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December:** KS1 Nativity evening performance at 6pm

**Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Carol Concert 2:45pm at church

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December:** Early Years Nativity Dress Rehearsal

**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December:** Early Years Nativity at 10:45am

**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> December:** KS2 Christmas Party

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December:** Last day of term. School Closes at 3:30pm