

St James' Catholic Primary

"Great News"

Friday 14th February 2025

We have had another great term here at St James'. A few weeks ago, we had a reflective visit by a group of local headteachers and our school improvement partner, Tracy Higgins. They were all very complimentary about our wonderful, well-behaved and polite children. They were impressed by our calm, purposeful and tidy learning environment. They saw lots of high-quality teaching and children engaging well in their learning. Children were able to talk confidently about their work. They said that the positive relationships between staff and children was evident across the school. Well done St James'!

YOUNG VOICES

Pupils from Key Stage 2 had a fantastic time at the Young Voices concert last week. It was very exciting performing at the Co-op Live Arena for the first time. Also, it was an extra special event this year because we performed a medley of songs by Bob Marley on what would have been his 80th birthday, alongside thousands of other children from around the world.

Our children's behaviour was exemplary! Thank you to all the staff who attended too. It was a very long and tiring day for us all but was great to see our children having so much fun.



VALENTINES DISCO

We are very excited to be hosting a Valentines Disco this evening. The infant disco starts at 5:30pm and finishes at 7pm. Then the junior disco will start at 7pm and finish at 8:30pm. Thank you to the School Council, as well as Mrs Dobie and Mrs Childs for organising this. Also, thank you to those staff who are giving up their evening to supervise the children this evening.

ATTENDANCE

We are delighted with our improved attendance figures. Just a reminder that our school target is 96%. Our next attendance assembly will be on Thursday 10th April. We have some very exciting prizes lined up for our next raffle! We will continue to inform you of your child's school attendance each half term (you should have received your child's latest attendance figure in their reading/homework diary).

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Staff are on the lookout for pupils who are making an outstanding contribution to our school. Certificates and our special award will be announced on Thursday 10th April.

FOOD BANK VOUCHERS

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

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!

RECEPTION CLASS ASSEMBLY

Last Thursday, we enjoyed the Reception Class assembly. It was based on their Pathways to Write story 'The Naughty Bus'. We had enthusiastic singing, great performances and children had tried really hard to remember their lines off by heart. Well done!

YEAR 3 CLASS MASS

On Friday 17th January, our Year 3 children prepared and led our Key Stage 2 Mass. Well done to all those who read so well in church.

YEAR 1 CLASS MASS

A couple of weeks ago, children from Year 1 led our infant Mass over in Church. Thank you to those children who helped write some of the prayers and well done to our wonderful readers!

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 continue to have 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 clubs. We have at least four after school activities each day including: Lego club, crafts, crochet, fun with food, volleyball, cheerleading, games and even Yoga!

These sessions need to be booked in advance, at least the day before, 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. **Many of our clubs are now at full capacity so please book early to avoid disappointment.**

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.

TOP-UP PAYMENTS

In an emergency (e.g. an urgent appointment), you can book onto breakfast, after-school or wraparound clubs on the actual day. Simply pay the correct top-up on the app and inform the office.

MONDAY	Activity 1 Year 4/5/6 Crafts	Activity 2 Year 2/3 Art	Activity 3 Juniors Running	Activity 4 Infants Cooking
TUESDAY	Activity 1 Infants Fine Motor Fun	Activity 2 Year 4/5/6 Cheerleading	Activity 3 Juniors Basketball	Activity 4 Year 5/6 Book Club
WEDNESDAY	Activity 1 Year 5/6 Board Games	Activity 2 Nursery, Rec, Year 1 Crafts	Activity 3 Year 3/4 Football	Activity 4 Year 2/Juniors Computers
THURSDAY	Activity 1 Infants Imaginative Play	Activity 2 Year 3/4 Lego & Construction	Activity 3 Year 5/6 Football Infants Cosmic Yoga	Activity 4 Juniors Computers or Brass
FRIDAY	Activity 1 Year 4/5/6 Crochet & Knitting	Activity 2 Year 3/4 Creative Play	Activity 3 Infants Sports Juniors Drama	Activity 4 Infants/Juniors Computers

PE KIT

Next half term it is multi-skills for the infants and basketball for the Juniors.

PE is on a Tuesday for Nursery children and Years 2-5. PE is on Friday for Nursery (they have two shorter sessions), Reception, Year 1 and Year 6. For the rest of this term, Year 4 have an extra PE session on a Friday too.

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, along with their school jumper.

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.

FOREST SCHOOL

When we return after half term, it will be the Year 3 turn for Forest School. They will also be the first class to use our new forest area!

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 are, give us a ring, we may be able to offer them places. Remember, we now offer up to 30-hour places in our Nursery.

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

Monday 24 th February	Return to School
Wednesday 5 th March	Year 6 Safe Squad
Thursday 6 th March	World Book Day (dress up as a book character)
Friday 7 th March	Year 3 Manchester City Festival
Tuesday 11 th March	Parents Evening
Wednesday 12 th March	Class Photographs
Friday 21 st March	Lent Share Day/Comic Relief (Red Nose Day)
Monday 7 th /Tuesday 8 th April	Lenten Retreat days in school
Wednesday 9 th April	Easter Egg Raffle
Thursday 10 th April	Attendance/prize Assembly at 9am Nursery Easter Crafts at 2:15pm
Friday 11 th April	Last day of term (school closes 3:30pm with usual wraparound until 6pm) Brass Concert at 2:45pm