

St James' Catholic Primary

"Great News"

Friday 13th June 2025

MAY CROWNING

On Friday 2nd May, our children showed their love and devotion for Mary in such a beautiful way. Thank you to Jaxon and Renee from Year 3 who were selected to crown Our Lady. Also thank you to all those parents who provided their children with flowers. We were overwhelmed by the response and our parishioners were amazed too! This will now become a 'new tradition' at St James'.

WONDERFUL NEWS

We had some lovely news last week. Mrs Field announced the arrival of her first child, a boy called James. Congratulations to both Mrs Field and Mr Field. Both mother and baby are doing well and we look forward to a visit soon.

GRANDMA ALICE

Last week, we also heard the sad news that our wonderful volunteer Grandma Alice passed away. Grandma Alice has been a volunteer in our school for many years and we thank her for being such an incredible, kind person who loved our children and supported them in their first years of primary school. Grandma Alice will be greatly missed by the whole school community. May she rest in peace. Our thoughts and prayers are also with Mrs Sanderson, Alice's daughter.

PILGRIMS OF HOPE ICONS

As part of the Jubilee Year of Hope, a religious Icon will be sent on a pilgrimage of hope around the Diocese. The Icon is the image of a beautiful window which can be found in our Cathedral in Shrewsbury. The Jubilee Icon depicts the Visitation, when Mary 'with haste' travelled to help her cousin, Elizabeth, who was soon to give birth to her first child. The Icon was blessed by Bishop Mark at this year's Christ Mass, just before Easter. This **Monday 16th June**, the ICON arrives here at St James. We are having a special Celebration of the Word in the **school hall at 10:45am**. **Parents and parishioners are very welcome to attend.**

SPORTS WEEK

This year, we are having a sports week, beginning with an Olympic Style **opening ceremony next Friday 20th June at 9:15am**. Each class has chosen a country to represent and the children will perform a dance as well as take part in a flag parade. We are hoping this will be outside on the playground (weather permitting) otherwise it will be in the school hall. Parents are very welcome to attend. **Sports Day** is planned for **Tuesday 24th June**. Again, we are hoping that this takes place on the school field (weather permitting). If Sports Day has to take place in the hall, then unfortunately we do not have the space for spectators. We will let you know nearer the time what the plan is.

Sports Day Times:

Years 3 - 6	9:15am - 10:45am
Nursery and Reception	11:00am - 12:00pm
Year 1 and Year 2	2:00pm - 3:20pm

We will then have a **closing ceremony on Friday 27th June at 2:15pm**. The children will perform their dances again. Parents are again invited to this.

As part of the Sports Week, children will be completing some Geography work based on their chosen country and will even get to try some food!

THE WIZARD OF OZ

We can now confirm the dates for our Key Stage 2 Summer Production of The Wizard of Oz.

Monday 21st July: Dress Rehearsal at 2pm. Evening performance at 7pm.

Tuesday 22nd July: Matinee performance at 2pm. Evening Performance at 7pm.

Tickets will be on sale in the next couple of weeks.

The majority of pupils in Year 5 and 6 have acting roles and have been provided with scripts to learn at home. Please support your child learning their lines as much as possible. Children in Year 3 and 4 make up our choir. Year 3 will be our 'Munchkins' and Year 4 the 'Ozians' (people from the Land of Oz). If you can provide any costumes or help in any way, please speak to Mr Woolley, Mrs Dobie or Mrs Kinder.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS MASS

The Year 6 Mass will be on **Friday 18th July at 9:15am** in church. Parents very welcome to attend.

YEAR 6 SHELLFEST

This year's Shellfest for Year 6 pupils will be on **Wednesday 23rd July from 3:30 - 5:30pm**. Children can wear their own festival clothes. Weather permitting this will be held outside. There will be a BBQ, DJ, Games and lots of fun.

YEAR 6 LEAVERS ASSEMBLY

The Year 6 Leavers Assembly will be on our last day **Thursday 24th July at 9am**.

ATTENDANCE ASSEMBLY

Our final attendance assembly will be on **Thursday 24th July**. All children with 96% or above attendance will receive a certificate and will be entered into a prize draw. 1st prize worth £100, 2nd prize worth £30 and 3rd prize worth £20.

Please remember, we are no longer able to authorise holidays in term time. Our school attendance target is 96%; however, attendance across the school has taken a real dip recently and this is impacting on pupils' progress and attainment. Please try to make appointments outside of the school day. If you would like some help, support or guidance with attendance matters, please do contact us in school.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARD

Staff are again on the lookout for pupils who are making an outstanding contribution to our school. They will nominate one child from their class who will receive a special certificate at the final assembly. One name will then be chosen to receive the gold award and they will receive a £50 gift card.

WARM WEATHER

Please make sure during warmer weather, you apply sun cream (ideally one that will last all day) to your child/ren before school and provide them with a sun hat/cap.

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!

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 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 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.

After School Club Activities Summer Term 2 (June-July 2025)

MONDAY	Activity 1 Infants Art	Activity 2 Year 5/6 Photography	Activity 3 Year 2/Juniors Running	Activity 4 Juniors Arts & Crafts
TUESDAY	Activity 1 Infants Gross Motor Fun	Activity 2 Year 2/3 Cheerleading	Activity 3 Juniors Sports	Activity 4 Year 4/5/6 Chat n Chill
WEDNESDAY	Activity 1 Nursery, Rec, Year 1 Science	Activity 2 Year 2/3/4 Football	Activity 3 Year 5/6 Games	Activity 4 Infants/Juniors Computers
THURSDAY	Activity 1 Infants Den Building Year 6 Set Design	Activity 2 Year 3/4 Lego & Construction	Activity 3 Year 5/6 Football	Activity 4 Juniors Computers or Brass
FRIDAY	Activity 1 Infants Games	Activity 2 Year 3/4 Cooking	Activity 3 Year 4/5/6 Crochet & Knitting	Activity 4 Year 2/Juniors Computers

PE KIT

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 summer term, Year 3 have an extra PE session on a Friday too.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

DATE	EVENT
Monday 16 th June	Icon of the Visitation at 10:45am in hall
Thursday 19 th June	Year 3 Trip to Manchester Museum
Friday 20 th June	Sports Week Opening Ceremony 9:15am
Saturday 21 st June	First Holy Communion at 11am in church
Tuesday 24 th June	Sports Day
Friday 27 th June	Sports Week Closing Ceremony 2:15pm
Thursday 3 rd July	Transition Morning in new classes
Monday 7 th July	Year 6 London Trip
Mon 14 th - Wed 16 th July	Year 5 Robinwood residential
Tuesday 22 nd July	Reception/Year 1 trip to Portland Basin
Wednesday 23 rd July	Year 2 trip to Portland Basin Year 4 trip to the Lowry
Thursday 24 th July	Last day of term
Wednesday 3 rd September	School reopens