



Fortnightly Newsletter

'Growing Kind Hearts and Curious Minds'

Friday 07 November 2025

Message from the Principal

Welcome Back

We hope you all had a lovely half term break and enjoyed some family time together. It's wonderful to have everyone back in school and starting to get ready for one of the most magical times of the year!

This half term is always packed with excitement, and we've got lots to look forward to — from our **class Christmas craft afternoons** (see below for dates and times) to our **Christmas Fayre** and all the festive fun and celebrations that make this season so special.

Thank you, as always, for your continued support. We can't wait to share this joyful season with you and your children!

Year Group	Day	Date	Time
Reception	Friday	28 th November	2pm – 3pm
Year 1	Friday	21 st November	1.30 pm – 2.15 pm
Year 2	Wednesday	19 th November	2pm – 3pm
Year 3	Thursday	27 th November	2pm – 3pm
Year 4	Tuesday	25 th November	2pm – 3pm
Year 5	Thursday	20 th November	2pm – 3pm
Year 6	Wednesday	26 th November	2pm – 3pm

Spotty Day - Children in Need

BBC Children in Need - Non-Uniform Day. Get ready to join us in supporting BBC Children in Need with a fun filled non-uniform day on **Friday, 14th November!** All pupils are invited to come to school wearing something spotty and bring a contribution to help make a difference in the lives of children and young people across the UK. Every penny raised will go directly to BBC Children in Need, funding vital projects that provide resources, support, and opportunities for children who need it most. The Student Council will have collection buckets at the gates.



Crazy Hair Day - Wednesday 26th November

We will be holding a **Crazy Hair Day**, a fun way for the children to show off their most colourful, creative hairstyles! Instead of bringing money, we're asking families to bring in a **small donation of food** to support our local **Food Bank**. Your kindness and generosity make such a big difference to families in our community, especially at this time of year.

Friday 5th Dec 2025 – Non-Uniform Day

To help make our Christmas Fayre on 12th December extra special, we are holding a non-uniform day! On this day, children are invited to come to school in casual clothes and bring in a donation to support the Fayre, such as: Chocolates for the tombola, raffle prizes etc. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Friday 12th Dec 2025 – Christmas Fayre.

Come and support our Christmas Fayre! Children will be selling their own arts and crafts from market stalls in the playground. Join us from 3:30pm to celebrate the festive season and enjoy the creativity of our pupils – we can't wait to see you there!

Top Tips for Reading:

1. Let children choose

Children are far more likely to engage with a book when they've had a say in picking it. Whether at home, or in the library, try offering a small selection and letting them choose.

2. Mix it up

Set a challenge like 'read a book in a crazy place' and the children will have great fun sharing their ideas of where to read. Changing the setting turns reading into an adventure, and this novelty can be especially helpful for less enthusiastic readers.

3. Make time and space for reading

Children need uninterrupted time for reading – children who enjoy reading will read more frequently, but also reading more frequently can increase their enjoyment.



Our **Poppy Appeal** will continue **Monday 10th**, and all donations are very welcome as we help support the Royal British Legion and their vital work.

Attendance Matters

Please remember that the government expected level of attendance is 96%. Please make sure that your child only stays at home if they are very unwell. A mild cough or cold is not a reason for them to stay at home. Please also ensure that your child arrives punctually in the mornings – school begins at 8.50 a.m., the gates close at 8.55 am, and if your child arrives after that time, they will be marked as late.



Help us to decorate our tree for the St James Church Christmas Tree Festival

Join our Christmas celebrations by creating small wreaths to hang on our tree. The wreaths could be of natural materials or decorative items. The wreaths symbolise unity and respect within our community.



Christmas Tree Festival

We are excited to be taking part in St James' Church Christmas Tree Festival again this year. Please see the attached poster for how you can contribute to our school tree. The deadline for your decorations to arrive in school will be **Monday 1st December**.

Dates for Diary

- Friday 14th November – Children In Need – Spotty Non-Uniform
- Tuesday 18th November - - Mop up Wrates Individual/Sibling Photographs
- Wednesday 19th November – Mop up Flu vaccination
- Wednesday 19th November – 2.00 pm – Year 2 Christmas Craft Afternoon
- Thursday 20th November – Sunita Patel – The Indian Workshop
- Thursday 20th November – 2.00 pm Year 5 Christmas Craft Afternoon
- Friday 21st November – 1.30 pm – Year 1 Christmas Craft Afternoon
- Tuesday 25th November – 2.00 pm – Year 4 Christmas Craft Afternoon
- Wednesday 26th November – Wacky Wednesday Hairdo!
- Wednesday 26th November – 2.00 pm – Year 6 Christmas Craft Afternoon
- Thursday 27th November – 2.00 pm – Year 3 Christmas Craft Afternoon
- Friday 28th November – 2.00 pm - EYFS Christmas Craft Afternoon
- Monday 1st December – Deadline for Christmas Tree Festival Decorations
- Friday 5th December – Non-Uniform day – Christmas Fayre Donation Day
- Wednesday 10th December - 2:30pm and 4:00pm – EYFS Nativity
- Friday 12th December – Christmas Jumper and Christmas Lunch date.
- Friday 12th December - Outdoor Christmas Fayre - all invited from 3.30pm onwards
- Thursday 18th December – Christmas Festival at St James' Church
- Friday 19th December – Last Day of Term