

St James' Church of England Junior School



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Newsletter

8 March 2024

Our Value for the year is **Respect** Our Value for this term is **Forgiveness**

Congratulations to our:

Values Cup Winners



Good Work Winners



Congratulations to 3A who won the weekly attendance award this week with 95%.

Well done!

Important Dates & Holidays

Take a look at the school calendar and term dates for 2023-24 and 2024-25 [here](#).

Tuesday 19 March	3.10 pm	St James' Cake & Craft Sale
Wednesday 20 March		Parents' Evening (2.30-7.30 pm)
Friday 22 March	9.15 am	Easter Service at St James' Church
Friday 22 March	1.30 pm	End of Term 4 at 1.30 pm

Easter Holidays – Monday 25 March to Friday 5 April

Monday 8 April		Start of Term 5
Thursday 2 May		School closed all day (Being used as Polling Station)
Friday 3 May		INSET Day (School closed all day)
Monday 6 May		BANK HOLIDAY (School closed)
Friday 24 May	3.20 pm	End of Term 5 at 3.20 pm

School Hours

8.15 am	Breakfast Club
8.30 am	School playground is staffed – children can be left after 8.30 am
8.50 am	Pupils come into school
9.00 am	First session
3.20 pm	End of school day

Pupils should be in school by 8.50 am. All children who are late need to be brought into school by a parent to sign them in. If children arrive in school later than 10.30 am we may not be able to order them a hot lunch so they should bring in a packed lunch.

Breakfast Club is available from 8.15-8.45 am. **Children are expected to be punctual, but they should not arrive in school before 8.15 am when the gates open.**

Doctors, Opticians and Dentist Appointments

Routine doctors, opticians and dentist appointments **SHOULD NOT** be made during school time. Only emergency appointments and hospital appointments should be made during the school day. All other appointments should be made after school, at weekends or during the school holidays. If an appointment has already been made children should be in school before, if possible, and should be brought into school after the appointment, if time. A whole day is not required for a local appointment. Please email or text if your child is going to an appointment. If you have to make an appointment for your child at the beginning of the day, please inform the school.

Attendance Ladder



Language of the Month

The children and staff enjoyed learning Bulgarian last month. This March the Language of the Month is Kurdish!

Why not ask your child what they have learnt?

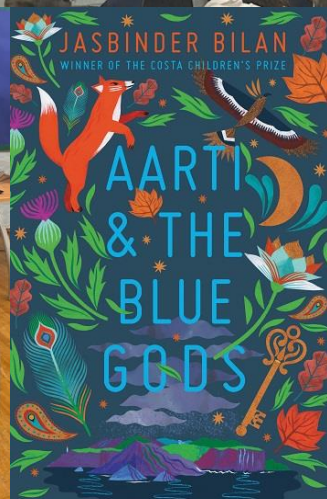
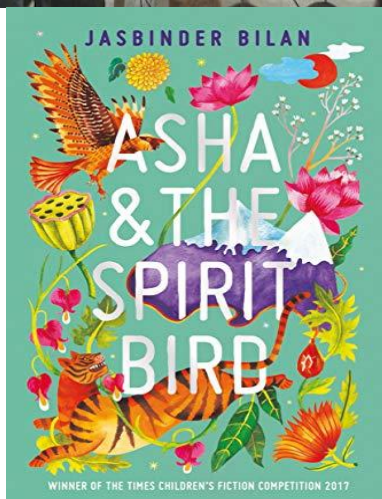
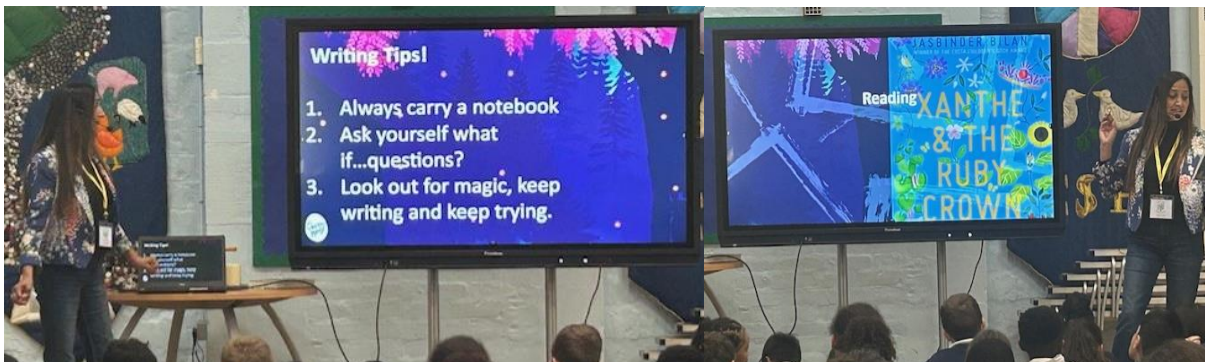


Author's visit

We were lucky enough to have a visit from the author Jasminder Bilan, who came to share her inspirational journey to becoming an author. She shared her books with us and discussed how she came up with the magical ideas in her story writing.

Did you know her favourite book as a child was 'The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe.'

Keep an eye out in our library for a signed copy of her books!



Allergies and Photographs

Please let us know if your child has an allergy or reaction to any food. Please also let us know if you don't wish your child to have a photograph taken in school for use for our newsletter/website.

Reception Mural

Last week we had the pleasure of the company of Brandon from Brandon's Murals. He's made a fantastic job of decorating our reception area with butterflies in the colours of flags and with 'welcome' in the language of that country. It is a lot more welcoming now! The children have enjoyed finding their country's flag. Come in and have a look!



Triple P Discussion Group for Parents

Please contact Mrs Jones if you would like to attend.

Triple P are offering Discussion Groups over the summer for families. Parents can attend the Discussion Group you feel meets your needs. Parents do not need to attend all 4.

Discussion Group age 0-12

Bedtime routines - 23/7/24 12.30-2.30pm

Dealing with Disobedience - 29/7/24 12.30-2.30pm

Managing fighting and aggression - 19/8/24 12.30-2.30pm

Hassle free shopping - 28/8/24 12.30-2.30pm

Discussion Group Teen 12+

Getting teenagers to co-operate - 24/7/24 12.30-2.30pm

Dealing with teenager's emotions - 30/7/24 12.30-2.30pm

Building teenagers survival skills - 20/8/24 12.30-2.30

Reducing family conflict - 27/8/24 12.30-2.30pm

Mrs Jones, Engagement Coordinator

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London Marathon

This year two members of staff, Miss Tredgett, who teaches Year 4 and Mr Hutchinson, who teaches Year 5, will be taking part in the London Marathon on 21 April. This is an incredible achievement to be training and coming into school on a daily basis.

Miss Tredgett has previously run the London Marathon on 3 occasions, as well as Manchester and Edinburgh full marathons and other half marathons. Last year, she completed the marathon in 3 hours 26 minutes - a personal best.



“Training is well underway and the early morning runs have begun! At the moment, I am running 6 days a week, some runs are at 5.00 am before school and some are in the evening. Mr Hutchinson and I both run in the same running club and we are hoping to complete some of our long training runs together so it is not as lonely (he keeps me entertained with his bad jokes). I am hoping to achieve another personal best and raise lots of money for our City Farm where the children regularly visit to take care of the animals and have horse-riding lessons.”

Quotes from children in 4A:

*‘I would really like to see how fast she can run’
‘I think she will need a break after she has run the Marathon!’*



Mr Hutchinson is a regular runner at Gloucester Parkrun and has previously completed a full marathon and two Ultra Marathons. He is also aiming for a personal best.

“My training is going well. I have got my new marathon trainers ready and am wearing them in.”

Quotes from his class:

‘We want to encourage him to run the London Marathon. We are supporting his training but hoping he still has enough energy to teach us.’

‘He is teaching us a good lesson about working towards a goal’

‘We are going to watch on Sunday 21st and will be shouting ‘Go Mr Hutchinson! At the TV’

As a very diverse school we are tracking the training miles they cover and thinking about where in the world it would take you. By week 3 they have collectively run 258 miles. The children have used maps and maths to work out they have run enough miles to get to Paris France!

As a school we will be raising money for the City Farm* which is opposite our school. The children benefit greatly from the riding lessons as well as being able to visit on their way home.

“There are no other words for it; they are inspirational! Dedicated teachers, wonderful team players and exceptional athletes. They run before school when we’re all still in bed and after school when we’re all having our dinner. True dedication – especially through the winter months. Everyone here at St James is extremely proud of them and wishes them well in finishing the race and maybe even getting a PB time!”

Mrs Gardiner, Operational Headteacher.



If you would like to donate to this great cause, here is the just giving page: [Just Giving Page](#)

**If the City Farm remains closed the School Council will decide on a new charity.*

World Book Day



Basketball Tournament

A group of our students went to St Peter's this week for a basketball tournament.



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The Ball**

Easter Holiday Club

Our children love attending, they come home buzzing and excited. Highly recommend!

Week 1 - Tuesday 26th - Wednesday 27th - Thursday 28th March

Week 2 - Tuesday 2nd - Wednesday 3rd - Thursday 4th April

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The Library

Discover upcoming events at your local library!