

Dear Parents & Carers,

Great learning and continued super attitudes from all children this week! 4 Kenya, 5 Japan and 2 France have all visited the Blue Anchor Library for book-swapping and story-telling and Year 6 attended a lovely trip on Monday to Hyde Park as part of their topic work this term. Recorder and Violin lessons continue to go really well and we have lots of performance and sporting events coming up both inside and outside of school. This afternoon, all children are completing activities around their French learning as part of European Day of Languages 2023.

Our Collective Worship theme for this week has continued to be based around the Parables Jesus told and all we can take from these. Next week, we'll focus our attention on Harvest and Giving Thanks in the lead up to our Harvest Service on Friday.

Clubs

Clubs will begin on Monday (2nd October) after school. If you have signed up, you will have had a confirmation e-mail with details regarding these. Children should be collected from Old Jamaica Road at 16:15 and Alexis St at 16:30 from the main playground gates. These will run for the whole Autumn term, each Monday, until 4th December which will be the final day for clubs this term.

Nursery 'Share a Story' Morning – Tuesday 3rd October, 09:30, Old Jamaica Road

Nursery parents and carers are warmly invited to join us at Old Jamaica Road on Tuesday (3rd October) for a 'share a story' session with your children. Please join us from 09:30. We have some book packs we'd like to give you to take home and share with your Nursery children too.

Reception 2024-2025 Open Mornings – Wednesdays at 10:00, Old Jamaica Road

We're holding a series of Open Mornings for existing and prospective parents of Reception children starting school in September 2024. Please spread the word to any parents you know, or join us yourselves, for these on one of the following mornings:

- Wednesday 11th October, Old Jamaica Road at 10:00;
- Wednesday 18th October, Old Jamaica Road at 10:00;
- Wednesday 1st November, Old Jamaica Road at 10:00;
- Wednesday 8th November, Old Jamaica Road at 10:00.

Reception – Year 6 Flu Immunisations in School

As you'll have seen from our 'dates' letter, all children are due to have their annual flu nasal immunisation dose in school on (or around in the case of Year 6 as they're on a trip) Tuesday 7th November. This is optional, however recommended. If you want your child/ren to have this immunisation in school, simply follow the link from the QR code on the attachment to provide consent for this. The nurses will not give the immunisation to children whose parents have not given their consent. You need to give consent for each child.

Young Marketeers – Borough Market, Wednesday 4th October

<https://boroughmarket.org.uk/events/young-marketeers-harvest-sale-2023/>

Mrs. Brenta and 4 children from 4 Ghana will be at Borough Market (in the Market Hall) with a market stall on Wednesday selling some produce grown here in school. If you would like to visit them, they would be delighted to see you there! It is always a great day, with public, press and dignitaries visiting the children from local schools selling at the market. All proceeds from the sale are given to The Felix Project: <https://thefelixproject.org/> They will be selling from 11:00 – 13:30 on Wednesday 4th October.

Holiday Free School Meals Vouchers – October Half Term

Happily, the system will remain the same for our parents who are currently in receipt/have been receiving holiday vouchers. If you are new to school, please read the letter attached outlining details of the Southwark Council system and details we need from you in order to check your child/ren's eligibility.

Year 6 – PGL Residential Trip in June 2024

A reminder that today was the initial deadline for your deposits/interest in our residential trip for Year 6. Do either pay the deposit/initial payment via SchoolsBuddy or let us know on the phone or via e-mail if you will definitely commit to this and wish for your child to attend. We need to have provisional numbers in advance and can't promise a space after a certain point.

JAG Wraparound Care for Key Stage Two Children

If your child/ren attend our Alexis St site and you need breakfast or after-school club provision, JAG are offering free taster days for you to try. Please see the flier attached and express interest as provided should you wish to book your child into our Junior Adventure Group provision.

Run, Canada Water, Run! Event – Southwark Park Athletics Track, Sunday 15th October

We are taking part in an event in Southwark Park on Sunday 15th October (afternoon) where we will receive a grant for school funds and projects and also raise money for our school. Please see the flier attached – it would be great if a large number of our children and parents joined us and supported us for this. As well as promoting health and fitness with a 2km run, this will be a super opportunity to come together and raise funds for vital school trips and projects. To register, you can follow the QF code on the attached flier or follow this link: <https://forms.gle/4JdN2QS5hBjbGysr9> If you join and your child is in Nursery or Reception, a parent/carer will need to run with them. From Years 1-6, you are welcome to spectate and children run the course on their own. Members of school staff will also be in attendance and we hope to see many of you there!

'A Celebration of Soul and Song' – Wednesday 18th October, 17:00 in St. James's Church

Miss Jess is delighted to present 'A Celebration of Soul & Song' where children in years 3, 4, 5 & 6 will perform a showcase of their Autumn Performing Arts learning. This will be held in St. James's Church at 17:00. Entry fee will be £2.00 towards the school fund. It'd be lovely to have all/as many children performing as possible and of course have a large audience to cheer the children on!

Next Week

Children in 4 Ghana, 5 India and 1 Italy will be attending the Blue Anchor Library for story-telling and book-swapping; we have our Nursery story-telling morning on Tuesday as detailed above; our Young Marketeers sale at Borough Market with Mrs Brenta as detailed above too; Year 3 will all take part on Poetry Creative Writing workshops on Thursday and all children will be celebrating National Poetry Day with activities in classes on Friday.

Do keep checking that 'dates for your diaries letter' which is regularly updated with important dates, trips and events.

As always, a reminder to follow us on Instagram: [@st_jamesschool](https://www.instagram.com/st_jamesschool) or [@reggioatst_jamesschool](https://www.instagram.com/reggioatst_jamesschool) to see some of the action at both sites!

Wishing you, the children and our whole school community a super weekend.

God bless, from the St. James' team.