

Dear Parents & Carers,

What a week! Super learning from children with their French and Relationships and Health Education this week along with our first Reception 2024 tour for parents and carers and also Miss Hibberd's Year 1 Phonics meeting for parents and carers on Wednesday. Years 5&6 also had a great assembly on Monday with Olympic Rower Grace Prendergast who gave inspirational messages on sports and fitness and encouraged everyone to run on Sunday.

Our Collective Worship theme this week has been focused around our school character traits and their Bible readings – we're seeing so much wonderful zest, enthusiasm to learning and curiosity this term! Very well done to all our wonderful children.

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

Another reminder that we're taking part in an event in Southwark Park on Sunday!

To register, you can follow the QR 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! Years 5&6 have a special assembly on Monday promoting this where athlete Grace Prendergast will come and encourage participation in this run along with the organisers.

To sponsor/donate/add a message of support please follow the link to our JustGiving page:

https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/stjames-school?utm_term=gZw2zAyV4

MANY THANKS if you are able to support; we'll see you on Sunday afternoon!

'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. Children will need to be brought to church ready to perform for 16:30 to prepare. 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!

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

Another reminder that we're holding a series of Open Mornings for existing and prospective parents of Reception children starting school in September 2024. Many thanks to those of you who attended this Wednesday. Please spread the word to any parents you know, or join us yourselves, for these on one of the following mornings:

- 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.

Parent courses

If you are interested in doing a course (with Southwark Adult Education, however held here at Alexis St), please can you let Mrs. Brenta know. We can offer:

- Caring for children (Beginners, who may want to get into childminding/TA roles in the future) and/or
- Literacy for childcare (Beginners, if you are a childminder, or just as a parent).

Please email her cbrenta.210@st-james.southwark.sch.uk or call her at school.

Uniform

Second hand uniform is still available from Alexis St in the pre-loved shop! Mrs. Brenta will be there on Wednesday afternoon, 18th October, if you need anything. She will not be open on Wednesday morning as she will be at Old Jamaica Road for the Reception tours. Do come along for a tour if you have children joining reception in September 2024. We have though been able to change the delivery option from the supplier of our new school uniform:

<https://shopkeepeasy.com/100829> - when you place your order they will group the orders together for delivery to school, meaning you will not have to pay any postage and packing costs, and collect your orders from school.

Parent Gym

Mrs. Brenta will be running this very popular course in the new year (Spring term). There will be a taster session after half term, meanwhile if you'd like to know more about it follow this link, <https://parentgym.com> Parent Gym is NOT an exercise class! It is a fun, social, 6-week programme designed to help all parents raise happy, confident children. Ask Mrs. Brenta for further details, and watch out for the taster session date, we'd love to see you there!

Next Week

Children in Belgium class, 6 Canada and 2 Spain will be attending the Blue Anchor Library for story-telling and book-swapping; Reception 2024 tours will commence on Wednesday at OJR – as above; we are looking forward to our 'Celebration of Soul and Song' SPECTACULAR held in St. James's Church on Wednesday at 17:00 – we hope to see all our KS2 families there and then!; Ivana from @storying_space is joining us on Friday for story-telling sessions for Years 4&5.

Remember – we break up for Autumn half term next Friday – 20th October – at the normal school times. We'll see everyone back to school following this on Monday 30th October, again, at the normal school times, for Autumn term 2.

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

God bless, from the St. James' team.