

Dear Parents & Carers,

A very productive and busy half term, ending with a super Maundy Thursday service today. We're so proud of all the children and their many and varied achievements! Years 3&4 were amazing in their production of Mary Poppins this week; we have had really reflective Easter learning and Years 2&6 took part in important NSPCC workshops all about keeping safe.

We break up today for our Easter Holiday and wish you all a lovely break – we look forward to seeing you back on Monday 15th April at the usual school times.

Monday Clubs

You will find an attachment advertising both our clubs and sports clubs for KS2 from outside agencies. You'll note our clubs do not start until Monday 22nd April, however the 3&4 Tennis Club and 5&6 Cricket Club start on Tuesday 16th April. The tennis club must be booked in advance via the company. These will be available to book via SchoolsBuddy during or after the Easter holiday.

Years 3&4 Tennis Club – Summer Term 1

Please see attached flier again advertising a Tennis Club we'll be facilitating at Alexis St for Year 3&4 children after Easter. The link should take you to a booking form. There is a cost of £30.00 for the 6-week course, meaning each session is £5.00 until 16:30 after school. Spaces may fill up fast, so do decide quickly whether or not you'd like your child/ren to attend. This comes following our KS2 Tennis coaching day last Friday which was really well received by all. There will be more opportunities for outside/sports clubs after Easter for the Summer term which we'll advertise well in advance.

Years 5&6 Cricket Club - Summer Term 1

Through our partnership with Surrey County Cricket Club we are delighted to offer children in Years 5 and 6 the chance to sign up to our upcoming after-school cricket club. This will take place next term starting on Tuesday 16th April running for six weeks until 21st May and will finish at 16:30. Children should bring their PE kits with them to change into after school. There are limited places for this club so please be quick to sign up if you are interested. Those who do sign up will receive a personalised t-shirt with their name on and a free cricket bat. This is a commitment for those that do sign up and we are very lucky to be able to provide this opportunity, so please make sure your child is interested in and committed to being part of this club for the full six week period. To sign up, please visit the SchoolsBuddy app and select the club. This will only appear for Year 5&6 parents and carers to book.

Easter Holiday Ideas

We've re-attached ideas of Easter holiday events which may be of interest.

Easter Colouring Competition

Please do keep on with the lovely colouring and drawing of Easter over the school break. Macai would like to see lots more entries and will judge the competition after the holidays. Please bring any entries in on the first day of term, which will be the final day.

Parents' Evenings – After the Easter Holidays

Sessions for parents' evening will be live to book on SchoolsBuddy from Monday (25th March). Our Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 parents' evening is on Wednesday 17th April from 15:30 – 18:50. Our Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 parents' evening is on Wednesday 24th April from 16:00 - 19:20. Please note as usual that both events take place **in the hall at Old Jamaica Road**. If you need a reminder of how SchoolsBuddy works, you can find a guide on our website page [Contact Us\SchoolsBuddy at St James](#). If you have any queries, please email the school office@st-james.southwark.sch.uk. We're looking forward to seeing you all there! Do look out for open evenings later in the Summer term so your child/ren can show their wonderful learning in situ as well!

Southwark Family Early Help Service

Please see attached some fliers regarding Southwark's parenting courses.

Events After the Holidays

Monday 15th April

Back to school for Summer term 1 – usual school times.

Start of term Easter Service in St. James's Church at 09:30. All welcome to attend.

Years 3&4 Belgium children swimming lessons continue.

Tuesday 16th April

No events.

Wednesday 17th April

Year 4 Golf Afternoon.

Nursery, Reception and Years 1&2 Parents' Evening in the Old Jamaica Road Hall. Slots to see children's class teachers will be via SchoolsBuddy.

Thursday 18th April

Year 1 Italy visiting Pizza Express as part of their fractions Maths topic.

Friday 19th April

Violin lessons resume at KS2.

Wishing you, your families, and our whole community a lovely, safe and happy Easter Holiday!

We look forward to seeing everyone back at the usual school times on Monday 15th April.

**God bless,
from the St. James' team.**