

Dear Parents & Carers,

Lots of lovely RE learning this week as we come to the end of the Spring term and look forward to the Easter Holidays! Our Year 3&4 production was super – many thanks to Miss Hermione and teachers for rehearsing and making sure this came together so well. Thanks for supporting further fundraising efforts with our Easter Egg tombolas at both sites. We are all attending an end of term Easter service in Church today to finish the term.

Our Collective Worship theme for this half term continued with the Gospel according to Mark, discussing Jesus's life in the lead up to Easter. This week we've looked at Jesus's crucifixion and events leading to this. ***We break up today at 13:15 (Alexis St/KS2) and 13:30 (OJR/EYFS & KS1). Do be reminded there is no after-school club provision at either site on this final day of the Spring term.***

Things to do in London over the Easter Holidays!

Please see an attachment with lots of ideas for Easter Holiday activities across London. Hopefully you'll find this useful; many thanks to one mum who has signposted many free/affordable activities for those in receipt of certain benefits.



Whole School 'Big Book' Reading Event – Tuesday 14th April

We are very pleased to invite you, along with your child/ren to our OJR site on Tuesday 14th April for a Reading with your child event in the OJR Hall. All year groups are welcome – children in KS2 can be dropped to Alexis St later and not receive a late mark in the register. Miss Hannaway will be there with advice on Reading at home and there will be books to take away in addition to reading card packs to promote reading for pleasure. We had a similar event before Christmas which was very well-attended; we hope to see lots of you there!



Parent/Carer Consultation Evenings

Summer term Parents' Evenings are scheduled for April - see details below and as per our 'dates for your diaries' letter. These 10-minute meetings with your child/ren's teacher/s will be bookable from the second day of the new Summer Term i.e. Tuesday 14th April from 09:00 via your Arbor parent app and will remain available until 17:00 on the day of the consultation. If you have any issues regarding the booking of these, please contact the school office where Mrs Fox and Miss Ashby will be pleased to help you.



- Wednesday 22nd April: Nursery, Reception, Years 1 & 2 Parents' Evening in the OJR hall;
- Wednesday 29th April: Key Stage Two (9 Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Cezanne class) Parents' Evening in the OJR hall.

Clubs

Our Monday after-school enrichment clubs finished for the Spring term last week. After teachers have decided upon new clubs to offer, I'll let you know and give notice to sign up for these via the Arbor app as usual once we're back from the Easter Holidays.



National Tennis Association After-School Tennis Club

Another reminder that the NTA are again offering after-school tennis clubs during the Summer term. These are a fun and engaging way for children in Years 3–6 to get active, improve their tennis skills, and make new friends. Players will work on key shots, footwork, balance, and coordination, all in a friendly and supportive school environment, with sessions tailored to their age group. **Tuesday 14th April - 19th May (6 weeks), 3:15pm - 4:15pm, Alexis St playground, Cost: £36 (£6 per session).** Due to such high interest we are now running two separate clubs please see the registration links: [Years 3–4](#) / [Years 5–6](#)



Parent Gym

Thank you to those parents who came along to the taster session. It's not too late to join. We will start the 6-week programme on Thursday 16th April, 9am, at Alexis St, with a tasty breakfast. If you have any questions, please do see Mrs Brenta. All are welcome! The first session, 'Chat' - how to listen when your child speaks, followed by Love, Behave, Care, Discover and Together. See you there!



Cultural Diversity Day Thursday 21st May, 2026

Please find a flier attached (designed by one of our children) to note the date of this year's 'Cultural Diversity' Day! On this day children are invited to wear clothes/costumes which reflect their cultures/identities. We will also be welcoming parents/carers/families into the Alexis St playground after school for a celebration together



Events after Easter – please also note the ‘dates for your diaries’ letter.

Monday 13 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Back to school for the Summer term – normal school times, 08:45 Alexis St/09:00 Old Jamaica Road; • Welcome back service at 09:30 in St. James's Church – all welcome to attend.
Tuesday 14 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BIG BOOK EVENT from 09:00 in the Old Jamaica Road Hall (details above).
Wednesday 15 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No events.
Thursday 16 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No events.
Friday 17 th April	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No events.

Wishing you and our whole community a wonderful, happy and safe Easter Holiday! We thank you as always for your support, kindness and healthy working partnerships as we finish for the Spring term ☺

God bless,
from the St. James' team.

