

Dear Parents & Carers,

A busy and productive first full week of the academic year – children have started class books and topics and have been focusing their attention on Geography learning this week. Years 5&6 have attended field trips to Hampstead Heath; Years 2&5 have had fire safety workshops with the London Fire Brigade as part of their PSHE learning; Year 3 have had road safety pedestrian training at Alexis St and Key Stage 2 children have all had PE sessions with the National Tennis Association who will also be offering an after-school club this term (details below).

In Collective Worship we have begun to look at our termly theme of 'The Sermon on the Mount'; this week we've thought about the Beatitudes, linking them in to how we live and explored the theme of being 'Blessed'.



Dates for your Diaries

Please find an initial dates letter attached with some important dates to remember in advance. This will be updated regularly with additions highlighted for your information. Do note parents' evenings, productions etc in advance.



PE/Performing Arts Days

PE and Performing Arts lessons have now started – another reminder that these lessons are to take place on the following days, each week, unless otherwise informed:

- **Tuesday:** Years Reception, 3 and 4;
- **Wednesday:** Years 1 and 2;
- **Thursday:** Years 5 and 6.



KS2 children in Cezanne class have PE days with the YEAR GROUP they are in as above. Reception will start PE sessions on a Tuesday in a couple of weeks – do watch out for Miss Molly's newsletter to inform when.

Clubs/Arbor App

Monday after school enrichment clubs for Years 1-6 will commence on Monday 21st September and finish on Monday 7th December for the Autumn term. Please find attached the clubs on offer for this term. These will be ready to sign up for on Tuesday 15th September after 09:00 to secure your child/ren's place using the Arbor app. Do contact the office if you are new to us or having problems and we can manually book in for you.



Years 3-6 After School Tennis Club with National Tennis Association

Our Years 3–6 After School Tennis Club will be returning next week (Tuesday 15th September) until Tuesday 13th October, delivered by coaches from the National Tennis Association. The club takes place on Tuesday after school and is a fun and inclusive way for children to enjoy tennis, develop their skills and build confidence through a mixture of coaching, games, challenges and match play. No previous tennis experience is required and all equipment is provided. Places are limited and offered on a first-come, first-served basis. **Please see the attached flier for full details, dates and costs, and a link to register your child.**



'Run, Canada Water, Run!' – Sunday 27th September

We are incredibly excited again to announce that on Sunday 27th September, we will be taking part in Canada Water's 'Run Kids Run' event at Southwark Park running track. We will be joining children from other local schools who will be taking on the 1km/2km challenge to raise money for their schools and we need your support! We are raising money to continue our work on improving our outside learning spaces to benefit our children. 'Run Kids Run' has secured sponsorship from Art Invest, the developers of Canada Water Dockside, they are kick-starting the fundraising with a possible donation of £5,000, but we need your help. The more of our children that sign up to complete the 2km challenge the more of that donation we are entitled to. Please do save the date and encourage children to participate – further details on sponsorship and sign-ups will come soon. Please see flier attached with a QR code to sign up and further information.

RUN KIDS° RUN

Year 6 PGL Residential Trip – June 2027

Some people have already signed up for this trip - please find a letter attached again regarding our Year 6 Residential trip to PGL, Marchant's Hill, Surrey next June. Deposits of £10.00 are required by Friday 18th September via the Arbor app to secure your child's place – alternatively, do make contact so you don't miss the deadline. We hope as many children as possible can join us for this and look forward to the opportunity for Year 6.



The Union Jack Classic - American College Football live at Wembley

On Saturday 19th September 2026, Arizona State Sun Devils take on the Kansas Jayhawks live at Wembley Stadium. Due to our links with **BIGKID**, the company that run our after school Flag Football sessions, we have been offered some free tickets for you and your family to attend the event live! These are two of the best College teams in the country and an amazing opportunity to see some live American football up close and experience the buzz of college football! If you are interested in tickets please email Mr Brenta at cbrenta2.210@st-james.southwark.sch.uk with the following details: 1) Your name, 2) Your Child's name and class, 3) Number of tickets you would like Tickets will be on a first come, first served basis and there is a limited number. For more information regarding the day just click here: <https://unionjackclassic.com/>



Events Next Week

Monday 14 th September	• Violin lessons for KS2 (Years 3-6).
Tuesday 15 th September	• Year 1 visiting Hampstead Heath for their Geography field work.
Wednesday 16 th September	• Year 3 visiting Hampstead Heath for their Geography field work.
Thursday 17 th September	• Year 2 visiting Hampstead Heath for their Geography field work; • London PE Network in delivering PE sessions to Year 6 girls.
Friday 18 th September	• All children in KS2 (Years 3-6) taking part in a Flag Football session. PE KITS ON THIS ADDITIONAL DAY PLEASE FOR KS2.

Another reminder to look at our term dates and do utilise our long Autumn half term should you be thinking about holidays to avoid term-time requests...!

<https://www.stjameschoolbermondsey.com/site/data/files/documents/term%20dates/FB17472CF0608B4DB958A46D84457B00.pdf>

Wishing you, along with our whole community, a super weekend ☺

God bless,
from the St. James' team.

