Newsletter – Friday 20th November 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

A lovely week of Science learning across both sites in addition to a Year 1 Teddy Bear Hospital medical workshops with practitioners from King's College; Cezanne class attending a Festival of Sport at Bacon's College; a Reception Lantern Making Workshop with a local artist as part of the 'Illuminate Rotherhithe' event; Years 1&2 attending the Unicorn Theatre to see a production of 'Santa's First Christmas'; a very well-attended EYFS and KS1 Parents' Evening and non-uniform today in exchange for generous donations towards our school fund.

In Collective Worship we are continuing to look at our termly theme of The Sermon on the Mount; this week we've reflected upon 'Effective Prayer'.



Year 2 Multi-Sports Afternoon – Tuesday 24th November

Year 2 children have a multi-sports afternoon with the London PE Network on Tuesday – please do send Year 2 children in wearing PE kits and trainers on Tuesday in addition to their normal day of Wednesday next week.



KS2 Parents' Evening

Our next parents' evening is next week, Wednesday 25th November (KS2), in the OJR Hall. Parent's Evening Consultation slots can be booked through our Arbor app as usual and are now live. Do let us know if there's anything we can assist with regarding these. Looking forward to seeing Years 3-6 parents and carers then.

Years 4-6 'Young Voices' Concert at the O2 Arena

A reminder that we're delighted to be taking part and performing again in the 'Young Voices' Concert at the O2 on Tuesday 2nd February 2027! Last year we took all children in Years 5&6, however this year we are inviting any child who wants to attend from Years 4-6. This will be on a first-come, first-served basis. To register your child, please follow this link which will take you to the parent page: https://yvmusicroom.com/auth/parent/journey/welcome .
Many people have already signed up so please do so to avoid disappointment. Please see attached flier and QR code for details on parent/audience booking and refer to previous e-mail for more information. There are still a few spaces!

Charitable Giving/School Maintenance Fund

Many thanks for continuing to support us at this time of year – a reminder that we fully appreciate you may not be able to contribute to everything! Children can always wear non-uniform/take part even if a contribution isn't given. You might want to look at your chosen charity and contribute to that – any little help is always appreciated. So far we've raised:

- £273.71 (in addition to Miss Hannaway's sponsorship) for 'Power the Fight', and
- £255.25 for King's College Diabetes Support;
- £186.06 for BBC Children in Need.



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Reception 2027-2028 Open Mornings – 09:30, Old Jamaica Road

A reminder of tours of our OJR site for a series of Open Mornings for existing and prospective parents of Reception children starting school in September 2027. Please spread the word to any parents you know, or join us yourselves, for these on one of the following mornings:

- Tuesday 1st December, 09:30 @ OJR;
- Tuesday 5th January, 09:30 @ OJR.



Christmas Card competition



Once again, our good friends at Macai Construction are sponsoring the Christmas Card competition! We are so lucky and the winners (to be judged by Alan and Clare from Macai) will win a BIKE! There will be two winners, one from KS1 and one from KS2. A template will be sent home with your child - please get them to design a Christmas card - bright colours, glitter etc. Return the template to the office for Mrs Brenta to collect. Designs will be displayed in Macai's office window on Jamaica Road. The closing date is Friday 11th December. Good luck everyone!

Mums for Lungs Banner Competition



You may remember we had a winner from our school, Sehjaroop, who designed a wonderful Mums for Lungs banner, and won a lovely new scooter. Her design has now been printed on a banner, and is located at SE16 4SQ - near KS1 site, on Old Jamaica Road. Well done once again to Sehjaroop!

Events next week: *please also find our dates letter attached as usual.*

Monday 23rd November	• Violin lessons for KS2 (Years 3-6); • Monday after-school extra-curricular continue, ending at 16:15 (Alexis St) and 16:30 (OJR).
Tuesday 24th November	• Year 2 Multi-Sports afternoon with the London PE Network. PE Kits for Year 2 on this additional day please.
Wednesday 25th November	• Year 6 Scholar's Programme continues; • Key Stage Two (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 and Cezanne class) Parents' Evening in the OJR hall – note the different location!
Thursday 26th November	• No events.
Friday 27th November	• Non-uniform day in aid of the School Fund – Maintenance Grant and trips. Any contributions gratefully received; • Year 1 and Rothko class cinema trip to see Lilo and Stitch at the O2 in Greenwich; • Whole school Oracy/speaking & listening presentation day as part of the children's English topic learning.

Wishing you, along with our whole community, a super weekend! ☺
God bless, from the St. James' team.

