Newsletter – Friday 27th November 2026

Dear Parents & Carers,

A great week with lots of lovely Art learning across both sites. Year 2 took part in a Multi-skills sports afternoon on Monday; KS2 Violin lessons continues; Year 6 Scholar's Programme continues; our 2nd parents' evening for KS2 was very well attended; children are engaged in performance and oracy presentations today in addition to wearing non-uniform for contributions to our school fund, and Year 1, Rothko & Cezanne classes are attending the cinema at the O2, North Greenwich today.

In Collective Worship we have now started to look at Advent and lit our first candles, focusing upon 'Hope' at this time of year.

Open Evening – Wednesday 2nd December until 17:45



Thank you for attending recent parents' evenings – these were well attended and really informative. To see children's work and learning environments, do attend our Open Evening next Wednesday – after school until 17:45. After that time, our school keepers will need to get ready to lock the buildings at 18:00. Children will take you to their classrooms, show you around and show you their work books which will be laid out in situ. While our teachers will be around, do remember they are still working and we've had parents' evenings for longer discussions around children's progress.

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 for 'Power the Fight',
- £255.25 for King's College Diabetes Support;
- £186.06 for BBC Children in Need;
- £171.35 for school maintenance fund.

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.

Crazy Hair/Non-Uniform Day – Friday 4th December

Remember next Friday is our ever popular annual 'Crazy Hair' and non-uniform day in support of the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. During this day children in Key Stage Two will also be taking part in 'Santa's Daily Mile' so trainers are heavily encouraged! Also, if Crazy Hair is incorporated with something festive to wear this would add to the festive theme of the event. Many thanks for your support!

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Macai Christmas Card competition



Don't forget to bring any completed Christmas Card designs into school so we can deliver them to Macai for them to display - you don't need to wait until the closing date of 11th December. If you need another template do ask Mrs. Brenta, who will be happy to provide. The winners, one from KS1 and one from KS2 will win brand new bikes! We are looking forward to seeing some wonderful designs.

Streets for People

Southwark Council have a once-in-a-generation opportunity to redesign our streets to support longer, healthier lives. During the 'Streets for People' consultation in 2023-24, 83% of respondents in the Bermondsey and Southwark Park area were worried about the impact of climate change and poor air quality on children, and 57% said they'd walk more if the streets were quieter or less polluted. The council has used this feedback to set out some initial ideas for the area and wants to hear from residents before developing them further. The ideas include extending the school street around Alexis Street and introducing a school street at the Old Jamaica Road, so it would be great if parents could respond to the consultation. Have your say by 20th December 2026 and share the survey link with your neighbours and friends:

- Complete the **online survey** (under 10 minutes);
- Join a guided walk and workshop or cycle of the area in the coming weeks. Register here for the **walk and workshop** and here for the **cycle** .

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

Next week is Assessment Week for all children – no pressure, do encourage them to try their best!

Monday 30th November	• Year 5 Ofili Curling trip to Charter School, Bermondsey; • Violin lessons for KS2 (Years 3-6); • Monday after-school extra-curricular continue, ending at 16:15 (Alexis St) and 16:30 (OJR).
Tuesday 1st December	• Tour of OJR site for prospective Reception 2026-2027 parents and carers from 09:30.
Wednesday 2nd December	• Years 5&6 attending St. Saviour's & St. Olave's for a production of 'Get Santa!' during the afternoon; • Year 6 Scholar's Programme continues; • Open Evening at both sites until 17:45 – details above.
Thursday 3rd December	• No events.
Friday 4th December	• Crazy Hair and non-uniform day in aid of the Royal Marsden Cancer Charity. Suggested donation of £1.00; • 'Santa's Daily Mile' event at Alexis St for Key Stage Two children.

Wishing you, along with our whole community, a great weekend! ☺

God bless, from the St. James' team.

