



We've had a very busy week at St. James' and children have continued to produce some amazing work around their class books and topics. In addition to our usual library and swimming visits, Year 6 children had a super 'WE Day' assembly, followed by workshops on Wednesday where they all contributed great ideas about how we can volunteer and help in our communities. Year 5 have also watched a great 'Riot Act' road safety show today, encouraging and promoting safety and awareness when travelling alone. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been based around 'The Life of Christ', where we've learnt about Jesus as a healer and when he walked on water. We've thought about how our faith can give us comfort and optimism in challenges we may face in our own lives. Next week this theme will continue with more miracles Jesus performed from the Gospel according to Mark. We're still sadly noticing lots of footwear/trainers being worn which are not plain black – please do be reminded of our policy regarding plain black footwear for school.

### Acoustic Guitar Request

Mr. Lucas is thrilled to be running a Guitar club this term! We would like to request however any unused guitars people may have at home or be aware of. If you know of an acoustic guitar (preferably with strings!) which needs a new home, please do send it in and we'll be able to encourage more children to take up playing this instrument!



### The Banham Marsden March - The Royal Marsden Cancer Charity

Mrs Willis is again assembling a team for the above event which will take place on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May in aid of the Royal Marsden. She's sent the following message: *"Thousands of people join us every year to walk between our two Royal Marsden sites in Chelsea and Sutton. You'll find patients, families, supporters of the hospital and Royal Marsden staff all taking part and fundraising, AND A TEAM FROM ST JAMES' SCHOOL. Four of our pupils have been or are receiving treatment at the hospital along with my son. The choice is yours, sign up to the 15-mile walk or for the final leg by taking part in the 5-mile distance. 'Team Willis' has a start time of 09:15 so please do join me this year, let's get a large team from St James'. Please use the link below to sign up or contact me, Mrs Willis."*

<https://www.royalmarsden.org/support-us/banham-marsden-march>



### Food Bank Assistance

We are able to issue food bank vouchers to those in need. Please speak in confidence to Mrs Brenta, if you or your family (or if you are aware of another family) are suffering from financial hardship and would benefit from a little help.



### Parent Gym

Parent Gym is a course of 6 workshops, each session is for two hours and is packed with practical tips and techniques to make family life easier and help your children thrive. To hear all about this exciting course there will be a short coffee morning on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February at 09:30 at OJR. The course will begin the following Tuesday morning for 6 weeks (except for half term). Each week's session covers one of these topics: Chat, Love, Behave, Care, Discover and Together. For further information, please see Mrs Brenta. This is such an exciting fun filled course, be sure to book on this before it's too late! You can book a place or find more information on the website: <http://bit.ly/2Qa8aG8>



### February Half Term Cycling Courses

Southwark Council with Cycle Confident are again providing FREE cycle skills courses for children over February half term. Complete beginner courses, intermediate off-road courses and on-road courses are all running from Dulwich Park. Training is in small groups with 2 fully qualified instructors. BOOK NOW by calling 020 303 16730. Places are limited so for more info or to book, also visit: [www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group](http://www.cycleconfident.com/courses/child-group)



### Dates for your Diaries – Spring term (continued overleaf):

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February:** 'P' Factor Poetry Performances during afternoon; break up for Spring Half Term – normal times OJR 15:15/Alexis St 15:30.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** Back to school for Spring Term 2 – normal times OJR 09:15/Alexis St 08:55.

**Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March:** World Book Day – events, activities and dressing up as favourite book characters!

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Science Week – activities/trips across both Key Stages.



**Tuesday 10th March:** Year 5 Parent/Carer meeting re. Secondary School Transfer – 14:30 at Alexis Street.

**Friday 13th March:** Sports Relief Day events – during afternoon at both Key Stages.

**Monday 16th March – Friday 20th March:** ASSESSMENT WEEK.

**Friday 20th March:** ALL Clubs finish for the Spring term.

**Tuesday 24th March:** Nursery, Reception & KS1 Parents' Evening – after school at OJR.

**Wednesday 25th March:** KS2 Parents' Evening – after school at Alexis St.

**Friday 27th March:** Non-uniform Day in exchange for Easter Eggs. Booster Cushion Theatre Show at KS1 during afternoon.

**Tuesday 31st March:** Easter Egg tombola after school at KS1 – OJR.

**Wednesday 1st April – Thursday 2nd April:** Year 1 & 2 Production – OJR, 14:00 & 18:00 both days.

**Thursday 2nd April:** Easter Egg tombola after school at KS2 – Alexis St.

**Friday 3rd April:** Easter service – 09:30 in St. James' Church – all welcome. Break up for Easter holidays – HALF DAY OJR 13:15/Alexis St 13:30.



**Class attendance for this week:** Please see the website for a full breakdown our policy and criteria for attendance trips. **Please be advised of our start times—08:55 at KS2 and 09:15 at KS1. Children are arriving to school increasingly later – please do be prompt and ready for school!**

Class:	Attendance:	Class:	Attendance:
6 Canada	98 %	4 Kenya	97 %
6 Mexico	98 %	3 Norway	97 %
6 Peru	100 %	3 Sweden	95 %
5 China	98 %	Belgium class	100 %
5 India	98 %	2 France	99 %
5 Japan	100 %	2 Spain	96 %
5 Russia	92 %	1 Germany	97 %
4 Egypt	96 %	1 Italy	99 %
4 Ghana	100 %		
<b>Weekly Winners: BELGIUM, 6 PERU, 5 JAPAN &amp; 4 GHANA - Well done!</b>			



**Dates and Trips:** Any parents who could come on trips to help would be greatly appreciated; please let your child's teacher know if you can help. Any last minute trips that may occur, we will try our best to let you know as well in advance as we can.

**Monday 20th January**

No trips.

**Tuesday 21st January**

2 Spain to the Library.

**Wednesday 22nd January**

Year 5 WE Day Volunteering assembly and workshop.

Year 5/6 Tag Rugby competition in Burgess Park.

**Thursday 23rd January**

5 Russia to the library.

**Friday 24th January**

No trips.



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