



A super, productive week here at St. James'! In addition to our library and swimming visits, Reception children had a fun 'Stay and Play' morning yesterday where we welcomed parents and carers to join for creative activities with the children and to offer advice for how to share books and read at home effectively. Mrs Brenta also ran a great 'Parent Gym' taster session on Tuesday where many parents attended and have signed up for this worthwhile six-week course. We're pleased to say this course is now full with 13 parents taking part! Should you be interested in participating in the future we will run this course again for other groups. Our Collective Worship theme for this week has been based around 'Living in Jesus's Way' where we've thought about temptation, prayer and giving to others. This theme will continue next week with 'Loving our enemies', and thinking about how not to judge others. Another reminder that we're still 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. As half term is fast approaching, this would be a great time to purchase **plain black** school shoes. Remember, plain black plimsolls are also acceptable for school. Please remember we break up for half term next Friday (14<sup>th</sup> Feb) at the normal school times – we can't believe it's nearly here already! Activities for half term can be found on the website and I'll add some more to next week's newsletter and send a list of activities in case you are stuck for things to keep the children occupied over the Spring half term break!

## Green Trips

As a reward for excellent behaviour in school, children will be attending their green trips next week. If your child does not receive a green trip letter from their class teacher, sadly they do not qualify as they have recently been on 'red' in line with the school's policy. Thank you for your support with children's behaviour and promoting positive choices in school, this is much appreciated.



## 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)



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

Another reminder that Mrs Willis is assembling a team again 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>



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

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

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

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

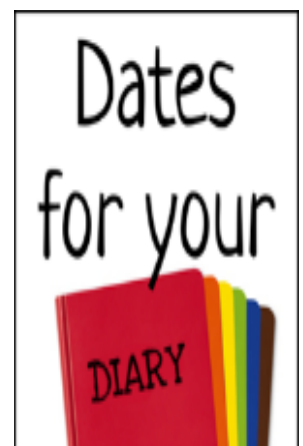
**Monday 9th – Friday 13th March:** Science Week – activities/trips across both Key Stages.

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

**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 of 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	97 %	4 Kenya	96 %
6 Mexico	97 %	3 Norway	97 %
6 Peru	99 %	3 Sweden	97 %
5 China	97 %	Belgium class	97 %
5 India	97 %	2 France	98 %
5 Japan	98 %	2 Spain	95 %
5 Russia	94 %	1 Germany	98 %
4 Egypt	94 %	1 Italy	98 %
4 Ghana	97 %		
<b>Weekly Winners: 6 PERU – Very 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.

**Green trips** this week – see separate letters coming home from class teachers for more information...

**Monday 10<sup>th</sup> February – no topic trips.**

**Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> February**

1<sup>st</sup> Parent Gym session with Mrs Brenta at OJR.

4 Ghana to the Library.



**Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February – no topic trips.**

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> February**

4 Kenya to the library; Polly Howell (England Netball team) with Year 6 for PE.

Year 3 Fashion Show as part of their topic.

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February**

'P' Factor poetry competitions – both sites.

Break up for Spring Half Term – normal times.



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