



I can't believe we've reached the end of Spring term 1 already – time has really flown by! It's been great to welcome some parents and carers into school in a couple of year groups to celebrate the children's learning – we'll endeavour to do this for other year groups next half term. Children have attended their regular library and swimming visits this week along with their Green Trips and activities as a celebration for their positive conduct in school. Congratulations to all who attended! A small number of children didn't get to join their classes – let's hope that we can continue to work together to promote positive behaviour next half term. Our Collective Worship theme this week has continued to be based around 'Living in Jesus's Way' where children have learnt about 'Judging Others', 'Approaching God the Right Way' and 'Loving our Enemies'. I'll keep in touch with new themes for Spring term 2. 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 here, 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 today and children should return back to school on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February at normal school times. On behalf of everyone here at St. James', we wish our whole school community a happy, healthy and safe half term holiday!

## February Half Term Activities

We've put lots of suggestions of things to do with your children over the half term break on our school website. The following links also suggest a wide range of activities in the local area; do check them out if you're stuck for things to do over the week off...! There are also details of a couple of family learning courses in the local area too.



Brunel Museum - <https://www.brunel-museum.org.uk/february-half-term-activities-at-the-brunel-museum/>

Southwark activities - <https://www.familiesonline.co.uk/local/north-southwark/in-the-know/february-half-term-in-southwark>

<https://localoffer.southwark.gov.uk/leisure/holiday-play-and-activities/>

Southwark libraries - <https://www.southwark.gov.uk/events-culture-and-heritage/15496/half-term-activities-in-southwark-libraries>

## 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)



## 'Tales to Tell' Event – this Saturday!

Tomorrow (Feb 15<sup>th</sup>), there will be an exhibition of Reception children's work in the 'Made in Bermondsey' Blue Market Place. This will be on from 12:30-16:30. Please do pop along and see the wonderful work our children have produced in the atelier and in class. Don't forget to sign the visitor book and encourage these young artist/illustrators and writers!



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

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February:** Back to school for Spring Term 2 – 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! RECEPTION BOOK-MAKING MORNING WITH PARENTS.

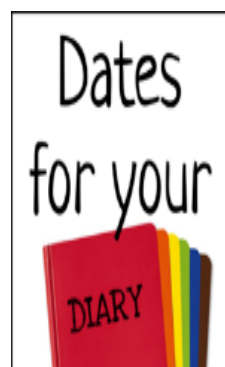
**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> – Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March:** Science Week – activities/trips across both Key Stages. SCIENCE FAIR AT THE END OF THE WEEK – OJR!

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

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

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> March – Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March:** ASSESSMENT WEEK.

**Friday 20<sup>th</sup> 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 half term:** 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: |
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| 6 Canada   | 96.8 %      | 4 Kenya       | 96.4 %      |
| 6 Mexico   | 96.5 %      | 3 Norway      | 96.2 %      |
| 6 Peru   | 99.5 %      | 3 Sweden      | 97.4 %      |
| 5 China  | 97.2 %      | Belgium class | 97.1 %      |
| 5 India  | 97.6 %      | 2 France      | 97.6 %      |
| 5 Japan  | 97.9 %      | 2 Spain       | 95.1 %      |
| 5 Russia   | 95.6 %      | 1 Germany     | 97.8 %      |
| 4 Egypt  | 94.1 %      | 1 Italy       | 97.2 %      |
| 4 Ghana  | 97.4 %      |               |             |
| <b>HALF TERM 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.

**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February**

Back to school for Spring Term 2 – normal times.  
Chess Team competition at Southwark Park School.

**Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> February**

Parent Gym session with Mrs Brenta at OJR.  
1 Germany to the Library.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February**

Belgium, 5 China & 5 Russia swimming lessons continue.

**Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> February**

3 Sweden to the library.

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February**

No trips.



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