



We are nearing the end of the Spring Term and the tiny flowers are beginning to grow. We have had a short but very busy half term together at St James.

WEAR YOUR WORD

We really enjoyed our World Book Day. This day really celebrates our love of vocabulary. Children came to school dressed as their chosen word. We had some fantastic ideas from the children. Words like puzzled, magic, athletic, sunny, monstrous or rainbow! The children enjoyed lots of fun activities and ended the day with a whole school catwalk performance of their outfits in the hall! Thank you to Mrs Hayden for organising this and for all of the children, parents and staff for getting involved on the day!



AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS

After School Clubs will run right up until the end of term. There will be no After School Clubs during the first week back after Easter. All Club letters will be given out during the first week of the new term. Unfortunately due to staffing commitments we will no longer be able to offer our Creative Arts Club after Easter. All other clubs remain the same.



CONGRATULATIONS!

Huge congratulations to the new Mrs Wren who recently got married! (Formally Mrs Judd) Wishing all the love and luck to you!

UNIFORM

A reminder that all children should be in **full St James school uniform/PE Kit**. This includes sensible black shoes, **NOT TRAINERS**, unless there is a specific need which has been discussed with school. We do not allow patterned, dyed or shaved haircuts, jewellery or nail varnish. We gratefully accept donations of uniform and are proud to be eco warriors. Our recycled uniform rail has proved really popular. Parents and carers can pick up good-quality, freshly-washed and pressed uniform for free.

WATER BOTTLES

Thank you to everyone who has supported our new water bottle routine! This change has ensured fairness, consistency and good hygiene. Our generic water bottles are part of our poverty proofing mission at St James and our Eco Warrior movement. The children have been excellent with the new schedule. Thank you to our water bottle monitors for helping the process run smoothly.

DON'T FORGET...

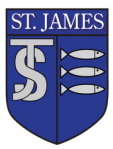
Check out our class blogs to see what we have been up to this term and get tips on how to support your child!

TOP TIP...

We now have a calendar for parents on our website. Download this calendar to your device and ensure you never miss important dates or events in school. We have had excellent feedback from some of our parents who use this feature!

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SARA THE COOK

It is with a heavy heart that we announce that Sara our lovely cook in charge will be leaving St James following the Easter Holidays. Sara has been with us for almost 26 years and has served generations of children their school lunches. We wish Sara the very best of luck and will miss her so much!



We are so proud of our Little Shells this term. The youngest members of St James have really settled into the family. We are amazed at how much they are learning and we are enjoying watching them grow in confidence. Well done to our older children who encourage and take care of our Little Shells every single day! We are excited to meet our April Little Shells after the Easter Holidays!

UPCOMING DATES FOR THE DIARY:

- **Thursday 2nd April – Easter Egg Competition**
- **Friday 24th April – Mr Monaghan's Mini Marathon (letter to follow)**
- **Monday 27th April – All after school clubs start**
- **Tuesday 5th May – Year 1 visit the discovery Museum (letter to follow)**
- **Tuesday 5th May – Year 3 visit washington wetlands (letter to follow)**

These dates are not inclusive any further events will be communicated with parents separately.



WELL DONE EVERYONE!

A huge well done to our Year 2 and Year 4 children who took part in the South Tyneside Music Festival. The children were absolutely fantastic and represented St James wonderfully. It's not easy to remember the routines for these shows and it takes great determination and hard work. Thank you to Miss Strawbridge and Mrs Scott for all of their dedication throughout the shows and the preparation.

SCHOOL COMMUNICATION

A general reminder. All of our letters are posted on our website under parents > school letters. Mrs Gillis tries to update this every Friday so you shouldn't miss anything. We try to send general reminders via in app message on Arbor. We will only send text messages if the information is very urgent. Please make sure that you are logged on to Arbor. If you need any help please pop into the school office at drop off/pick up.



HAPPY EASTER EVERYONE!

A reminder school closes on Thursday 2nd April at 1:15pm. We reopen after the Easter Break on Monday 20th April

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