St. James' Church of England Infant and Nursery School
April 2026 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers

As we enter the Easter holiday period I wish you all a restful and peaceful break. It has been a super busy term with World Book Day, Science Week and our Easter Fayre.



Congratulations!

Rowan class have already achieved their British Science Association certificates for completing their CREST awards. These were presented to the children at the end of science week.

Thank you to those of you who supported our Easter Fayre yesterday. A special thank you to Mrs. Balan for her wonderful cakes. Many of you have noticed that Mrs. Balan is not in school at the moment. She is at home recovering from an illness and we wish her a speedy recovery and look forward to welcoming her back to school.

On the 30th April we are very excited to share that ten of our Year 2 pupils will be representing the school at Derby Dream Fest, performing live at Derby Theatre. Look out for more details about how you can get tickets to see the performance. We wish the Dreamfest team the very best of luck!

Next month sees the arrival of the long awaited 'Pool to School'. On the first day of the summer term you will receive further information about this with a clear list of the items your child will need in school.

Please do remember to keep an eye on the school website. Visit the class pages and you will see up to date photographs of what is happening in and around school.

Rowan Class	Birch Class	Willow Class
Renessmae Samuel Hope Awab Afrah Adam Erling	Bryan C Champion Kenzi Neliah Kim Aryan Afraz Bryan D Daniel	Dolabomi Ella Joy Elijah T Tihannah Hamza Ramina

Congratuations to all of the children below who made their way into the Golden Book in the month of March.
As ever, thank you for your continued support and have a wonderful break!

Kindest Regards,

Miss Luisa Pancisi

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
13th April		First Day of the summer term.
30th April		Year 2 Dream Fest Performance
4th May	School Closed	May Bank Holiday
May		Pool to School All children in Reception Class / Year 1 and Year 2 will have swimming lessons at school Children will need their swimming kits in school EVERY day please!
22nd May	2pm	KS1—Florence Nightingale Assembly Everyone welcome!
25th—29th May	School Closed	Half Term
2nd June	4pm	Parents' Meeting for September Starters
8th—12th June		Phonics Screening for Year 1 and some Year 2 children
15th June	School Closed	INSET Day
18th June	1:15pm	Sports Day
22nd July	2pm	Year 2 Graduation
22nd July		Last Day of the summer Term for ALL pupils
4th September	School Closed	INSET Day (1)
7th September		School and Nursery Re-open to All pupils
26th—30th October	School Closed	October Half Term
27th November	School Closed	INSET Day (2)
18th December	AM	Rowan Class and Birch Class Theatre Trip
18th December	PM	Christmas Party