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

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back
Welcome back to a new term and a new year! I hope that all of you were able to spend some time together and had a chance to rest over the Christmas period. On behalf of all of the Team at St. James' thank you for the cards, the gifts and the good wishes. They are as always very much appreciated.
We begin our year with snow today and a celebration of Epiphany tomorrow (6th January). Look out on the website for lots of photographs and pictures!

Term Topics
This term Seedlings and Rowan Class are learning all about 'People Who Help Us' whilst KS 1 are finding out all about 'Being Brave'. In Collective Worship this term we are going to be looking at 'Heroes Of Hope' from the past and the present day and how we can all be Heroes of Hope for the Future. This will the theme of our Family Worship on Friday 13th February and we hope that as many of you as possible will be able to join us.

Library Morning
However, our first event for parents this year is on Tuesday 13th January. Tuesday morning as you know is our Library morning and we invite you to join your child in class for Library morning so that you can see more of the books available and maybe spend time with your child choosing and sharing a book. I hope that lots of you will be able to join us.

Winter Clothing
As we have started the term with snow please can I remind all parents that children need a coat, hat and gloves in school. These should always be labelled please as it makes it possible for staff to 'track down' missing items if they have a name in them.

Birthdays
Following the success of the 'Birthday Cake' trial last term I ask you to remember that if your child has a birthday and you are happy for them to celebrate it then you are more than welcome to send a cake into school. Class teachers will provide you of a photo of your child with their cake. Please Do ensure that cakes are Nut Free and please DO NOT send in other sweets and treats. Thank you so much for your support with this and we hope that you are enjoying the birthday photographs.

Celebrating our Children!
In school we have a weekly Golden Celebration which we use to congratulate children on their achievements. Children are nominated by different members of staff and are recognised with a certificate and a sticker. Moving forwards we are going to share on the Newsletter each month the names of all of the children who have received Golden certificates—as we know that sometimes children 'forget' to tell you about the important things that have happened in their school day!

British Science Week
Next term we will be celebrating British Science Week and we are working hard at the moment to raise the profile of science within our school. We are hoping that Key Stage 1 will be able to visit the Magna Science Centre in March so please look out for more information on this once the dates are confirmed.

A quick reminder that we do still have a vacant position for a Parent Governor. If this is something you would like to find out more about then please do come and have a chat.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy start to 2026!

Kindest Regards,

Miss Luisa Pancisi

Diary Dates

Date	Time	Event
5th January		Day 1 of Spring Term
6th January		Celebrate Epiphany
13th January	8:30—9:00	Library Drop In for Parents
13th February		Family Worship at Ozzy Road Church
16th February— 20th February		Half Term Holiday
March 5th		World Book Day
9th—13th March		Science Week
26th March	2:00	Easter Fayre
30th March— 10th April		Easter Holidays
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
25th—29th May	School Closed	Half Term
8th—12th June		Phonics Screening for Year 1 and some Year 2 children
15th June	School Closed	INSET Day
22nd July		Last Day of the summer Term for ALL pupils

Are your contact details up to date?



New address?
New phone number?
New email address?

Please speak to Miss Hill in the School Office to update your personal details.