



NEWSLETTER

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We wish you all a very Merry
Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Christmas at St. James'

Next week, on **Monday** the whole school will take part in our Community Christingle service with our church parishioners. It will be lovely to once again see the candles lit as we reflect together on the Christmas Story.

We are also looking forward to sharing our Nativity play next **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** with our Reception and Year 1 parents, this year entitled The Nativity, so they can share their wonderful singing and acting.

On **Wednesday next week** we are looking forward to welcoming our nursery parents into school for a short festive singing performance by our youngest pupils.

Also on **Thursday** next week we will be taking the children from Reception to Year 6 to St. James' Church for our Christmas Service. Parents are welcome to join us in the church for the service, however, due to the space within the church we are unable to accommodate prams. Parents from Reception to Year 5 are welcome to join us for the walk to St. James' Church—we will be leaving school at 1:00pm. Year 6 parents, please meet us up at the Church for 1:30pm as the children will already be there to rehearse.



Remembrance Service

Thank you for your support with our collection for the Royal British Legion at the beginning of this half term. The children took great pride in wearing the poppies they purchased, as well as the ones they made in school and laid during our in school remembrance service. All the children also contributed to whole school poppy wreath, which was laid by our Year 6 representatives at the Remembrance Service at St. James' Church during the Sunday Service. Our representatives looked really smart and were a credit to the school.



Children in Need

Congratulations to our Year 6 children who organised and ran this years Pudsey Fair, in aid of Children in Need, raising an amazing £750 for the charity! Your continued support for this cause is much appreciated—thank you!



Goodbye for now and Welcome

We would like to wish Miss Worrall all the best as she begins her maternity leave. We look forward to sharing the news of the arrival of her new 'bundle of joy' in the new year.

We are also welcoming Miss Sago to the team to take over in Year 2 and she is looking forward to getting to know the children.

Safeguarding/SEN/First Aiders:

Miss Strickland is our Child Protection Co-ordinator/ Safeguarding Lead. Our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are Mrs Moore and Mrs Hunter.

Our SENCo is Mrs Moore.

Our first aiders are: Mr Jowett, Miss Brown, Mrs Gardiner, Mrs Emerson, Mrs Drury, Miss Richardson, Mrs Ledger, Mr Wigley, Mrs Allison, Mrs Calvert and Miss Hinds.

Governor Information

Our governors are responsible for overseeing the management side of our school, which includes working on school policies, looking at the curriculum delivered in school and working with all staff. They enable our school to run as effectively as possible to provide a high quality education for our children.

Our Governors are Ms Patricia O'Brien (Chair of Governors), Rt. Rev. Steven Benford (from St. James' Church) and Parent Governor - Miss J Nundy. Should you wish to contact any of our governors, you can do this via the school office.

Dates for the year, including Holidays

I wanted to take this opportunity to provide you with some dates for your diary. There will be additional dates to follow and letters will be sent home regarding any visits that we may be able to organise nearer the time—risk assessment and government guidance permitting.

DATE	EVENT
Friday 13th December	Christmas Dinner & Party Day
Tuesday 17th December	Y5/6 Representatives to Carol Sing at St. Stephen's Shopping Centre
Tuesday 17th & Wednesday 18th December	2pm—FS2 & Y1 Nativity
Wednesday 18th December	9am—Nursery singing performance
Thursday 19th December	1.30pm—Christmas Service at St. James' Church End of term—Close for the Christmas Holidays
Monday 6th January	Teacher Training Day
Tuesday 7th January	Children return to school
Friday 14th February	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 24th February	Children return to school
Friday 4th April	3:15 pm - School closes for the Easter holiday
Tuesday 22nd April	Children return to school
Monday 5th May	School closed—Bank Holiday Monday
Friday 23rd May	3:15 pm - School closes for the half term holiday
Monday 2nd June	Children return to school
Friday 18th July	3:15 pm - School closes for the summer holiday