



Message from Mrs Boland-Bourne Headteacher

It has been another fantastic term at St James. I would like to take this opportunity to thank all my staff and the incredible children for the hard work and dedication to learning and personal development they have shown this term. I know for many families the term has ended with lots of illness and I hope that everyone is able to rest and recuperate over the Christmas break ready to come back in 2023 with renewed gusto. If our children are to make the most of the learning opportunities provided here and not develop gaps in their learning we need them to be fit and well in school. If I could ask for anything from Santa this year, it would be for all to start 2023 in the best of health!

Spring term already is shaping up to be a busy one with teachers already planning their new topics, educational visits and events for the spring term. Thank you for all your support this term, the words of encouragement and the engagement with us this term. I would also like to say thank you for the welcome you have given to the many new families we have had this term showing what a great community we have here at St James. It is great to have you all with us and I look forward to working with you all again in 2023. Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Child of the Term

On Friday, one child from each class went to Stratford Vue Cinema to watch 'Matilda the Musical' as a reward for their hard work and for becoming child of the term. After the cinema, the children were taken to Pizza Express for lunch. Although it was very cold, the pupils had a fantastic time and really enjoyed the film!

Amelia	Ivy
Tayba	Sunflower
Usman	Iris
Jeziah	Lily
Nino	Daisy
Grace	Poppy
Oliver	Clover
Aaliyah Z	Violet



Attendance and Punctuality

57 pupils achieved 100% attendance this term. This is a fantastic achievement.

Well done to all those children. They were all awarded with certificate during assembly this morning.



Christmas Jumper Day

A big thank you to everyone that wore Christmas Jumpers. We raised £48.00 the money raised goes to Save the Children Charity. Despite the weather, we had a great turnout for the Christmas Presentation last Thursday our first one since 2019.

Christmas lunch

Once again, we must thank Juniper - Tracey and her team in the kitchen for providing everyone with a delicious Christmas Lunch on Wednesday. All of the children and the staff enjoyed it.

## Enjoying the snow!



## Medicines in school

As you are aware of the school policy that only prescribed medicines can be administered by the school. Please follow the procedure below:

- Once you know your child requires medicine in school time, and it has been prescribed by a doctor (four or more times daily). Please complete the permissions to administer medicines form.
- Once the form is completed, the medicine should be handed over to either the class teacher or office staff each day by a responsible adult (not your child). Please do not put any medicines in your children's bags.

## Polite reminders

We are a nut free zone.

## Bank Holiday

An additional Bank Holiday is added to the 2023 calendar due to the King's Coronation. The Bank Holiday will fall on Monday 8 May 2023. The school will closed on that day.

## Lateness

We have had an increase in the number of children arriving late to school in the past few weeks. Lateness can significantly affect a child's learning and frequent lateness is monitored. Please do your utmost to get your child to school on time and get in touch if you would like to discuss this further. School opens at 8:40

Minutes late per day	Equivalent of missing
5 minutes	3.4 school days a year
10 minutes	6.9 school days a year
15 minutes	10.3 school days a year
20 minutes	13.8 school days a year
30 minutes	20.7 school days a year

## Winter reading challenge

The Winter Reading Challenge is now on at all Newham Libraries. As part of the winter, activities programme. Taking part is easy, pop into any Newham library from 1 December and ask to join. A member of the library team will give you your very own *Gadgeteer Snowman Reading Folder*, where you will write down and rate the books you have been reading. Collect a super-themed sticker for each book you read and receive a certificate when you have read three books. There's lots of amazing books to read in our libraries this festive season, so what are you waiting for? But wait, there's no need to rush as the Challenge lasts until 20 February 2023!

Find out more about winter activities and food programme: [www.Newham.gov.uk/winteractivities](http://www.Newham.gov.uk/winteractivities)

### **Merit Winners (week of 28th November - 21st December 2022)**

Ivy	Safa, Tamin, Chad, Gabriella, Al-Araf, Umajjah, Diana, Suhaan, Isa, Tamin, Kamari,
Sunflower	Nabil, Areeb, Iqraa, Mariam, Stella, Ethan, Asher, Iqraa, Liyana, Kasjana, Samera, Fardeen,
Iris & Lily	Usman, Tommy, Samantha, Anaya, Tommy, Sheik, Wafi, Mohamed, Dawud, Naaman, Raisha
Daisy	Sayerr, Hayate, Martin, Antonia, Adedayo, Hashim, Duaa.
Poppy	Rei, Latoja, Eman, Zain, Hafsa, Ahmadshah, Lucia, Zain, Ion, Thashan, Ivayla, Rei,
Clover	Tomas, Isma, Urte, Amanda, Gideon, Evelina, Ibrahim P , Sayeda, Ibraheem k, King, Jared
Violet	Rozana, Yusuf A, Imteaz, Racheal, Victoria, Maria, Ansh,

### Dates for your Diary

Last Day of term	Wednesday, 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2022
First Day of term	Thursday, 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2022
Y6 SATS parent meeting 9.15am and 5pm	Wednesday, 11 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
Y5 Swimming lessons ( Every Thursday)	Thursday, 12 <sup>th</sup> January - 30 <sup>th</sup> March 2023

The school's term dates and holiday dates have been published on the school's website:

[www.st-james.newham.sch.uk](http://www.st-james.newham.sch.uk)

Enjoy the weekend.

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Head Teacher

### **QUOTE / THOUGHT OF THE WEEK**



