



Newsletter

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Last Week at St James'...

Another great week at St James', with lots going on and even more being planned.

I'm away from school most of today, visiting The Wren School in Reading as part of our new work with the Schools of Tomorrow fellowship. Year 5 are spending the day learning all about the history of Benin, and I know that they are looking forward to sharing their learning with their families at the end of the day—I'm really sorry to be missing out on this, but I'm sure I'll hear all about it next week.

Poor Mrs LeNette has been really poorly this week, and I know a lot of other children and staff are beginning to really struggle with illness. Please remember that if your child suffers from vomiting or diarrhoea they must stay away from school for a full 48 hours after the last bout of illness—this is advice from the Health Protection Agency and is in line with most other schools.

A heartfelt request from me, now that the weather is becoming colder and wetter—please could you ensure you are at school on time to drop off and pick up your child. There are some days when I am on the gate for the best part of 20 minutes, and I'm really beginning to feel the cold! Thank you!

Next week is our annual Friendship Week, and we're looking forward to a fun-filled week organized by our Pupil Governors—I know it's going to be great!

Wishing you all a great weekend,
Maria & all the team at St James'



Ms Soulsby's Rainbow Moment this week is awarded to **Digby**—Digby, we love having you as part of our school family, you're a great friend to everyone, and I've noticed you being incredibly helpful this week—thank you, I love seeing your smile each day!

Dear Children...

You continue to wow me with your learning and your behaviour around school. I speak to the staff a lot about you, and one of the things we always agree on is just how fantastic you all are to spend time with. This week, I'm really grateful to all of you who help to keep the playground tidy and safe by putting equipment away, even when you haven't been using it—thank you for this.

I'm really looking forward to next week's Friendship Week—you are all so friendly and lovely to one another, and we're very lucky that we have very little, if any, bullying here—remember that if you ever feel lonely or scared at school, or if someone is being really horrible to you, you can always tell an adult about how you're feeling, or you can come straight to me. We'll always help you sort the problem.

It's a busy week next week—St James' has got talent, balance bikes & bikeability training, St James' university on Wednesday, MUFTI on Friday—make sure you get lots of rest this weekend!

Ms Soulsby

Can You Help?

We're looking for donations of equipment to supplement our existing lunchtime resources and toys. If you have any items which might be useful, we'd be pleased to receive them:

- Good quality board games, jigsaws, lego, duplo suitable for wet play activities
- Plastic tea sets
- Tarpaulins, picnic blankets
- Plastic crates (bottle crates, for example)
- Good quality decking planks or similar (sanded, so no danger of splinters)
- Guttering pipes
- Old tents, camping chairs
- Old tyres
- Plastic boxes, with lids, for storage
- Old goal posts
- Any good quality sports equipment or outdoor games
- Good quality dolls and dolls clothes (the younger children are enjoying playing babies!)

Thank you for all the donations we've received so far—very greatly appreciated!



Twitter users.....Follow St James': [@StJamesHead](https://twitter.com/StJamesHead) for regular school updates



Pupil Governor News

On Wednesday 14th November, we will be holding a 'Sweet Sale' to raise money for Cancer Research. Cancer Research was the charity that most children chose when we asked them which charity they wanted to support. We would appreciate donations of sweets for us to sell. Please bring these into school by Wednesday morning.

Please also remember to practice your acts ready for the heats of 'St. James' Got Talent' next week.

Thank you in advance!

Coming Up...

Tuesday	Balance bikes for YR & Y1
Wednesday	Pupil Governors' Sweet Sale after school
Friday	MUFTI—donations for Cancer Research
	Bikeability
	Year 2 assembly 2.30



Call for volunteers

PSA Christmas Fayre - Thursday 13th December 3:30-5pm

*** PLANNING MEETING: WEDNESDAY 21ST NOVEMBER 5:30 ***

(If you cannot attend the planning meeting but can help either with prep or on the day - please still sign your name against a task below)

STALL	TASKS	NAME/S
Co-ordinators	- Help organise tables/ set up (from 2pm) - Help tidy away tables/ clean up (5- 6pm)
External stalls	- Source & manage stallholders	Alison & Zoe
Tombola	- Purchase/ send bags & note to send out in book bags - Run stall at Fayre	Eleanor Pupil volunteers yr 5/6
Snowball Toss	- Purchase/ source 200 prizes (sweets) - Run stall at Fayre Pupil volunteers yr 5/6
Lucky dip	- Purchase/ source 200 prizes (sweets & toys) - Whisp gifts - Run stall at Fayre Pupil volunteers yr 5/6
Carrot game	- Purchase/ source 200 prizes (sweets) - Run stall at Fayre Pupil volunteers yr 5/6
Bird decorating craft stall	- Purchase/ source craft materials - Run stall at Fayre	Fiona
Mince pies, mulled wine, tea & coffee	- source wine/ mince pies (supermarket charity donations) - Run stall at Fayre
Face painting	- source materials - Run stall at Fayre	Cathy & Caz Cathy & Caz
Raffle	- source prizes	Sarah Morton
Reindeer hot-chocolates	- Source/ purchase materials/ hot choc/ marshmallow - Package & decorate reindeer pouches
Santa's grotto	- Check with elves that Santa is available - Find elf to help with Santa's queue - Help elves choose 200+ gifts	Marie S Marie S
Promotion	- Source sponsorship Taylor-Brightwell - Design poster - Promote via classlist & St James' facebook
Match-fund	- Please let us know if your (or your partners) company offers a charity match-fund scheme that we can use to double the money raised.

At the PSA AGM last week, we agreed to try and organise a Christmas Fayre—please could you have a look at the list above and let us know if you can help at all with any of the jobs which need doing. We're particularly keen to hear from any parents who may work for companies who can offer match funding.

A better copy of the list is available in school.

Thank you!