



# Newsletter

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Happy Valentines Day! I hope your lives of full of love and laughter, not just today but every day!

We have had a really busy week with so many different things happening. Year 5 spent the day out of school on Wednesday being trained in a new project called 'Singing Playgrounds'. Mrs Lawless was super proud of the children's obvious enjoyment and commitment to the project, which will see them leading all sorts of singing activities during playtimes. On Thursday, Mr Renzi attended a training session for another music project, where Year 4 children will be following a new scheme for the recorder based around Irish folk music, and leading up to a concert later next half term. Our Year 1 children really enjoyed their orienteering day on Monday, racing round the school site to collect the clues and complete the tasks set!

We have been informed by Bedford Borough that the mobile classroom will be removed over the coming half term. We have resisted this move for some time now, simply because it's a useful space and with a bit of cosmetic maintenance, it has many years of life left. But, we have no choice; a political promise was made some time ago and this has to be honoured. I have been shopping, however, and am working on a project to build a 'garden room' on the site, which will become our music studio. In the short term, our music lessons will need to take place elsewhere in the school (Dawn is particularly looking forward to drum lessons in the Hall!), but hopefully fairly soon, we will have a nice space dedicated to our musicians.

Next week is half term—however you plan to spend it, we all wish you a peaceful and enjoyable break from school.

Maria & all the team at St James'

Dear Parents/Carers,

In PHSCE we have been learning about dreams and goals. We watched a resourceful video which told us about how girls of 15 and under have been forced into pregnancy. We have had 3 ideas to raise money for this cause. The charity is based in Malawi and is funded by Sports Relief. It is called the Malawi netball project.

One of our ideas is to have a Read-a-thon. The slips will come out in the week beginning 24th February. Another one of our ideas is to have a cake sale. The cake sale will be held on **8th March** after school. Our last idea was to have a pulse raising sports challenge. Details to follow.

We hope to raise a substantial amount of money as this project gives girls experience to learn netball and gain their freedom. We hope that this cause will help you understand what is going on in other countries. We have learnt that their dreams and goals are very different to ours. All they want is a clear, good education.

Henry and Lily, Year 5

I am hugely proud of our children, never more so than when they come to me with ideas to help right some of the wrongs in our world. This project has genuinely come from the children and I hope we can all support them, not just financially, but more importantly by cheering them on and celebrating their compassionate, outward facing dedication to supporting others and combatting poverty and injustice, wherever it takes place.

<https://www.sportrelief.com/news/what-a-match>

## Dawn Until Dusk

The children have been busy the latter half of this term with practicing Chinese writing, designing t-shirts, making penguins, playing table tennis, making white playdough, models and chocolate crispie cakes along with many other fun activities and craft. We have also welcomed a few new children into club whom all enjoyed their time with us. Next term activities will include pancake decorating, St Davids Day craft and Hedgehog making along with many other crafts and activities. Keep an eye on our pavement sign and notice board for further information.

We have plenty of spaces available on Friday afternoons if your children would like to come along. Please come and see us in club for a registration form if you are interested.

We wish you all a lovely break and look forward to seeing you all again soon.

Cathy, Jess and Kelly.

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### Attendance

**Congratulations** to **Robins**, highest attendance winners this week!

**Very well done** to **Whinchats, Canaries, Green Jays, Kingfishers and Peacocks**, who have all smashed our target of 97%.

**And a special hooray for** **Green Jays and Peacocks** who have had no reported lates this week.

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Class	Attendance	Number of lates
<b>Robins</b>	<b>98.6%</b>	<b>1</b>
Whinchats	97.9%	2
Canaries	97.3%	2
Green Jays	97.6%	0
Kingfishers	98.2%	1
Peacocks	98.1%	0
Sabrewings	95.2%	6



**Let all that you do be done in  
love.**

1 Corinthians 16:14

Event	Date & Time	Class	Staff Lead	Notes
Half Term	17th-21st Feb	All		
Class Photos	Tues 25th Feb	All	DS	
Parents Information Session—phonics	Tues 25th Feb 5.00	All	CD, FL	Open to all parents, but of most interest to parents in Reception and Year 1
MUFTI for Australian animals	Friday, 28th Feb	All	CD	
Book Week	w/b 2nd March	All	IL	
Multi sports event	Tues 10th March	Y3, 4	GH, LR	
Book Blink	Fri 13th March 3.00-3.30	All		Finishes at 3.30
Parent Teachers Meetings	Tuesday 17th March 4.00-8.30pm	All		
KS1 SATs meeting for parents	Tues 24th March 5.00	Y2	SP	
Multi Sports event	Thurs 26th March	Y1, 2	SP, FL	
Easter Service	Thurs 2nd April 9.30	All		
MUFTI—last day of term	Fri 3rd April	All		

Class Assemblies	Spring	Summer
Robins	6th March	25th June
Whinchats	28th February	3rd July
Canaries	7th February	12th June
Green Jays	14th February	22nd May
Kingfishers	31st January	15th May
Peacocks	24th January	1st May
Sabrewings	17th January	26th June

### May Day Bank Holiday

Please be aware that the date has changed this year, and the Bank Holiday will be on **FRIDAY 8TH MAY 2020** (rather than Monday 4th)

### Art Competition

Year 5 and some children from Years 3, 4, and 6 recently entered a competition organised by Bedford Modern School. The theme was 'Insects'. The children created some fantastic art-work and some children have either received prizes or have been highly commended.

Well done to Jack M (Year 3), Isabelle (Year 3), Jasmine G (Year 3), Katie C (Year 4), Carion (Year 5), Polly (Year 5), Rebecca M (Year 5), Imaan (Year 5), Melissa (Year 6).

All children will be invited to a special presentation and exhibition at Bedford Modern School on 25<sup>th</sup> February.

We are so proud of you all!

Miss Pillai



# CORONAVIRUS: PUBLIC INFORMATION

The Government and NHS are well prepared to deal with this virus.

You can help too.

Germs can live on some surfaces for hours. To protect yourself and others:

- Always carry tissues with you and use them to catch your cough or sneeze.
- Bin the tissue, and to kill the germs, wash your hands with soap and water, or use a sanitiser gel.
- If you have arrived back from China within 14 days follow the specific advice for returning travellers.

This is the best way to slow the spread of almost any germs, including Coronavirus.

[Find out more at gov.uk/coronavirus](https://gov.uk/coronavirus)



## Cupcake decorating workshop

A Children's workshop to decorate a box of 6 delicious cupcakes as a gift for Mothering Sunday.



Saturday 21st March  
St James' School, Biddenham  
1:30 - 4:15pm (allocated sessions)

**£10 PER TICKET**  
(INCLUDES 6 CAKES & GIFTBOX)

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## FEBRUARY HALF-TERM RUGBY CAMP

at Goldington Road

PLAY THE BLUES WAY



Tue 18 Feb

Wed 19 Feb

Thu 20 Feb

9am-3pm

£30 a day

£70 for 3 days

- Open to boys & girls
- All abilities welcome
- Ages 5-15
- Free Bedford Blues kid's match ticket

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