



## St James's Jotter

January 2024 Happy New Year!

**Value of the Month:** Responsibility  
**Monthly Mathemagician:** Active Learning  
**Eco Award:** Class that uses least paper per pupil

### Congratulations

We would like to extend our congratulations to Miss Morrow and her husband John who got married on 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023. We wish them every happiness in their lives together.

### Grandparents' Day

In our school community we are all aware of the essential role that the grandparents of our children play in school/ home life. We want to celebrate that role in school on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. We are inviting grandparents to come into school/nursery and visit your grandchild's classroom and join us for tea/ coffee and treats in the hall.

10:15-11:00am - nursery, LSC1 and Years 1-3

11:15 to 12:00pm - Years 4-6

### Admissions Process

The Admissions portals for children hoping to join our Nursery and Year 1 classes in September 2024 opens tomorrow at 12:00. The deadline is noon on 26<sup>th</sup> January. The applications are completed by the parent/guardian online in the EA portal. If you are having difficulties using the portal and require some assistance, please contact the school office.

### Healthy Eating

We are trying to promote healthy eating as part of a healthy lifestyle with the children and we are asking them to bring a healthy snack for their break. Please see the [LINK](#) that provides guidance on what and what not to offer as a healthy snack.

### Strike Action

Reminder that our school will be closed all day on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January due to strike action by the teaching unions and other public sector unions.

**Parish Sacraments** to take place in St James's Church.

**Confirmation** 6<sup>th</sup> February 2024 11.00am

**First Penance** 6<sup>th</sup> March 2024 11.00am

**First Holy Communion** 8<sup>th</sup> May 2024 11.00am

After each sacrament the families are invited into the Parish Hall for refreshments. Thank you to Cathy and the parish hall committee.

The Service of Commitment and Light for our Year 7 children will take place in the school Assembly Hall week beginning 22<sup>nd</sup> January. Time to be confirmed with Fr David.

### Children as Readers of Liturgy

The parish would like to invite our Year 4 and Year 7 children to become part of the liturgy team for the youth masses. The youth masses take place in St James's Church on Sundays at 11:00am. If your child is a confident reader and would like to read at mass, can you please contact Sister Kathleen on 02890863128?

### Attendance and Lateness

As you know, children's attendance is monitored and reviewed in partnership with the Education Welfare Service. I would like to remind you that if your child is absent, you must inform the school of a reason for your child's absence so it can be recorded. You should email or phone the school office (leaving a voice mail) on the first day of your child's absence. It is also important that your child comes to school on time. Class starts at 9.00am sharp. If your child arrives late, this is recorded on their registration certificate and can impact on their overall attendance rate. Lateness impacts on your child's learning and may cause them some anxiety or embarrassment and disrupts lessons. Thank you for your cooperation.

### Our website

Please remember to visit our website regularly to see all the wonderful learning opportunities our children enjoy. [www.stjamesps.co.uk](http://www.stjamesps.co.uk)

### Breakfast Club

Please note that for safeguarding purposes the children should **not** be at the school doors before 8:50. Breakfast Club is available every morning from 8.00am. The cost is £1.50 for breakfast and supervision or £1.00 for supervision. Please book a place using School Money.

### Ruby Roo's and MR Sports

Ruby Roo's wraparound care continues to operate on our school site. They offer very competitive rates. If you would like to see the facilities or ask any questions, please contact Matthew on 07835618730. Please see the [LINK](#). [MR sports 2023-St-James.pdf](#) .

### Transfer Test Results

We would like to wish our year 7 children who completed the transfer test the best of luck for Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> when they receive their results. Mrs Clenaghan will be available in the school office in the morning from 9:00am to 12:00 to parents who have any problems receiving results. Information about the change in the format of results is available on SEAG's website. <https://seagni.co.uk/>

### Eco Assembly

We had our first ever Eco-Assembly on Friday. Mrs Bergin and the Eco- Council delivered a fabulous presentation on what we can do in school to help our environment. They explained our focus for each month. One class will win a prize (yet to be revealed) at the end of every month. They also sang our Eco-Song. See our school website.

### Assemblies

Mr Farell's class assembly will take place on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> January and Miss Lavery's class will be on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January. Year 3 assembly will take place on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> January. Assemblies begin at 9:15am and tea/coffee is available in the hall from 8:50am.

### Community Notice Board

If any community organisation wishes to advertise or promote themselves or events please leave your poster in the school office for approval.