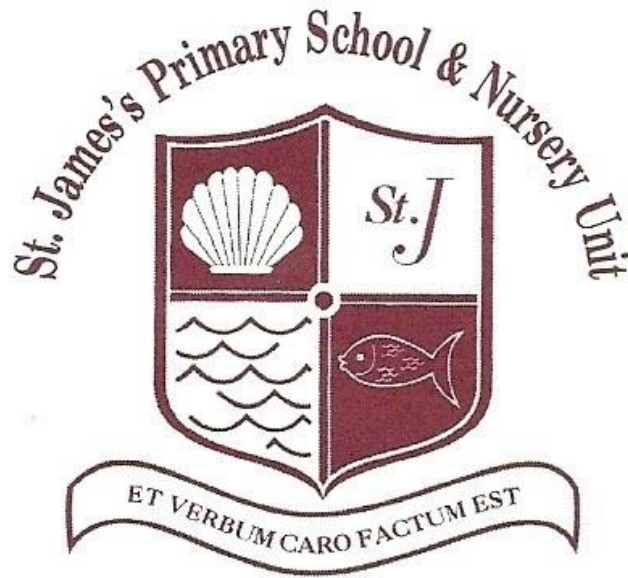


# St James's Nursery News



## November 2023

Welcome back to St James's Nursery Unit. We hope you have enjoyed the midterm break. We are looking forward to another fun filled term with many fantastic learning experiences.

Now that the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child brings a coat to Nursery every day.

## November Learning Focus



**Theme:** Off We Go - Transport, Nursery Rhymes and Space

**Colours:** Black, Blue, Yellow

**Shape:** Rectangle, Star

This month we are focusing on different types of transportation, learning about road safety and exploring the theme of Space.

As the weather changes and the evenings get darker more quickly, we will focus on exploring the concept of dark and light in a variety of ways. We will discuss personal safety and the importance of being seen in the dark.

Children will freely investigate dark and light concepts while handling torches, lights and mirrors. They will use the light table to experiment with opaque, translucent and reflective materials to make observations, as well as experience the sensation of darkness inside a blackout tent.

To tie in with World Nursery Rhyme Week we will be practising lots of traditional rhymes through our play activities. We are also organising a very special parent and child event with Moo Music on Friday 10th November with more details on this to follow.

## Dates For Your Diary



### NOVEMBER

- **Friday 10th November:** THRiVE Moo Music Event. Parents invited to attend.
- **W/B 13th November:** Anti-Bullying Week and World Nursery Rhyme Week
- **Friday 17th November:** Jo Jingles
- **Friday 24th November:** Health Visitor 3+ Reviews
- **Monday 27th November:** Parent Teacher Meetings (please note some meetings will be after school on Tuesday)
- **Thursday 30th November:** Health Visitor 3+ Reviews

### DECEMBER

- **Thursday 7th December:** St James's Primary School and Nursery Unit Open Night 7-8pm
- **Friday 15th December:** Nursery Christmas Concert
- **Tuesday 19th December:** Miss Cullen's Class visit to The Wee Village
- **Wednesday 20th December:** Miss Morrow and Miss Major's Class visit to The Wee Village
- **Wednesday 21st December:** Last day before Christmas. Half day finish.

Please note more information about the Christmas Concert will be provided closer to time.

## Parent Teacher Meetings



Parents' Meetings will be held on Monday 27th November. Please note that children **are not** in school this day.

These meetings will last approximately 10 minutes and will take place face to face inside the Nursery.

The date and time of your child's appointment will be sent home via Seesaw.

Please let your child's teacher know if you will be attending the meeting.

Please note a few meetings will take place on the Tuesday.

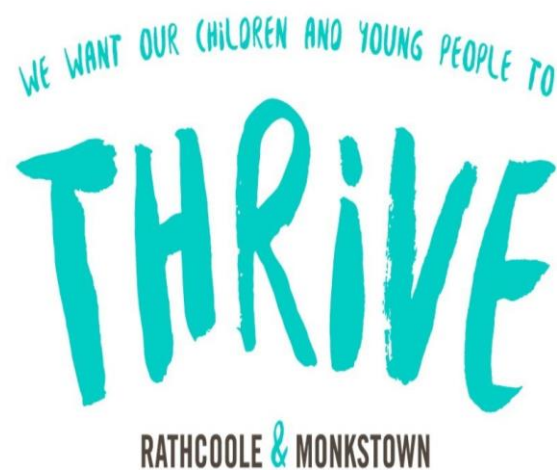
## St James's PS & NU Value of the Month



In St James's Primary School and Nursery Unit we focus on a different value every month. This month we are focusing on respect. At the end of the month one child from each class will be awarded a special certificate for showing respect.

You may want to talk with your child about what respect is.

Respect in Nursery can be ... listening to each other and waiting your turn.



Our partnership with THRiVE aims to promote aspiration, achievement, wellbeing and collaboration.

This month in Nursery we would like to celebrate how:

**We can learn.**

Our Nursery children continue to enjoy learning in Nursery and are beginning to ask relevant questions.

**We can be healthy and well.**

The children love having their lunches and dinners in Nursery. They are enjoying eating healthy meals at snack and dinner time.

**We can be connected.**

It is lovely to see the strong friendships continuing to form between our children.

We look forward to your continued support including at our upcoming Moo Music Event and Parent Teacher Meetings.

# Thank You!

We are grateful for your continued support.

We again welcome donations of tissues and tinfoil (to be used in this month's learning activities).

## Nursery Fund



Thank you for your continued support of our Nursery fund. Nursery fund is used to pay for snack, replenishable resources such as playdough, birthday cupcakes, photographs (which will be sent home in your child's portfolio at the end of the year), additional thematic resources and to provide 'Jo Jingles' music sessions for the children among other things.

## November Songs and Rhymes

### The Big Ship Sails

The big ship sails on the ally ally oh,

The alley ally oh,

The alley ally oh.

The big ship sails on the ally ally oh,

On the last day of September.

The captain said, 'It will never, never do,

Never, never do,

Never, never do.'

The captain said, 'It will never, never do,'

On the last day of September.

The big ship sank to the bottom of the sea,

The bottom of the sea,

The bottom of the sea.

The big ship sank to the bottom of the sea,

On the last day of September.



### **1,2,3,4,5, Once I Caught A Fish Alive**

One, two, three, four, five,

Once I caught a fish alive.

Six, seven, eight, nine, ten,

Then I let it go again.

Why did you let it go?

Because it bit my finger so.

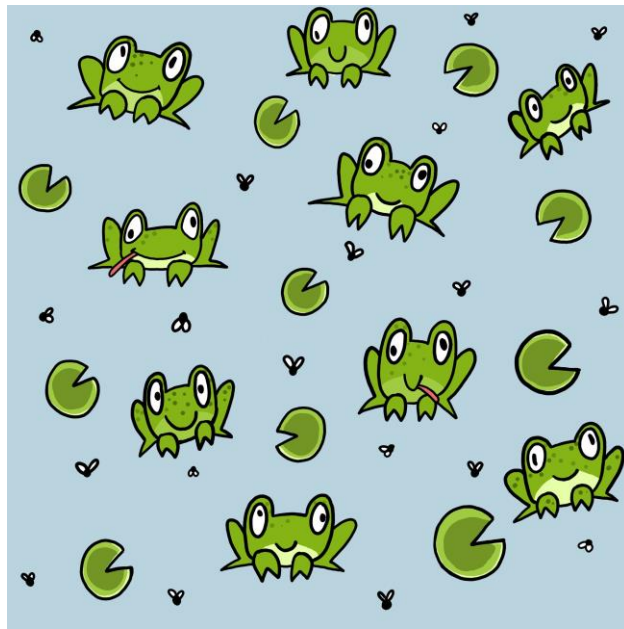
Which finger did it bite?

This little finger on my right.

### **Five Little Speckled Frogs**

Five little speckled frogs,

Sat on a speckled log,  
Eating some most delicious bugs.  
Yum yum!  
One jumped into the pool,  
Where it was nice and cool,  
Then there were four speckled frogs.  
Glub glub!



### **B-I-N-G-O**

There was a man who had a dog,  
And Bingo was his name-O.  
B-I-N-G-O!  
B-I-N-G-O!  
B-I-N-G-O!  
And Bingo was his name-O!





### **Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star**

Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!  
Up above the world so high,  
Like a diamond in the sky.  
Twinkle, twinkle, little star,  
How I wonder what you are!

