



ST JAMES' FAMILY NEWSLETTER

17th September 2026

Dear Parents and Friends of St James,

We are now settled into the new academic year, and the holidays seem a distant memory! We are all really pleased to see how well the children have returned to school and are ready to learn, and we particularly welcome our Reception children who started full time this week!

Thank you for attending the 'Meet the Teacher' events last week – it was great to see so many parents and to be able to share this term's learning and important dates and information. If you have not received the slides, KIRFS or Yearly Overview from this meeting, please let the school office know.

If you are a parent of a Year 6 child – the application window for secondary school is now open and closes on Saturday 31st October. It is essential that you make an application before this date – if you miss this you are highly unlikely to get a secondary school of your choice. If you need any help in completing this application, please come to the school office or contact the Pastoral Team.

If you are a parent of a child starting school next year (4th birthday between 01.09.26 and 31.08.27) – the application window for primary school applications is now open and closes on Friday 15th January 2027. If you are thinking of applying to St James, please come along to our Open Days – see overleaf for the dates and times.

APPLICATIONS FOR SECONDARY SCHOOL MUST BE MADE BY 31ST OCTOBER 2026
APPLICATIONS FOR STARTING SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER 2027 MUST BE MADE BY 15TH JANUARY 2027

Please see overleaf for important dates – in particular, note our Year 1 Phonics workshop next week on Wednesday 23rd September at 2:00pm in the studio.

Our next whole school 'event' is Macmillan Coffee Morning on Friday 25th September. Please give your child a monetary donation so that they can join in and, hopefully, join us to share a drink and a cake as well. Your child will be in the Hall at the following times:

Reception / Nursery: 9:30 – 10:00

Year 1 / 2: 10:00 – 10:30

Year 3 / 4: 10:30 – 11:00

Year 5 / 6: 11:00 – 11:30



Of course, we also need donations of lots of cakes and volunteers to help us with serving and washing up. If you are making cakes yourself, please provide a list of ingredients in line with our new Allergy Policy. Thank you so much for your support at this annual event. We always raise an incredible amount of money for this very important charity, and it is fantastic to see so many parents enjoying a drink and cake together.

As ever, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to catch a member of the senior leadership team at the gate at the beginning or end of the school day – or call the office to make an appointment.

Best Wishes,

Sarah Beach (Headteacher) & Sarah Buettner (Headteacher Designate)

Please follow us on Instagram for updates and pictures of our school day - @StJamesNN5

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DATES FOR YOUR DIARIES / COMING UP

Friday 18th September	First Celebration Gathering
Tuesday 22nd September	School Forum (Governors) in school 1:30pm
Wednesday 23rd Sept	Children's flu vaccinations
Wednesday 23rd Sept	Phonics Workshop for Year 1 parents 2:30pm in the Studio
Thursday 24th Sept	Athletic Elite workshops for Year 5
Friday 25th September	Macmillan Coffee Morning in school – EVERYONE invited (friends and family too). See overleaf for details
Wednesday 30th Sept	Reception & Nursery Parent Workshop on PSED 9:00 – 9:30 in the studio
Wednesday 30th Sept	Sporting Heritage Day @ Saints for Year 6
Thursday 1st October	Reception Open Day (for 2027 intake) 10:00 – 11:00am
Thursday 1st October	Wellbeing Olympics with MHST Team – Year 4
Tuesday 6th October	Harvest Festival in school – sorry, no parents invited due to space!
Wednesday 7th October	Communion in school – 2:15pm – all welcome
w/b Mon 12th October	BSL Level 101 assessments for Year 4
Wednesday 14th October	PARENTS' EVENING – till 7:30pm
Thursday 15th October	PARENTS' EVENING – till 5:30pm
Wednesday 21st Oct	Reception Open Day (for 2027 intake) 4:30 -5:30pm
Friday 23rd October	School closes for Half Term
Saturday 31st October	Diwali Parade in Northampton – meeting time tbc Diwali craft workshop – making lanterns for the parade also tbc.
Monday 2nd November	School CLOSED for staff training (INSET)
Tuesday 3rd November	School opens after the Half Term. Gates open at 8:35am
Wednesday 4th Nov	Reception Open Day (for 2027 intake) 10:00 – 11:00am and 2:00 – 3:00pm
Wednesday 11th Nov	Remembrance Service at school (outside) ALL welcome – 10:30am start
Thursday 12th November	Magistrates Visit for 6R
Thursday 12th November	Reception Open Day (for 2027 intake) 4:30 -5:30pm
Friday 13th November	Magistrates Visit for 6L
Friday 13th November	Children in Need Day

St James CE Primary School

NEW INTAKE OPEN SESSIONS

September 2027 Intake

Working together, we build bright futures.

Come and discover our wonderful school!
Meet our staff, explore our learning environments and see how children learn, grow and thrive through play, creativity and exciting learning experiences.

Open Session Dates

THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER	10:00am – 11:00am	WEDNESDAY 21st OCTOBER	4:30pm – 5:30pm
WEDNESDAY 4th NOVEMBER	10:00am – 11:00am 2:00pm – 3:00pm	THURSDAY 12th NOVEMBER	4:30pm – 5:30pm

Contact the School Office to book a session:

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