

St James the Great Catholic School Newsletter

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Year 6 2022-23

Leaving

Today we said farewell to our Year 6 pupils.

We also bid farewell to Mrs Barker, Miss Kirney and Mr Wilson. We thank them for all their hard work and commitment to the children. We are reminded that although our assembly today marked the end of their time at our school it also signifies the beginning of a new part of their journey, the pilgrim journey that we are all on.



Scallop symbol of the pilgrim

We wish them all the very best in their futures and hope that their time at St James the Great has been a wholesome and memorable one.

School reopens Tuesday 5th September

Summer Reading Challenge

Please encourage your child to read over the holidays, it's the best 'homework' they can do. To add to the fun, get involved in this year's Reading Challenge. Read six books. Details in the library. There is a library application form attached - no excuses parents!

Holiday, haircuts and uniforms

A few holiday notes for the new term. In September all children will be expected to be in full uniform.

Please make sure you have bought your blazer (Y3-6), skirt, tie from the school. White shirt, navy blue trousers, PE kits black shorts and white tops are available in the high street shops.

Haircuts....., please remember that school rules mean that hair should be even in length with no patterns or designs. Girls should not have excessive braiding or decoration, any of these should be blue.

Uniform sale

Blazers, skirts and ties will be available for sale from the school office on:
Wednesday 30th August
between 10am and 12 noon.
This is the last week before the children return to school.

Big Bash

Thank you to everyone who supported our weather altered, indoor version this year. We hope you enjoyed the school's celebration of our Music and Dance curricula and appreciated the addition our specialist teachers make. We also heard some wonderful news about three Year 5 pupils who have been awarded the Mayors Scholarship for music and one former pupil who performed at the Glastonbury festival this summer. Amazing!

Staying safe in the holidays

Remember to stay say at home;
when you are out (always let your adult know where you are) ;
When online (only play with people you know in the 'real world')

A Prayer for our journey

Dear Lord,
Be for us our companion on the walk,
Our guide at the crossroads,
Our breath in our weariness,
Our protection in danger,
Our shelter on the Road,
Our shade in the heat,
Our light in the darkness,
Our consolation in our discouragements,
And our strength in our intentions.
So that with your guidance we may arrive safe and sound at the end of the Road and enriched with grace and virtue we return safely to our homes filled with joy.

Pilgrim's prayer to Santiago de Compostela (St James the Great) Spain.

Have a great holiday everyone!