

St James the Great Catholic Primary School

5th September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and to Year 6! We are very pleased to see the children back in school and ready to learn. The children have all made a good start to this very important year. Please continue to support them so that they stay focused and determined throughout the academic year. On the 10th September, you are invited to a Year 6 Secondary transfer meeting at 3:00 on the year ahead, looking at what the children will be studying.

This term, a key focus will be on developing handwriting skills.

To support your child's progress, we encourage you to continue practising at home. A few helpful tips for good handwriting include:

- **Posture:** Ensure your child is sitting upright with both feet flat on the floor.
- **Grip:** Encourage a relaxed but firm pencil grip using the thumb, index, and middle fingers.
- **Paper position:** The paper should be tilted slightly, depending on whether your child is right- or left-handed.
- **Letter formation:** Remind your child to form letters from top to bottom and left to right.
- **Spacing:** Encourage leaving equal spaces between words for clarity.
- **Slow and steady:** Quality is more important than speed—neatness will improve with practice.

Your support at home makes a big difference, and we appreciate your partnership in helping children develop clear, confident handwriting.

As you know, there is a lot to cover this year and we will be giving out a set of spellings, reading comprehension, SPaG and Maths will be given out on Fridays, to be returned on Tuesdays. In addition, comprehensions will be given out (alternate weeks) for your children to practice. Your child will be bringing a reading book home with them as well. Please make sure that they read at home **every evening**. We will be sending home a Reading Diary as well so please sign in the relevant box to show that your child has read. Children must get a parent/carer or older siblings' signature to determine they have read to someone- they cannot sign for themselves.

PE sessions are on Thursdays so they will need their full and correct PE kits on **Thursdays**. In addition, they will be having Dance sessions with a specialist dance teacher, Natasha, on **Fridays**, for which they will also need their PE kits (white t-shirt, black shorts or trousers and black plimsolls). Please ensure you send your child in in the correct school uniform as they will change into their PE kit at school. Please also ensure that your children continue to come into school in the **correct and full uniform**. The children will be continuing with their brass instrument lessons on Fridays, so please make sure that they **always** have their instrument in school for Friday, and that they make some time to practise at home during the week.

If you have any questions or concerns, please make an appointment with me for either before or after school.

Best wishes

K Boam and the Year 6 team



Mathematics	Number and Calculations Large numbers, decimal place value, multiplication, division, fractions, percentages Geometry and Measurement Properties of shapes Statistics Pie charts Algebra Using symbols to represent variables and unknowns
English	Boy in the Tower — We will be looking at descriptive techniques and using formal tone before writing our version of the story. The Diary of a Young Girl by Anne Frank — We will be focusing on techniques used in diary writing and biographies, culminating in our own biographies of Anne Frank to tie in with our learning on WW2 in History.
RE	Please see attached sheet.
Science	Animal Classification We will be learning about the classification of living things, including micro-organisms. The children will build on their work in Year 4 by sorting animals into groups based on their similarities and differences. They will extend their learning to find out about the standard system of classification first developed by Carl Linnaeus, choosing an animal and researching its classification.
History	The Blitz We will be looking at the experience of living through the Blitz and how it affected the lives of ordinary Londoners. Later in the term, we will be visiting St Paul's Cathedral and hearing a "first-hand account" of life as an ARP Warden.
Computing	Search Engines We will be learning about how search engines work and how to use them effectively and safely.
Art	Henry Moore War Drawings We will be looking at the way in which Henry Moore portrayed the emotions of the people in his drawings. These drawings tie in with our work in History as they portray people sheltering in tube stations during air raids. We are working towards creating our own versions of "Woman Seated in the Underground", using wax resist techniques.
PSHE	Human Rights We will be learning about the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and how we can provide help and support to people whose human rights are being violated.
RSE	We will be using the story of Jesus calming the storm to explore the concept of faith.
PE	Invasion Games (football) and Dance
Music	Brass Instruments
Mandarin	YCT Preparation We will be revising everything that we have learned so far in Mandarin in preparation for the YCT, an internationally accredited qualification in Mandarin learning.