

St James the Less Splash News
Week Beginning 11th July 2022

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Goodbye and Happy Holidays!

Dear Parents and Friends of St James the Less,
It is that time of year when we say our goodbyes to our terrific Year 6 children. They have been a real credit to the school and, I can honestly say, their parents can look at each and every one of them and know that they have shown their real best, especially in this final year. We could not ask anymore from them. You would not believe their learning has been interrupted with the global pandemic as their SATs scores are exceptional. A remarkable group of children who are a credit to themselves, their families and this school. This extended Splashnews is a tribute to them.
Goodbye Year 6. You've been absolute gems.

On behalf of the team, I give our sincere thanks to all their parents for supporting their learning over the past 7 years. Farewell to all those families who leave our school for the very last time. Your partnership with our school has been very precious to us. God bless.

Other Goodbyes

We say goodbye to Mr Charles (Apprentice), Mrs Miller (Y3 teacher) and Miss McIntyre (Part-time Y2 teacher). Although this has been mentioned elsewhere, I cannot pass the opportunity to acknowledge these colleagues, especially Mrs Miller and Miss McIntyre. In addition to excellent service to school, they have provided exemplary service to our parish through the Sacramental Programme. Miss McIntyre has also been our RE lead through the last two Outstanding Graded school inspections. We thank all these much loved colleagues for their service to our school. Good luck to all three.

Welcome

We welcome to our school the following new teaching staff. Miss Cleary in Year 4, Miss Hall in Year 1 and Miss Evans and Mrs Wood who will strengthen our support staff team.

Happy Holidays Everyone

On behalf of the entire school community I would like to wish all of you all a happy and restful holiday. Goodbye and God Bless to Year 6, departing families and our valued colleagues.
We look forward to seeing everyone else in September.

Happy holidays everyone!

Kindest regards,
G Hall - Headteacher

Assemblies

Our final Friday morning assembly for this Summer term is THIS Friday. It will start at 9am.

15.07.2022 Year Reception

Parents/carers are invited to these assemblies. Please queue by the Y3/4 door. Door open at 8.50.

Y6 Leavers Assembly

19.07.2022 Assembly will start at 2.30pm with doors opening at 2.15pm.
Year 6 parents/carers/family members welcome.

Year 6 Dates for your Diary

14.07.2022 Leavers Meal at Ninos Rawtenstall

15.07.2022 Mini Olympics

Summer Fair/Duck Derby

The Duck Derby was a great success with families enjoying an entertaining afternoon in the sunshine. Thank you to those who bought raffle tickets, baked goodies and donated items to sell or raffle.

Thank you to all who came along and to those who helped in lots of different ways. A total of just over £ 5,000 was raised.

There is a list of prize winners on the parish fb page. Please have a look as there are some unclaimed prizes. Prizes can be claimed from the Presbytery.

Mass Times

Please have a look at the Church newsletter for changes in Mass times due to the ongoing amalgamation of two parishes.

Year 4 Swimming

Year 4 will have swimming lessons on a Wednesday morning throughout the 2022-2023 academic year. Please refer to the details on letter emailed out.

Year 6 Skiing

Year 6 will have skiing lessons on a Thursday afternoon throughout the autumn term. Please refer to the details on letter emailed out.



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PPTA Noticeboard

Heritage Tea Party

Year 6, their grandparents and senior parishioners came together last month for Mass followed by a splendid afternoon

tea. Thank you to our Y6 boys and girls who helped to serve and a very big THANK YOU to all those who shopped, made sandwiches, baked scones and cakes and served on the day.



It really is a very special event organised and funded by our PPTA.

Ice Cream Van

This week all pupils and staff enjoyed an ice cream of their choice from the ice cream van. It was certainly ice cream weather!!



Dear PPTA—Thank You

Thank you to those who give so much of their time and money to raise vital funds....we are blessed by and grateful of your hard work and support.

School Meals

Our system for selecting school meals for your child/ren allows you to choose a specific meal for your child. Please make every effort to book meals for your child/ren for the entire month to ensure the smooth running of this system. Meals are available to book for September and the closing date to book September meals is Wednesday 24th August! Please do not leave it to the last minute to book meals.

Uniform

Please, Please. Please, remember to put names in school uniform. Every year we have upset children and parents as uniform has been "lost."

Please remember to use the discount code of **sjt122** for 10% discount on online orders over £30.

PE Kits

Please send your child's PE kit into school with them on their return on Monday 5th September. Thank you

Summer Holiday

School closes on Tuesday 19th July at 3.15pm. We return on Monday 5th September at 8.35am in readiness for 8.45am start.

Birthdays in July

Happy Birthday to James (Y6), Arlo (Y1), Archie (Y2), Kaiyan (Y5), Zaid (Y3), Kobie (Rec), Esme (Y1), Lucie (Y1), Betsy (Y1), Lewis (Y4), Esme (Y3), Ava (Y2) and Alex (Y4), Ryaan (Y5), Sophia (Y5), Heidi (Y2), Harvey (Y2), Jacob (Y2), Willem (Y3), Luke ((Y3), Freya (Rec), Harry (Y1), Nieve (Y3), Chloe (Y4), Dominic (Y5), Ava (Y5) and Martha (Rec)

We hope they have a great day.

Birthdays in August

Happy Birthday also to Joey-Jack (Rec), Lucas (Y4), Jesse (Y4), Miley (Y6), Joshua (Y5), Finlay (Rec), Noah (Y5), Freya (Y5), Tommy (Y2), Harper (Y3), Josey Y3), Hugo (Y4), Rose (Y2), Matthew (Y6), Imogen (Y5), Maximilian (Y2) and Frankie (Rec)

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Year 6 Leavers Events

Over the last few weeks Y6 have enjoyed a variety of fun events. They enjoyed an afternoon in Whitaker Park, played games, had a picnic and a treat from the ice-cream van.



They served afternoon tea to their grandparents and senior citizens of the parish and of course there were treats for the children too.

There was also a leavers Mass in school where they all received a blessed cross. This was followed by food served in the junior yard.

For the first time ever, we took part in a colour run event.

"It was an amazing event and the children loved it." said Mrs K.

"It was worth taking a day off work for this!!" said one of our parents who was there.

