

Mon 11<sup>th</sup> – Police Assembly – The role of the Police - for all pupils + Y6 workshops on internet safety 10:30-12:30 ++ Y6 Cycling Proficiency Starts – all week

Tue 12<sup>th</sup> Anti-Bullying Week+ Odd Socks Day (wear odd socks to celebrate our differences—date changed by the Anti-Bullying Alliance)

Wed 13<sup>th</sup> – Y2 Victorian Tea Party in the hall 1:30 -2:30pm + Class 11 assembly to parents 9am

Thu 14<sup>th</sup> – Class 13 Assembly to Parents 9am + Parent's Evening 3:20-6:00pm

Fri 15<sup>th</sup> – Children in Need – PJ day + PTA Bag2School collection 9 am (1 of 3) + Girls' Football Tournament

Mon 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> Reception World Nursery Rhyme Week – events will happen through the week + Football away match Naunton Park

Tue 19<sup>th</sup> – Prospective Parents' Open Morning 9-11am

Wed 20<sup>th</sup> – Prospective Parents' Open Afternoon 1:30-2:30pm + Maths Challenge with Explore Learning Y5/6

Thur 21<sup>st</sup> – Whole School Marble Run Morning for Design and Technology (wear scruffs for cutting, sticking and building in class) – cross year group project 9-11:45am

Fri 22<sup>nd</sup> – PTA Mufti Day for Christmas Fair Donations 8:25-3pm + Albert Dix Football 2:30pm Nursery Rhyme Performance for Reception Parents

Mon 25<sup>th</sup> – Christmas Decoration Craft Challenge Launched 10am + Life Education Bus all week

Wed 27<sup>th</sup> – Class 12 assembly to parents 9am

Thu 28<sup>th</sup> – Class 14 Assembly to Parents 9am + B Team Netball Tournament

Fri 29<sup>th</sup> – PTA Christmas Fair 5:30-9pm

Tue 3<sup>rd</sup> – PTA Enterprise 5 – Nativity/Christmas/Sporty Sale 3-3:20pm + Cinderella Pantomime for all children (paid for by PTA) + A team netball tournament

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> – Prospective Parents' Open Afternoon 2-3pm

Thu 5<sup>th</sup> – Prospective Parents' Open Morning 9-11am + New Age Curling tbc

Fri 6<sup>th</sup> PTA Rec-Y2 Popcorn Club – Film tbc 3-5pm + PTA Family Christmas Logo Quiz – Launch 8:25-3pm Home Football Match Naunton Park

Mon 9<sup>th</sup> – Y3 Charity Afternoon pm – all parents invited

NB—new additional dates in red



# St James'

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## THE SCOOP



We hope that you all had an enjoyable half term despite the stormy weather. We have lots of amazing events planned this term; Children in Need, Anti bullying Week, Reception's World Nursery Rhyme Week, the Life Education Bus and our

Whole School Marble Run day to

name a few! I'm also looking forward to tasting the amazing Y2 Victorian Tea Party sponges and the magnificent PTA Christmas Fair (not to be missed).

Autumn is now upon us and with it the possibility of inclement weather; please ensure that the children come to school with coats and warm tops for outdoor PE. Finally, congratulations to Mr and Mrs Hanks who gave birth to little Rosie Mae Hanks on the 10th October.



Our value this term is Love and we are sharing with children that we all matter. During our whole school worship on Monday the children offered the following: **"Love can be for something or someone."**

*"Love is a special bond between people."*

**"To love others you also have to love yourself!"**

**"To show love means to show all of our values."**

**In our P4C lessons this term we will be exploring some of the following big questions:** How can we show love to our friends? Can we love people who are different from us? Can knowing someone loves you make you brave? Would you tell a lie for someone you love?

## A Few Reminders!

Just a few reminders to help us this term in looking after your children and keeping them safe! We hope that you don't take this list as a moan or grumble, rather a quick reminder...

Please **park sensibly**, not on the roundabouts, double yellow lines or across neighbours drives (we've had photos and complaints about all of these happening) **please keep our children safe!**

Please turn your **engines off** whilst waiting—the fumes created are bad for the environment and in particular our children, particularly given that they are closer to the exhausts than we are!

(if you see drivers doing either of the above please let us know and we will request the local PSCO to visit again)

Please, **no earrings in school**—with the active and outdoor driven curriculum and our incredible PlayPod there is a risk that earrings can get caught. Better still, **use ear piercing as something that happens at the end of year 6!** Children are allowed to wear earrings for 6 weeks after piercing but they need taping prior to arriving at school every day, they will then need to be taken out for school.

**Fruit based/sensible and healthy snacks** please Monday to Friday and Freedom Friday snacks on Friday only (**no sweets, nuts or crisps**) we would rather the pupils ate **fruit** mid morning!

**Birthday Treats!** With the ongoing concerns about sugar in our diets we would like to remind you that rather than bringing in cakes and sweets for a birthday **please send in a book for our libraries** (it doesn't have to be new just good quality current texts) books will be given a **name plate** to show who has donated the book. **Leave the sweets and cakes for their party instead!**

**Please make sure that your details are up to date in case of an emergency.**

**Gates open from 8:25-8:40am and from 2:50pm—please try to arrive on time so that your child can start learning as soon as possible. Please notify us if your child will not be at school by phone.**

In the unlikely event of school closure (particularly due to snow) we will notify everyone via facebook St James' C of E

Remember that all dates will be displayed on our calendar, this can also be viewed on our website:

[www.stjamescofeprimary.co.uk](http://www.stjamescofeprimary.co.uk)

Some dates may change and will we give you as much notice as possible for these changes.

Main calendar:<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/embed?src=stjamescofeprimary%40gmail.com&ctz=Europe%2FLondon>

Sports calendar:<https://calendar.google.com/calendar/b/1?cid=NDdhdGY2c2RnaWgobGkzaTNndjl2bGt1YnNAZ3JvdXAuY2FsZW5kYXluZ29vZ2xILmNvbQ>

Please also look at our virtual book bag (a link can be found on our website) or at: <https://stjamesbookbag.home.blog/> primary School, Twitter @StJamesCofE and @Glos\_schools (Glos Closed Schools Official)

## From the Office

If your child has music lessons, please ensure that you notify the music teacher direct, prior to the lesson, if your child will be absent from school.

## Recent Events!

Light up the Dark at St Philip and St James'. Our alternative to Trick or Treating. Everyone enjoyed the amazing show!



Reception Family Tree Afternoon. Almost all parents attended—a fantastic event enjoyed by everyone again this year. Trees on display by Reception.



Children reflecting on this term's value of LOVE. Their prayers for love are beautiful!

Our Reception welcome service at Pip and Jims' with Reverend Nick and Ginny. A special service welcoming everyone into our family.



Our Harvest Service—A chance to share our LOVE with our neighbours. Food donations were sent to GARAS again this year.



Everyone is invited to the Diocese of Gloucester LIFE vision party. It's free!

Saturday 9th November

2-5pm

All Saints' Academy

Blaisdon Way,

Cheltenham

GL510WH



**Party invitation**  
*Saturday 9 November, 2-5 pm*  
**All Saints' Academy, Blaisdon Way, Cheltenham, Gloucestershire GL51 0WH**

A free party for all in our worshipping communities (schools, families, churches and chaplaincies) to come together and celebrate being part of the Diocese of Gloucester.

Entertainment includes sports games, storytelling, choirs, iSingPop, circus skills, face painting, DNA bracelet making, dancing, creating chatterboxes, Taiko Drummers, arts and crafts and much more...

There is also a chance to grill the Bishops and Archdeacons in a special Question Time session!

Free food will be available including a hog roast, vegan burgers, soup, popcorn and lots of cake.



# DANCE YOUR WAY TO FITNESS!

As *Strictly* returns to our screens this month, take inspiration from three women who are happier and healthier after hitting the dance floor.

**'I'M FITTER, STRONGER AND HAVING FUN!'**  
Danella Mercati, 43, a teacher from Cheltenham, found a way to express herself while working out.

Plodding along the pavement, the only thing I was enjoying about running was the show tune coming through my earphones. While raising two children and building a career as a drama teacher, I found running was a quick way to keep up my fitness level but I never once looked forward to it. The lyrics and beats of my favourite musical theatre soundtracks distracted me from the monotony. I'd danced as a child, from the age of eight right up to 21, when I gave it up because I couldn't afford the lessons. Having got married and had two children, I missed dancing but couldn't find a space for it in my life. Then, three years ago, a friend asked me to accompany him to an exercise class inspired by ballroom dancing. During that 45-minute class, my life changed forever. Everyone was struggling with the moves and I could see the choreography was too complicated but I loved the concept of marrying fitness and dance. Then I had that proverbial 'lightbulb moment': why not create a fitness class based on musical theatre and film? That was the kind of music I wanted to dance to!

**DEVISING A NEW DANCE CLASS**  
Over the next two years I developed the idea and choreographed routines to my favourite tunes from shows including *Hairspray*, *Mamma Mia* and *Grease*. Last October, I launched Chi Chi Fit ([chichi-fit.co.uk](http://chichi-fit.co.uk)) in Cheltenham, but I hope to roll it out across the country. I try out every routine on my husband and the kids before I take it into any class, so Saturday mornings are spent as a family, figuring out moves on the patio. My aim is to get the UK dancing their way to happier lives and it's the way I keep myself fit and well now. I teach four classes a week, one of which is for school teachers as part of their wellbeing programme. I make sure the routines challenge different areas of the body to improve co-ordination and balance and



Danella created her own dance fitness class

I use resistance bands to build strength. I know I've got more muscle definition now than I ever did when I was a runner. One of my students described the class as 'showtunes, shimmies and a whole lot of sparkle', which I think sums it up. Classes are booming and everyone, myself included, gets a great workout and a wellbeing boost.

Dancing to the songs I love has made me so happy and has such a powerful and positive effect on my mood. It is my tonic for fitness and happiness. I find the feelgood factor every bit as valuable and addictive as the fitness results. After a dance, I return to my daily routine feeling like a better parent, partner and person. My students, too, have found that special something. It reminds us of our childhoods, our forgotten passions and ability to learn new things. Everyone leaves feeling happy and positive, humming great tunes and looking forward to their next happy fix.



**Celebrating parent success. Congratulations to Danella for her hugely successful Chi-Chi Fit classes and subsequent write up in Top Santé. Improving fitness and wellbeing all at once! Classes with Danella take place at Christchurch on Monday 6.15pm, Bournside on Tuesday 6.45pm and Warden Hill on Friday 9.15am.**

# Celebrating Success

## Merits have been awarded to:

Matthew Ellson	Holly Reader	Tate Goodall	Ethan Skinner	Emily Goddard	Mars Moran
Heidi Norman	William Cubbins	Noah Lewis	Betsy Cashel	Flo Musty	Farid Ali Vargas
Abi Cottingham	Jude Staff	Sebastian Ponting	Monty Whitelocks	Annabelle Oakes	Conn Loughnane
Georgia Wagstaff	Hannah Doe	Jack Ferkin	Hattie Hennessy	Sofia Ngai	Owen Slimmings
Finlay Howarth	Konstantine Rudski	Matei Pruteanu	Ralph Hughes	Philip Healy	Skye Morse
Heidi McKenzie	Benji McKenzie	Florence Hopkins	Josh Rudd	Eve Roberts	William Wood
Martha Ingram	Annabella Roberts	Tate Goodall	William Slimmings	Lilia Kaveh	Freya Chant
Jacob Fellows	Ben Stephens	Mollie Long	Reuben Banks	Mahnaz Mohabat-zath	Eilidh Cattanach
Isaac Jones	Sammy Bates	Josh Arthur	Arthur Quentin	Peter Edmonds	
<b>Values Awards—</b>	<b>voted by peers</b>				Freddie Dawson
Lily Adamthwaite	Molly Skinner	Edan Pendrell-Evans	Liberty Fellows	Shania Haynes	Amelia Henley
Monty Cook	Yasmin Ngai	Jesse Hall	Rufus Buckland	James Tomlinson	Oliver Cubbins
<b>AIR</b>	<b>FIRE</b>	<b>WATER</b>	<b>EARTH</b>	Luke Sutton	Betsy Bartz
<b>273</b>	<b>356</b>	<b>478</b>	<b>300</b>	Arabella Goodlock	Francis Lloyd

## Extra Awards:

Sophie Harris—Gym Level 5    Jess Kitching—Learn to swim

Luke Sutton—Man of the Match Southside

Juniper and Joseph Rackowe, Tom Ward & Ben Stephens—Bronze Guitar Award

Karl Nicklin—Gold Guitar Award

Mikey Gittins—bonus musician award for violin

Poppy Limb—Level 6 Gym Award

Florence Musty—School Council Year 1

## PTA Poster Competition

### winners

Tia Long

Alexandra Hennessy

Ronnie Gubbins

Lilla Kaveh