



St James'
Church of England
Primary School

Focus on: RESPECT

13th June—Harwood Dance Club Feet First Dance Festival

14th June—KS2 Sports Day 9—12.30pm

14th/15th/16th June—Teddybear storytime for Reception
2022 1.30-2pm

15th June—KS1 Sports Day 9-11.45am

15th June—Mock trial competition for selected Yr6 children

16th June—PTA mufti day £1 donation online or coin to class
teacher. Summer Fair donations to Eco Hub by 9am

16th June—Rec/Yr1/Yr2 Worship with Reverend Nick at
church

16th June—Year 6 Leavers service—Gloucester Cathedral 10-
12.30pm. Parents NOT to attend

17th June—Yr6 Enterprise movie night 6—8pm

20th June—Panathlon finals at Oxtalls

20th June—Year 5 Grow a pound challenge

21st June—Reserve KS2 Sports Day & Move More House Cross
Country

22nd June—Reserve KS1 Sports Day

23rd June—Refugee Week—Everyman Theatre—Little Amal—
<https://www.walkwithamal.org/5.00pm> to 7.15pm

23rd June—Move More House Speed stacking & Yr5/6 se-
lected children to organ workshop

24th June—School reports home & PTA Summer Fair (6-
8.30pm)

27th June—Yr4 In The Net Production

28th June—Mop up sports day only in event of it being post-
poned previously to poor weather

28th June—Yr6 school Daze play—morning dress rehearsal.
Parents drop off children to school 5.30pm, production
starts 6pm

20th/22nd/28th/30th June—Reception 2022 Stay and play ses-
sions 1.15-2.15pm

1st July—School Newsletter & start of values poster competi-
tion

1st July—Year 6 Leavers party 7-9pm

4th to 8th July & 11th to 14th July—Year 6 Bikeability

5th July—Parent drop in 3-3.30pm

6th July—Reception meeting for parents of children moving
from Reception to Year 1 9-10am

6th July—PTA end of year drinks at Morans 7pm

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Welcome back to the final term of the year. It's been a busy year with so much going on both in school and out of school and we hope that lasting memories have been made for our children.

We have continued to battle with Covid rates across the school with both staff and children being off but things have seemed to have quietened down now. Thank you for helping us by ensuring your child is at school whenever possible. We have now returned to an element of 'normal' with parent open mornings, visits to the church, school trips and residentials and most importantly our children mixing across the school; this is wonderful to see again.

We hope that you all enjoyed half term, managed to spend time as a family and enjoyed some lovely weather. The jubilee celebrations across the country have been terrific with many children sharing how they have celebrated. We have loved hearing about what they have been doing and have enjoyed seeing the crowns that have come in from our recent D&T home project.

Just before half term, years 5 and 6 completed their residentials. Year 5 staying away from home for two nights and Y6 for four nights. Residentials are a new experience for most children, learning new skills and taking on challenges: for many of our children it was the first time that they had been away from home (as a result of Covid). Whilst there was some homesickness and illness the children all worked well in their teams, enjoyed the varied aspects of the trips and learnt a great deal. If you follow our school Facebook page you will have seen the huge amount of photographs! Trips like this are extremely hard work for staff with a typical day starting at 6am and most staff not getting to bed before midnight and then being woken up through the night. Staff do not have any downtime or breaks and work with the children, supporting them all week. I would like to take this opportunity to thank our staff who attended the residentials this year for their commitment. Many of you have also passed on your thanks and this is very much appreciated.

Finally, this term we have a great deal on offer for your children; sports days, Y6 enterprise day, trips and visitors to school and we are excited to welcome you back to our PTA Summer Fair. Please make sure you sign up and volunteer to help make the event a success.

Our school is currently seeking the appointment of a new parent governor; this is a key role within the leadership of our school and offers an opportunity to support the school at a strategic level. Parents who have completed a term of office on our governing body have enjoyed this role. Please get in touch if you would like further information or an informal chat, we would welcome anyone to apply.

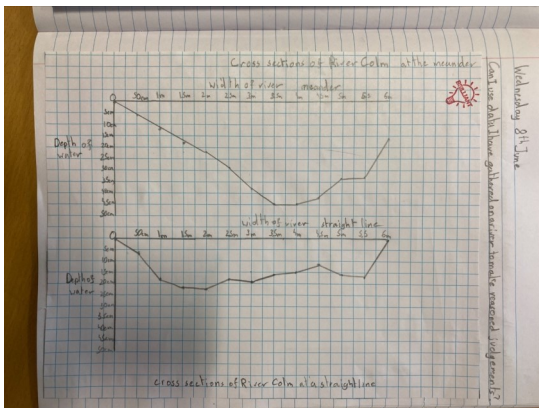
Lisa Harford—Headteacher



Y5 River Studies

Year 5 visited The Earnest Cook Trust in Fairford this week to learn all about aspects of the river.

Through their geography work this year the children secured knowledge about the features of a river considering aspects such as meander, upper, middle and lower course, oxbow lake, waterfall, floodplain and delta. The trip gave them concrete experiences to support their learning. Back in the classroom they then worked at GCSE level, using data on river flow and depth. Clever stuff!



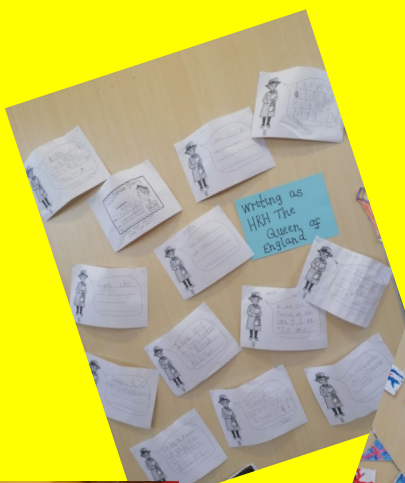


Thursday 26th May 2022-Bouncy castle fun had by all on the Platinum jubilee celebration at the whole school picnic

Reception Jubilee Extraordinaire-10th June

This week Reception have enjoyed a Jubilee themed extravaganza including -

- Learning about the Queen and her family
- Building models of the famous London landmarks
- Programming Bee-Bots around London to highlight monuments
- We have created our own maps of a journey around London
- We have made jam sandwiches, iced cupcakes, created bunting and amazing artwork.
- Parents came to a tea party and we celebrated together and sang traditional songs to celebrate the Queens 70 year reign.





Mrs Wood - Family Support Updates!



Financial support available for families:

Household Support Fund

On 30 September 2021, the Government announced that a new Household Support Fund (HSF) would be available to Local Authorities to support those most in need during the winter, which has now been extended until 30 September 2022. The Government has provided funding to Gloucestershire County Council to support people who are struggling to:

- buy food
- pay energy and water bills
- cover other essential costs linked to energy and water and wider essentials (including sanitary products, warm clothing, soap, blankets, boiler service or repair, purchase of equipment including fridges, freezers, and ovens)

The application form for the Housing Support Fund can be found on the Gloucestershire County Council website here:

<https://www.gloucestershire.gov.uk/health-and-social-care/gloucestershire-welfare-support-scheme/local-support-grant-find-out-more-and-apply/>

The Household Support Fund is available until 30 September



MEET OUR FAMILY ENGAGEMENT SPECIALIST

Marijana has been supporting parents and school staff for over 10 years. She developed the F-C Approach to incorporate interpersonal neurobiology research, positive discipline and other respectful methods. Marijana now applies this in her work with Move More, which also includes supporting families with regards to healthy eating, leading more active lifestyles and improving emotional well-being.



Move More ran a 'Understanding your child's brain' support seminar on 9th June. If you were unable to attend, and would like to view the seminar, click on the below link....

<https://youtu.be/WLyl4j-6vds>

Zachary Freeman's mummy and daddy decided to support a local charity The Nelson Trust on their Steps for Freedom challenge in April which involved a number of businesses joining in as teams. So Zach was keen to see if he could keep up with daddy and joined in as part of the Zigs Exercise team. He tracked his steps daily on his Fitbit and we created a bit of healthy competition and he completed the equivalent steps of 269.67 miles, that's 433.99 km over the month of April! What an achievement for little 7 year old legs! The Zigs team raised over £1000.00 plus daddy Gary completed 311.1 miles in total and the top lead lady who trains with Zigs totalled 316.1 miles. Zach's huge effort has contributed to supporting a charity that makes a big difference to people lives in vulnerable situations and collaboratively we raised £6,354.00.

Bertie and Zach have both been stepping out again, and raised over £1200 in May, for the Nelson Trust, well done to the Freeman's, fantastic effort Zach and Bertie, keep stepping!



George Harris was at cub camp last weekend (14th May) and had a go at the Archery....scoring a bullseye!!!!



Reuben Ormerod of class 7 raised £42 for DEC Ukraine fund through his cake sale, thanks to Morgan MacDonald for making cookies and all the class/teachers for buying cakes! With gift aid, the total donation will be £52.50.



Isla McDonald, Year 6, and Morgan, Year 3, made lovely cakes in half term to raise funds for school, Isla says...

"I made 16 confetti cakes and 12 chocolate cup cakes. Me and Morgan sold all of them and made a total of £23.86. We sold them around my grandad's home in a village called Portnaguran on the Isle of Lewis in the Western Isles of Scotland. Our first customer bought 6 cakes. She had a group of people redecorating her house and wanted some cakes for their tea break. Each cake was 50p so I am very surprised about how much we made. All the money is going towards school supplies. These photos are one of me and Morgan with the cakes and another of us selling to a customer.."

Well done Isla and Morgan, fantastic effort.

"As you all know we've been raising money for the Year 6 Leavers fund and on Sunday 22nd and Saturday 28th May some of the Year 6 students (and grownups) joined me (Felicity Graham) at Gloucester North Community Fire Station to take part in a community car wash event. They all did an absolutely stirling job with £435 raised But, it wouldn't have been a car wash without a few water fights thrown in!! It's safe to say that every child went home absolutely soaked!

Amazing effort, well done and thank you to everyone involved!

Some very fun memories were made!

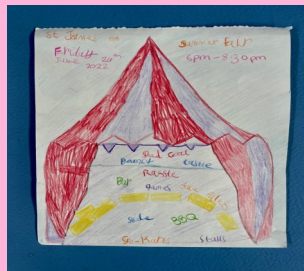


PTA Summer Fair poster competition-A huge well done to everyone who took part in creating beautiful posters for the Summer Fair poster competition. Mrs Clarke, School Office, was the judge, it was a very hard decision to choose, as all of the posters were marvellous, but four winners were chosen. Well done to everyone for being so creative, we have such talented artists at St James'

Winners of PTA Summer Fair Poster competition



Infant winner
Ariya Baillie Year 2



Infant winner
Molly Marlow Year 2



Junior Winner
Sophia Kania-Yr5



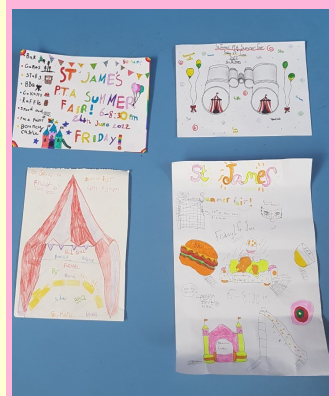
Junior Winner
Olivia Turpin Year 5

They have each won a £5 Love2Shop voucher and will receive their winning voucher in assembly next week. All 13 entrants will also receive a certificate! Well done to Infants: Daniel K, Elyn Smith, Molly A and Juniors: Ben C, Lillah K, George D, Clodagh M, Lily A and Eve R.

All entries will be found on the PTA Noticeboards and classroom windows in the Infant Block next week.

Thank you everyone for your amazing creations. Roll on the Summer Fair on Fri 24 Jun, 6-8.30pm!

Don't forget to get your volunteer forms in...<https://forms.gle/QSHFChiHEL3HLMQD8>



PTA Summer Fair 24th June



Sport at St James'



Cheltenham and District Primary Schools Swimming Gala -

Thursday 19th May

Well done to our amazing Year 5 swimming team: Kirsten Cattanach, Sophie Kania, Libby Mann, Mars Moran, Arthur Slimmings and Luke Zurita. They made the finals in the relay and came 4th overall. This is the highest we have placed in this event for many years. They also did especially well as they were competing against teams made up of Year 6 children.

A and B Team Quick Sticks Hockey Tournament

On 21st and 28th March, St James played at the Move More A and B team Quick Sticks Hockey tournament. This is a fast paced tournament where anything can happen in the 6 minute games and only 4 on the pitch at a time. As always, St James played well as a team and we were very proud of them.



Tag Rugby Team

Wednesday 21st March

Another great Rugby event organised by Move More. Well done Team St James!





<https://www.cyclestars.co.uk/events.asp>

Grass Track Racing

With the introduction of Cycling at St James' in Year 4 and 5 during curriculum time and the after school club; a number of pupils have been inspired to have a go at Grass Track racing.

On 15th May we entered our first school team. We were proud of all of our riders who rode their races with grit and determination. Our Under 9 boys won the team trophy. Well done to

Under 7s

Ellyn Smith and Jack Weisberg

Under 9 years Boys

George Harris, Tom, Josh Arthur

Under 11 Girls

Libby Mann, April Amodeo, Frankie, Amelia Henley, Molly Long

It would be great if we could enter another school team at the 10th July event. Everyone can have a go. Register



Rounders Competition—18th May

Thankyou to Mrs Moore for leading this

We all had such a good afternoon (just wish I could have played!)

Our Year 5 team played 10 teams who were mostly made up of year 6 (our Year 6 were on PGL). All players improved so much throughout the tournament as they listened to feedback and watched and learnt from other teams.

Well done our Year 5 Rounders team

Bella: I enjoyed batting the most—then trying to get as many runs as possible

Sophia: I would like to again as it was great. I loved working as a team and would like to go again next year.

Ajay: I learnt how to bat the ball better which was hard.



Orienteering —23rd May

Well done to our Year 5 and 6 team, who went orienteering and had the change to navigate between checkpoints or controls marked on a special orienteering map. There is no set route so the skill and fun came from trying to find the best way to go.

Mrs Moore



School Updates

- **Please come to school without jewellery for your own and others' safety.**
- **Please make sure you are NOT wearing earrings, save the joy and excitement of ear piercing to the end of year 6.**
- **Please make sure your child is wearing blue sports kit for September. It doesn't need to be the school logo kit but should be navy blue. Ideally we would like you to purchase the school blue sports top.**

<https://theschoolwearcompany.co.uk/find-your-school/st-james-primary-cheltenham.html>



- **Please make sure your details are up to date so that you can be contacted.**



Parking-Thank you St James' family!

Thank you to everyone who has worked hard to support our current approach to parking before and after school; it makes a huge difference to the safety of our families! We are still working alongside the Think Travel Team and Highways.

Once again we urge you to park safely, away from double yellow lines and leaving space for residents to get on their driveways. I'm sure you would be equally frustrated if someone parked over your drive!

School Council

This week our school council have been asking you all about parking. They have been very busy and interviewed 59 parents! They will be publishing their detailed results in the next couple of weeks. It was evident from the survey that our families are enjoying a car free zone in front of the school but also appreciate the challenge this brings for those families who decide to drive to school.

46 parents wanted the gate to remain shut.

13 parents wanted the gate open

Thankyou to our school council for coming into school early this week and conducting their survey.

