

The Scoop



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SILVER BIRCH
ST JAMES
BY RUTH END



It's been another amazing year at St. James' that has been tricky at times and wonderful at others! The start of the year brought challenges for our school when I fell off a ladder and ended up with fractures to my back and a bleed on the brain; this seems like a lifetime ago! Mrs Smith, the staff and governors worked incredibly hard, with the support of DGAT central team to ensure that the school continued to offer our community all that it could. Thank you, team St. James!

Our school continues to grow and develop and Mrs Smith and I are proud of what has been achieved; that our vision shapes and develops our school to ensure all are enabled to thrive and flourish. The many successes this year include: The introduction of Cycle Stars, having a swimming pool onsite, having our PTA and parents back in school, new approaches to reading and writing, our revamped curriculum, residentials, Move More, dance classes from Harwood Dance, trips and visitors, raising money for Gloucester City Mission, meeting Bartholomew Gee and learning about disability, an organ workshop at Cheltenham Ladies College, whole class music lessons, German teaching in the juniors, returning to Young Voices, visiting the Literature Festival, Diversity Week, Black History Month, sports day, house competitions and so many more. All of these events take time to plan but give your children an amazing opportunity to grow and shape their lives.

Today we say goodbye to a few staff and our Year 6 children. Thank you to Mrs Hughes for bringing music alive across the school, Mrs End for your creative talents, Mrs McKenzie-Ford for being our second teacher in Class 3, Miss Avery for adapting to any job we give you and Mrs Kaur an institution who will be missed so much by children and families over the years; you really are the most wonderful person ever! As we send year 6 on their way to secondary school we hope we have equipped them with a passion for learning and a secure understanding of themselves as young people - this will help them navigate the highs and lows. Good luck year 6! On behalf of all the staff at St James' we hope that you all have a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you back on Wednesday 7th September.

Lisa Harford

Head Teacher



Worship with Reverend Nick

Celebrating Diversity and this terms value of 'Respect'

Last Thursday Rev. Nick led a worship on the theme of respecting diversity. He explored some rainbow imagery and how the different colours all work together to make something beautiful. Our children listened to a story from Matthews gospel about Jesus' family being made up of those who are guided by love. The children were then invited to say prayers celebrating things that make us different.



Year 6 Leavers' Service

Jesus says..... "I am the way, the truth and the like!"

On Thursday 20th July our Year 6 visited Pip and Jims' for the last service. They walked the labyrinth and reflected on the values they have learnt at St James that are important to them and what they will take away with them. This was a beautiful service that ended with a moment of stillness after singing 'As we go now..' a Capello.



George Harris in Year 4 sang last month at the 'Music for Youth Festival'. What an incredible experience.

End of Year Picnic
We had a lovely end of year picnic despite the sweltering heat.



Year 6 Leavers Parade
Year 5 loved creating posters to say good bye to Year 6



Sport at St James'

It has been exciting to be able to attend events again from February, after COVID restrictions. We are always so proud of our children; not only do they look smart in their St James' PE kit but they never fail to demonstrate our school values.

Every child has 2 hours of PE each week. Teacher surveys show that our teachers feel confident and enjoy teaching PE. Every child will have also been taught by a sports coach. Not only do the children enjoy these sessions but it is excellent CPD for the teachers.

Coaches and Swimming provision 2021/2022

Reception – Real Gym Coach, Balanceability, Callum (Move More)

Year 1 – Callum (Move More), Glos. Tennis,

Year 2 - Callum (Move More), Glos. Cricket

Year 3 – Glos. Cricket, Callum (Move More), Swimming

Year 4 - Callum (Move More), East Glos. Tennis, 5 Star Movers, Cycle Stars, Swimming

Year 5 - Callum (Move More), Cheltenham Town Football, Cycle Stars, Swimming

Year 6 - Callum (Move More), Cheltenham Town Football, Swimming

(Where a year group has had less coaches they will have had more sessions led by Callum)



Well done to all of the children who have represented the school at the following events.....

- Cheltenham Athletics Comp.
- Cheltenham Swimming

Gala

- Heidi's Heroes Swimming Intervention
- Fun Swimming Gala
- Tag Rugby Tournament
- New Age Curling
- Quick Cricket
- Orienteering
- Rounders
- Sports Hall Athletics
- Reception Multi skills
- Year 1 Multi skills
- Panathlon
- Football League
- Netball League
- B team Netball event
- Feet First Dance Festival



Every child will get the opportunity to represent the school at some point during their time at St James.....



PE Kit and NO EARRINGS FROM SEPTEMBER



When getting ready for school in September please ensure your child has the correct PE kit. The whole branded kit can be bought from Universal Uniforms. However, please ensure your child has the St James' T shirt and the rest of the kit can be navy blue (no logos, stripes etc please)



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

Earrings and jewellery

If you are considering getting your child ears pierced over summer please can you wait for this to be a treat at the end of Year 6.

From September children **will not be allowed** to wear earrings in school due to updated health and safety guidance, this includes non PE days. In our playground our children play with the playpod which contains nets and ropes which could rip earrings out, and something Mrs Harford and I have both experienced. **If your child comes to school in earrings they will be asked to remove them.**



Grass Track Racing @St Marks Junior School

Sunday 10th July

We entered a strong team of 19 riders into the Cycle Stars Grass Track event. It was a fantastic morning with our Year 1/2 and Year 3/4 team winning the overall trophies. This is a challenging event where the children have to do 3 timed laps which then gave them a position on the grid in the scratch race. The final event was the Italian pursuit. This is an exciting team event which we won in both age groups. Our Year 5/6 team of girls had some tough races and rode with grit and determination.

Move More Fun Swimming Gala @ The Lido

On 6th July our Year 5/6 team enjoyed the Fun swimming gala. They were very proud to show us their bronze medals when they returned to school.



We are delighted to announce that we have achieved the School Games GOLD Mark Award for the 2021/22 academic year. The School Games Mark is a Government-led award scheme launched in 2012, facilitated by the Youth Sport Trust to reward and recognise schools engagement in the School Games against a national benchmark and to celebrate keeping young people active, and we are delighted to have been recognised for our success.

We are extremely proud of our pupils for their dedication to all aspects of physical activity and school sport, including those young volunteers, leaders and officials who made our events possible. We are committed to using the School Games to try and engage those young people who haven't previously been active or represented our school and to try and ensure that all our students have a positive experience and want to try out new activities beyond school too in our community.

We believe in the power of physical activity and school sport as a school and give opportunities to those young people that need it most either as a participant, leader, official or volunteer. As part of our application, we were asked to fulfil criteria in the areas linked to the five School Games outcomes and we are pleased that the hard work of everyone at our school has been rewarded.

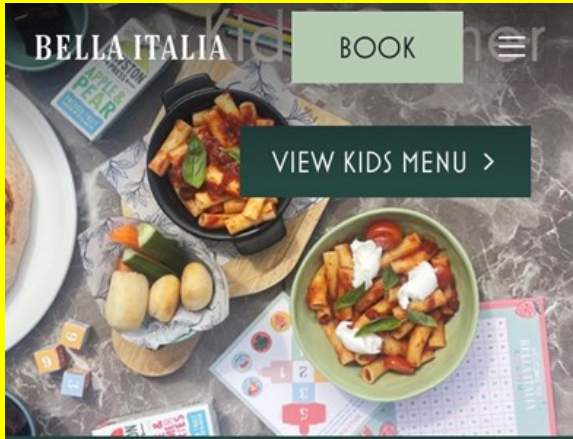
We look forward to applying once again in 2023!



Mrs Wood - Family Support Updates!

Wishing you all a lovely holiday. Please see the following places that are offering cheap meals for children over the summer holidays.

Mrs Wood



Kids eat for £1

Kids eat for £1 with the purchase of every adult main from 4-6pm on Monday-Thursday!

Kids can enjoy three delicious courses & a Cawston Pressed Fruit Water for just £1! Meals are suitable for 2-11 year olds.



Kids Eat Free T&C's

Back to:

- 1 Offer only applies when you purchase any one adult meal with a value of £4.99 or over.
- 2 Only one free meal from the kids menu with any one adult meal with a value of £4.99 or over.
- 3 Extra portions or trade ups are not included in the £4.99 minimum value.
- 4 Offer excludes all Café specials.
- 5 Kids meal includes piece of fruit and Tropicana Kids Orange or Apple drink or bottle of water.
- 6 Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer except Teatime Meal Deal.
- 7 The child must be under 16 years of age and present at the time of purchase.
- 8 The free meal must be a kids meal purchased from the customer Café kids menu or chilled kids snack pack.



Children can eat for just £1 at Asda Cafés across England and Wales this Summer – with no minimum adult spend



Asda has announced its next move in bids to help feed children this summer, meaning kids across England and Wales can eat for just £1 at any time of

Boston Tea Party

SUMMER HOLIDAYS!

KIDS EAT FOR £1

weekdays from 2pm

Suitable for age 10 & under

21 JULY - 31 AUGUST

Boston Tea Party, 45-49 Clarence St.
Cheltenham, GL50 3JS

£1 offer applies to selected main meals from the Kids menu in selected Boston Tea Party Cafés from 2pm on weekdays from 2pm on Thursday 21st July until 5pm on Wednesday 31st August 2022. Kids Burger & Chips is priced at £2. Drinks and sweet treats not included. Valid on orders at the counter only. Suitable for under 10s accompanied by an adult. One meal per child, 4 children per adult. Cannot be used in conjunction with any other offer or discount. Subject to availability. Boston Tea Party reserves the right to withdraw this offer at any time.