

## THE SCOOP

# EXTRA

Don't forget... if you have any worries or concerns please speak to a member of the Reception team or Mrs Smith. We are always here to help.



# St James'

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## Reception Special #2

### Reception Diary Dates

**Reminder**—please see  
Diary dates for 2023-24 for all  
whole school events

#### January

**Mon 8th** Start of Term 3,  
back to school for all pu-  
pils

**Fri 12th** Curriculum Maps  
sent to parents

**Fri 12th** PTA Infant Pop-  
corn Club

**Thurs 18th** YR,1,2 to Pip  
and Jim's for Church &  
School Values Worship  
9:30-10:00 Parent helpers  
welcome – a google form  
will be e mailed

**Mon 22nd – Fri 26th**  
**Whole School Arts Week**

**Wed 24th** Current Par-  
ent Open Morning 8:50-  
9:20am

#### February

**5th-11th** Children's  
Mental Health Week –  
Theme: Lets Connect

**Thurs 8th** PTA Mufti Day &  
PTA Valentines cake Sale

**Fri 9th** Last Day of term 3  
– Finish @3pm

Children back to school on  
**Tuesday 20th February**



... and that's a wrap! Well done to everyone, children, parents and staff, for getting to the finish line for Christmas. We really have had another long and extremely busy term! We were so pleased and grateful to be able to invite you all in to share our Reception Nativity performance

with you, and wasn't it just MAGICAL!! Thank you for all your support providing costumes. We hope you enjoyed the performance as much as we did and that you also agree that it was certainly a great way to start the Christmas festivities.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our children and families a very happy Christmas, and best wishes for 2024!

We look forward to seeing you all in the new year.

Warmest wishes, The Reception Team



## READING BOOKS

Reading books have been collected in this week so we can audit our home reading books over the Christmas break, and ensure books sent home in January match your child's phonic knowledge.

Don't forget, however, sharing stories, new and old, is just as important in developing reading skills as practising skills of decoding. We hope you are able to enjoy snuggling up and sharing some stories together over the holiday.

You could encourage your child to sound out any CVC words or spot the harder to read and spell words we have been learning in school.



## YOUR HELP OVER THE CHRISTMAS HOLS...

This term we have continued to have a focus on the Physical Development and Managing Self aspects of our curriculum. We would be very grateful if over the Christmas break, your child continues to practise putting on and doing up their coats and taking off and putting on socks and shoes

**independently.** Thank you for your continued support.





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**LOOKING FOR BOOK  
RECOMMENDATIONS?**

Check out the December Reading Scoop Extra for links to beautiful book lists suitable for our children in Reception.

**A message from Miss  
Thompson**

Don't forget the School Library is open on a Friday afternoon from **3-3:30pm** to borrow books.



**NAMING  
ITEMS**

Over the Christmas break, please can you check all clothing and other items, such as water bottles, are named. We have had a number of items that are unnamed which we are struggling to return to their owners.



**FOREST SCHOOL AND COOKING**

Next term we will be continuing our Wonderful Wednesdays, where the children will be involved in a morning of enrichment activities, including Forest school and cooking.

Dates for Forest School are as follows:

**Class 1: 17th January and 31st January**

**Class 2: 24th January and 7th February**

**PLEASE AND THANK YOU**

Christmas time is always a time to be thankful, but in Reception we have been working really hard on remembering to say please and thank you not just because it's Christmas. We are sure the children will wow you with how well they remember to say please and thank you.



**WOWS OVER  
CHRISTMAS!**

If your child WOWs you during the Christmas break then don't forget to fill in a WOW voucher and return it to school so we can share their successes in the new year!

**SPARE CLOTHES**

Please can we ask that you send in a spare set of clothes for your child, including socks, as our children go outside whatever the weather and we regularly run out of spare dry t-shirts, jumpers or cardigans and underwear.

Thank you!