



# ST JAMES THE GREAT

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Year 6 paid a visit to the Natural History Museum as part of their science topic of Evolution and Adaptation...they saw some very interesting animals and prehistoric ancestors.



Thank you to Miss Bushell for running the meeting for Reception parents on phonics and supporting children at home. The parents who were able to attend found it very useful—her presentation can be found [here](#).

We have appointed a new member of staff to our office team; Ms Castineira and I'm sure that you will welcome her with your usual friendliness and bear with her as she gets used to our systems and procedures.

Infant teachers and staff were completing their training on Power Maths here today...if you are interested to know more, [click here](#).

There was a link to our homework questionnaire emailed out—please complete this as we want to have our new policy in place by half term and would really like to be able to take into account parents' views. <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y66KTHJ>

OPEN DAY for prospective nursery and reception parents.

Thursday 11th October 9.15—10.30am

**Macmillan Cancer Fundraising—we have broken through the £1000 mark! A huge thank you to everyone involved!**

Thank you to all of the parents who have expressed their support over my attendance at the Headteacher march last Friday. The main focus was to draw attention to funding claims by the DFE that were somewhat misleading. And hopefully in the long term lead to honest discussions about school funding. Interestingly, the narrative in the media has changed as a result of funding issues raised by Headteachers and the BBC has uncovered discrepancies in funding figures issued by the DFE, Did you know that the large figure the DFE talks about also includes university tuition fees, or independent school fees paid by parents? No? I didn't either. The UK statistics watchdog is now investigating the DFE's "disingenuous use" of figures.

## Dates

### October

12th Y5 Hobgoblin Theatre

15-19th Y6 UKSA

Half Term 20th—28th

### November

2nd Fireworks Display

5th –16th SEND reviews

6th & 7th Parent Evenings

15th Curriculum Governors

16th Tag Rugby

19th Finance & Resources Governors

29th Umbrella Trust Board Meeting

30th Advent Assembly

### December

4th Y2 Nativity 5pm

11th Reception Nativity 2.30pm

13th Nursery Concert

14th Y1 Christmas Carols 3pm

Junior Carol Concert TBC

**21st Break up 2pm**

**Back to school 7th January**

7th Multifaith week

