



# St James the Great Newsletter

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**8<sup>th</sup> March  
2018**

March

12<sup>th</sup> World Book  
Day  
rescheduled

15<sup>th</sup>  
6pm Stations of  
the Cross ST  
Bartholomew's

19<sup>th</sup> 5.2 at  
Whitgift

21<sup>st</sup> 1.2 prayer  
service

27<sup>th</sup> Easter  
Bonnet parade  
tbc.  
28<sup>th</sup> 5.1 Prayer  
Service,  
4.1 Assembly

**29<sup>th</sup> Break up at  
2 pm**

16<sup>th</sup> April  
School reopens

12<sup>th</sup> May  
Catholic  
Schools'  
Football and  
Netball  
Tournament

6<sup>th</sup> June Infant  
field events  
7<sup>th</sup> Junior  
events  
8<sup>th</sup> Track Sports  
Day

15<sup>th</sup> June

Another busy week, Nursery are looking at people who help us and they had some visitors. I had forgotten they were coming and got a shock when I saw a police van driving into school! Next week they will have the Fire Brigade!

Year 6 went to The Globe Theatre on Thursday and took part in drama workshops; they had a wonderful day and thankfully the rain held off, although it would have given them, an insight into how the groundlings would have felt!

The football team continued their winning ways with a 2-0 win on Thursday.

I took a team to the general knowledge Quiz Club event at St Aidan's, the team performed creditably and were only 120 points off top spot, which was the equivalent of a couple of big scoring questions. They certainly knew a couple of answers that I didn't! Prize if you know which planet has the biggest range of daily temperatures and can specify the temperatures exactly...they could!

Thank you to the Friend's Association for their support and organisation of the Mother's Day gift shop. Lots of happy children wandering around clutching their treasures.

Thank you to Father Len who said Mass this morning to celebrate the third week of Lent. We have followed this up with taking part in the worldwide day of prayer and reflection as requested by Pope Francis. All classes had the opportunity to spend 10 minutes in reflection and prayer in the Oratory.

The children worked hard to get the hall ready for the Mother's Day tea guided by the staff – in particular Mrs Lawless. Thank you everyone, it was a lovely afternoon.

Monday is the rescheduled World Book Day – I'm looking forward to seeing home made costumes and inventive ideas.

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> is Stations of the Cross at St Bartholomew's Church at 6pm. All children from Y3 upwards are expected to attend. Families and younger children are welcome to join us in this special part of our preparations for Lent.

Mrs Wellington has drawn my attention to a link to a parents' resource page for ideas and book suggestions for teaching character education. <http://jubileecentre.ac.uk/1764/character-education/parent-resources>  
This links well with our Catholic ethos and our focus on excellence.

***All are welcome to Mass every Friday at 8.30am in the Hall during Lent.***



People who help us...



Certificate winners



24 hours with the Lord



Quiz team



The Globe



Prep for tea

# Autumn Term 2018

**First Day for staff:** Monday 3rd September 2018

**First day for pupils**

Wednesday 5th September 2018

**Half Term:**

Monday 22nd October - Friday 26th October 2018 (inclusive)

**Last Day:** Friday 21st December 2018

**INSET Day 1:** Monday 3rd September 2018,

**INSET Day 2:** Tuesday 4th September 2018.

# Spring Term 2019

**First day for staff and students:** Monday 7th January 2019

**Half Term:**

Monday 18th – Friday 22nd February 2019 (inclusive)

**Last Day:** Friday 5th April 2019

**INSET Day 3:** Friday 15th February 2019

**Good Friday:** Friday 19th April 2019

**Easter Monday:** Monday 22nd April 2019

# Summer Term 2019

**First day for staff and students:** Tuesday 23rd April 2019

**Half Term:**

Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2019 (inclusive)

**Last Day for Students:** Friday 19th July 2019

**Last Day for Staff:** Tuesday 23rd July 2019

**INSET Day 4:** Monday 22nd July 2019

**INSET Day 5:** Tuesday 23rd July 2019

**Bank Holiday:** Monday 6th May 2019