



# St James the Great Newsletter

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### March

#### April

13<sup>th</sup> Easter Liturgy  
9.45

Break up for  
Holidays 2pm

#### May

2<sup>nd</sup> Return to school

8<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> KS2 SATs

#### June

7<sup>th</sup> New Reception  
Parents visits

8<sup>th</sup> / 9<sup>th</sup> Sports Day

11<sup>th</sup> Car Boot Sale

12<sup>th</sup> Book Week

19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup> Croydon  
Schools Sports Days

28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup> CCS  
Sports

#### July

2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Fair

11<sup>th</sup> Y6 Concert

Another busy week has flown by – it feels incredible that we are on week 25 out of 39 weeks in school. We are looking at pupil attendance now and there has been overall improvement in terms of punctuality and attendance, but we still have a few families that are below the 90% mark. This means that they are missing at least 1 day every two weeks. Letters will be sent out towards the end of term regarding this and advice taken from the Educational Welfare Officer for those close to the 80% mark. Unsurprisingly, there is a direct link between school attendance and attainment!

Thank you to all of the staff and parents who came to school last weekend to work on the outside area around the pond. It has made a huge difference and it looks brilliant. Thank you to Mrs Lawless for organising and Mrs Mezzela for feeding everyone!

The football team were in action at the Royal Russell school in the Croydon Cup Final. They played against Minster Primary and were 2-0 down within the first 5 minutes, but showed fantastic resilience to come back to 2-2. We went into extra time and were finishing stronger, with some great chances, but unfortunately unable to score. The rules are that there are no penalty shootouts for this age in finals, so the cup is shared. Well done boys! I'd like to say that it was a pleasure to watch, but actually you have added to my growing numbers of grey hairs! I was incredibly proud of your efforts and your attitude throughout. Thank you to Will and Tommy for coaching them, thank you also to all of the parents who came and supported.

Harlequins Rugby coaches were in with Year 3 again and we can see a big improvement in the children's skills.

30 Year 5 children were able to go to Streatham and Marlborough Cricket Club today and take advantage of an opportunity to be coached by some squad players and community coaches and also meet England all-rounder Steve Finn. They also met ex-captain and cricket legend Mike Gatting who was getting his hands dirty as part of a groundforce project involving volunteers improving the club and grounds. They had a great time and are looking forward to watching Surrey v Kent on 12<sup>th</sup> May. It was a wonderful to hear all of the positive comments from the coaches, the visiting ECB members and staff about how brilliant our children were.

Nursery had a visit from some of our local police; they talked about their job and their uniform.

Reminder – the INSED initially planned for June 5<sup>th</sup> has been already used and so children should be in school on that date.

Some of our classes have had some unwanted visitors in the shape of head lice, please check your child's hair and treat them immediately if you find any!

<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Treatment.aspx>

Please keep collecting Sainsburys' vouchers when you are shopping and remember to send them into school to keep Miss Eaton happy.

### Team Points

	Overall	Week
St George	3017	346
St Patrick	3203	316
St David	2857	258
St Andrew	2649	303



