



# St James the Great Newsletter @STJGreat

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## May

16<sup>th</sup> Class photograph

17<sup>th</sup> Catholic Swimming  
Gala

23<sup>rd</sup> whole school photo

## June

**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.**

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

13<sup>th</sup> New Nursery Parent  
Meetings

16<sup>th</sup> Father's Day  
Breakfast 8.15am

17<sup>th</sup> Y1 Phonics  
Screening Check

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

24<sup>th</sup>/25<sup>th</sup> Y5 to France

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

29<sup>th</sup> Mass Ss Peter & Paul

## July

Normal newsletter service has resumed and I'm sure anyone who has been in school this week can see what a busy place it has been!

Thank you to the Friend's Association committee who I met with on Monday evening - a long but productive meeting. They have a couple of big events coming up, so will be looking for volunteers – that means you! Any help or expertise is greatly appreciated so please come forward. June 11<sup>th</sup> is a car boot sale; it's a fabulous opportunity to declutter your loft or to grab a bargain! The Summer Fete is the big one where we will need people to volunteer a couple of hours on stalls whilst their children repeatedly return to ask for more money to spend...the committee have approved the purchasing of some new seating for the hall and picnic benches for the children to sit on outside. The coach has also had some significant work done it and will be returning next week in time for all of the planned trips.

Year 6 have waded through their SATs tests and the cheer issued at 10.31am yesterday is probably still echoing around the local area. Thankfully, the STA who set the tests appear to have taken on board the considerable criticisms regarding the content and difficulty of the tests last year as these seemed to reflect the curriculum much more accurately. We will await the results with interest. Meanwhile today saw the field turned into a big party zone with bouncy castle and a water fight of epic proportions.

5.2 have spent the week at The Whitgift School and have had a fabulous time – have a look at our twitter feed for more information. It was repeatedly said by staff at the school that they were greatly impressed with our children's levels of ability, concentration and their impeccable behaviour. Indeed, they remarked that they were glad that it was our children in the school this week as they had their equivalent of an Ofsted Inspection and our children were exemplary! We had asked if we could bring 5.1, but this was initially not possible – the school has now allotted a spot early in September.

5.1 and 4.2 spent today at the Oval watching Surrey play Kent in the Royal One Day Cup, they enjoyed the day and took part in some activities behind the scenes as part of Surrey Cricket Club's School's Day.

It was lovely to see Miss Bushell's class do their first assembly this week, some great singing, narrating and acting all about their topic of Growing, well done to everyone!

The building work has started and the builders have worked really hard to ensure that the fire safety access road is ready for the main build starting on Monday. Although, I really could have done without them telling children that

2<sup>nd</sup> Summer Fair

3<sup>rd</sup> Festival of Triangles  
(Maths)

11<sup>th</sup> Y6 Concert 7pm

13<sup>th</sup>/14<sup>th</sup> Emma Wallace  
Memorial Trophy at BTG

14<sup>th</sup> Y6 BBQ & Disco

Team Points

	Overall	Week
St George	4095	329
St Patrick	3529	308
St David	3206	286
St Andrew	2902	335

was going to be a swimming pool, or a bowling alley, or even a dry ski slope...The road will remain as it is, but will be topped up with soil and a special rooting compound that will help encourage grass growth when they finally reseed the area after all the build is completed. (See Plans below)

Fidget spinners; I know that some schools have banned them, but I am of a mind to take a more relaxed view on them, they come into school at the child's own risk...but do not come out during lesson time, assemblies or whilst eating their lunch. If they choose to play with them during lessons then they will be confiscated and given back at the end of day, repeated failure to follow this rule will see them banned for that individual and a visit to my office for a discussion regarding this.

Please remember that we are now in Summer – allegedly. Therefore, children should be in the summer uniform. In particular, I would like to ask that the girl's dresses are a navy check, not the pale blue that some children seem to have. Next Thursday will see class photographs being taken and then a whole school photograph on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> May. Please ensure any uniform issues are by Tuesday.

Next Monday I will be visiting a site for next year's Year 6 residential trip <http://www.manoradventure.com/norfolk-lakes.php> - if it is as good as it seems then we will confirm the booking for October and schedule a meeting for the current Year 5 parents to discuss the trip and meet one of the reps. There will be a letter going out next week regarding the France trip and a meeting set for Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> June at 8.45am

This term will see the introduction of us becoming a cashless school; once set up, we will be taking payments online increasingly, with a view to no cash payments from September. I will send out more information once we have all the systems in place and will run some drop in workshops for any parents who are unsure about how to make payments.

Erika Neves in Year 6 is having 12 inches of her hair cut off on Saturday to have a wig made for children who need them after treatment for cancer, you can support her by clicking and giving at:

<https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/Marisa-Neves>

Finally, as many of you will know, Canon Francis is moving on to a different parish. He has served this local community for such a long time that it seems strange to think of him leaving. So, the school wish him well, and while we still have him, will be giving thought to how we can give him an appropriate send off!