

Friday 25th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We wrote to you yesterday to share that we had to make additional lunch arrangements due to an incident at St Michael's. We would like to thank our whole team who responded quickly to ensure lunches went ahead smoothly. We are very sad to report that there was a fatal collision and tragically a 16-year-old from Highgate School has died. We know that we speak on behalf of all our community when we say that everyone involved is in our thoughts and prayers.

Leadership at St James

We are pleased to announce that we are recruiting for new leaders for school council and rights respecting. Pupils from y2-y6 are invited to apply for these positions to support our school and develop their leadership skills. Speak to your child and see if they are interested in taking a role and give them time to plan and consider their 'manifesto!'.

The National Year of Reading

We work hard to develop pupils love of reading at St James. This includes providing engaging books for lessons and independent reading. We encourage the use of the home reading journals to help parents communicate with us about reading and show pupils that they want to engage with their child's reading journey. We look forward to you building this into your reading week. Children in y3-y6 can also do online quizzes on Accelerated Reader, to support them to reflect on their reading. We will be delivering workshops this year to offer suggestions for developing a love of reading at home.

Celebrating our pupils

Well done to our Key Stage 2 pupils this week who were noticed following our values and producing great work!



Hive and Breakfast Club

We are pleased to run our wrap around care from 7:45am before school and from 3:30-6pm after school. Please make sure that you book onto a session before turning up. We cannot always guarantee we will have space and this also helps us to prepare food and activities. You can book up to 3:15pm on the day using [this link](#).

Coffee Mornings

We understand that finding time to attend events at school can be hard for many of our parents. Our coffee mornings, after sharing assemblies, are a great way to meet and mingle with other parents, as well as an opportunity to speak to Miss Beringer or Mrs Bailey. We have published our dates for sharing assemblies including coffee mornings and these are now updated on our [website calendar](#). We would love for you to be able to attend these where possible. We will also provide additional coffee mornings to share information and take suggestions and feedback on school initiatives. We want to further develop our engagement with parents and create a shared understanding of how we can keep developing St James for all our pupils and community.

Save the Date - new dates will be added each week in green

September	October	November	December
Wednesday 16th - Meet the teacher meetings Friday 18th - Reception Class Parents Picnic. 2:30pm Wednesday 30th - Mental Health Support Team coffee morning at 9am. (flyer here)	Thursday 1st - School photos Friday 9th Y5 Trip - British Museum Saturday 17th Whole School Open Morning 9:30-11:30 Tuesday 20th Harvest Service – 9am At St James church, all welcome Tuesday 19th - Thu 22nd Book Fair after school Thursday 22nd -Y6 -Class Assembly and coffee morning - 9:00am Friday 23rd -INSET day – school closed Half Term Mon 26th-Fri 30th	Monday 9th Y2 Trip – St Paul's Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th – Parent Teacher meetings after school Friday 20th -Y3 - Class Assembly and coffee morning - 9:00am Monday 23rd Y3 Trip – Westminster Abbey	Tuesday 1st Rec and Nur Trip – St James Christmas experience Wednesday 2nd Y1 Trip – Jackson Lane Elf Factory Thursday 3rd Y6 Trip - Imperial War Museum Friday 5th -Y4 Class Assembly and coffee morning - 9:00am Thursday 10th -9am-10am Reception Christmas show Friday 11th Y4 Trip -London Mithraeum Friday 11th -Y5 Class Assembly and coffee morning - 9:00am Tuesday 15th Christmas Service – 9am At St James church, all welcome Thursday 17th -2:15pm Y1 and 2 Nativity

Date Error

We have noticed an error in our previously published term dates for the summer term. These say that the end of Summer 1 is Thursday 27th May, however the last day of term is Friday 28th May. We apologise for this error. We are updating our website accordingly. All our term dates are [here](#) on our website.

Weekend Fun in the borough

Haringey are running skateboarding lessons for girls in Finsbury Park. Check out the timings [here](#). Markfield Park Beam Engine [is open](#) – an opportunity to see the huge steam wheel in action.

We hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Miss Beringer and All at St James