



St James' Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a week it's been! With Robinwood and the Year 1 trip to Formby Beach, it's felt like the school's been buzzing with adventure. These experiences create lasting memories and valuable learning moments, and I'm thrilled to say the children's behaviour on both trips was exemplary. A heartfelt thank you to Mrs Lowe, Mr Rawcliffe, and Mrs Vaughan for making Robinwood such a success—those Piranha Pool stories will be told for years! And to Mrs Thomas, Mrs Cooper (on her final trip), Mrs Sykes, and all the volunteers, thank you for making the beach day so special. From sandcastles to football, cricket, and even tunnel engineering, the children had a fantastic time. We're so grateful to you all!

New Teacher to St James':

To strengthen leadership across the school, Mrs Aarons will be stepping into her role as Assistant Headteacher without a class responsibility, allowing her to focus on supporting teaching and learning throughout St James'. With that, I'm delighted to introduce Miss Taylor as the new Class 4 teacher. She'll begin getting to know the children next week, and I'm sure you'll all join me in giving her a warm and heartfelt St James' welcome.

School dinners: Dolce from September

As Tameside will no longer be supplying school dinners through Robertsons, we've gone through a thorough tender process and are delighted to announce that Dolce will be providing our school meals moving forward. Dolce has an excellent reputation, and we're excited to welcome them on board. Meals will be priced at £3.35 and can be ordered and paid for directly through the Dolce website; you will receive an email directly from them to explain the new system.

Dates for the diary: www.st-james-ash.tameside.sch.uk/calendar-1

End of Year Service at St James Church Wednesday 23rd July 9.00am – all welcome

Year 6 Leavers' Celebration Thursday 24th 2:00pm – year 6 parents and carers welcome

Year 6 Leavers' trip Friday 25th July

End of term Friday 25th July

Visit from the Mayor

The Mayor of Tameside, Councillor Shibley Alam, is visiting school on Monday morning for a special presentation assembly for children who have achieved their Arts Awards and Archbishop of York Young Leader Awards. We are really looking forward to celebrating the children's achievements.

Year 6 leavers' transport news from Greater Manchester transport:

The updated 'Travelling to school' secondary schools webpage offers a 'one-stop shop' for travel information, including a new 'school travel checklist'. The page also links out to a bespoke travel webpage for all secondary schools, with more detailed and localised information, including any school bus services.

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Igo card applications and summer drop-in sessions

If you're 11-16 years old, you'll need an [igo card](#) to travel using child tickets on buses and trams in Greater Manchester. It can take up to two weeks to process your igo card application, so make sure you apply in plenty of time for the start of the new term.

The Bee Network team is hand to help at five pop-up stalls at [interchanges](#) across Greater Manchester this summer. Simply drop by between 10am – 2pm to speak to staff and get your application in early:

- Tuesday 29 July: Bolton Interchange
- Tuesday 5 August: Bury Interchange
- Tuesday 12 August: Shudehill Interchange
- Tuesday 19 August: Stockport Interchange
- Tuesday 26 August: Altrincham Interchange

Make sure you bring:

- A passport-sized colour photo of the child that's applying.
- Proof of name and age of the child applying: a copy of your birth certificate, adoption certificate, medical card, passport or EU/EEA card. Please do not bring original documents.
- Payment (for the £10 fee).

You can also apply for an igo card by post or at a Bee Network Information and Ticket Office.

Visit beenetwork.com/igo for more information.

Get on board for Big Days Out this summer

Make the most of your school summer holidays and get on board for big days out across Greater Manchester. Whether it's parks, museums, festivals or food, [family bus tickets](#) and [family tram tickets](#) are the best value and coolest way to travel. For more info, take a look at Bee Network [X](#) post.

TravelSafe this summer

This summer you'll probably want to hang out with your mates. That could mean travelling together on buses and trams or using bus stations and tram stops. TravelSafe Officers patrol buses, trams and interchanges to keep everyone safe and offer help if you need it.

Remember, it's fine to have fun. But it's also important you don't do things that might make other people using buses or trams feel uncomfortable. You can get advice and tips for you and your friends at tfgm.com/schools.

Attendance News

A huge well done to Class 2, the first time in a long time hitting the top spot.

For classes who are 95% - 96.9% they get 3 picks from the prize box; 97% – 99.9% receive 4 picks and 100% receive 5.

Class:	Attendance for the year:	Attendance this week:
Nursery	93.48%	87.37%
Reception	95.31%	97.31%
Class 1	96.06%	97%
Class 2	94.67%	98.4%
Class 3	96.98%	97.67%
Class 4	95.56%	96.33%
Class 5	95.8%	96.21%
Class 6	96.05%	92.5%
The Hive	93.11%	93.08%

As well as being on time to school in the morning, it is really important that parents/carers are on time to collect their child at the end of the day. We understand that sometimes it cannot be helped, but after 3:25pm, they will be taken to after school club and parents/carers will be charged for the service (£3.00 per session).



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Summer Reading Challenge [Library-zone](#) | [Summer Reading Challenge](#)

Borrowbox
This month's unlimited titles on Borrowbox! Download for free to your phone, tablet or PC with your library card.

Boardgames
We are very excited to announce we have a super selection of boardgames to play in the library!
Boardgames are a fantastic way to bring people together, whether it's families, friends or even solo players. There's something for all ages. The hardest decision will be deciding on which game to play first!
You can find our boardgames at Ashton, Droyliden, Hattersley and Scaitcliffe Libraries.
Simply play and the tidy away!

Summer Reading Challenge
Children can sign up to take part in [Story Garden](#) at Tameside libraries this summer holidays. It's fun, friendly and absolutely free! All you have to do is read 6 library books and collect rewards along the way. The challenge launches on Super Sign Up Saturday 5 July and runs until Christmas, so there is plenty of time to get on with that reading!

What do I do?
- Register for the Challenge at any Tameside library.
- You need to be a library member to take part, but it's free to join the library. You'll get a Story Garden booklet!
- Choose books to read (anything from the library that you like!). Don't forget ebooks and audiobooks count!
- Read your books and write them on your Story Garden booklet.
- Collect stickers and prizes as you read your books.

Special Pre-school Challenge!
Pre-school children can also take part in a special Story Garden challenge! Children who will not be at primary school in September can collect a Story Garden Mini-Challenge card on which to collect stickers when they read books, plus a gold medal sticker when they complete the challenge.

You can join in with our Story Garden library activities, make a carnivorous plant puppet, chillout at Family Yoga, listen to magical storytelling, create your own mini-comics in our story drawing sessions and even meet honeybees and critters! It's going to be a magical crum-packed summer!
Follow us on social media or go to www.tameside.gov.uk/libraries/summerchallenge

Free, unlimited ebook and audiobook titles from Tameside Libraries with [Borrowbox](#)

School Library

Please can all library books from children in Classes 1 to 6 be returned to school on **Monday or Tuesday** next week so they can be scanned back into our library system ready for the new year.

Our Virtual Library is open all summer! It's an ideal way to share stories with your children at home too. Why not click on the link and have a look! [Virtual Library | St James' CE Primary School](#)

Community Events:

[Tameside - What's On](#)

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Events - St James - The Parish of The Good Shepherd Ashton - A Church Near You

Footlights Tameside
ACT • SING • DANCE

SUMMER HOLIDAY SCHOOLS

£119* (Prices 6-9yrs) **FREE** (Under 5s aged 3-4yrs)



WICKED
Mon 4th - Fri 8th August



HERCULES
Mon 11th - Fri 15th August

A FULL WEEK of Acting, Singing and Dance for 5 - 16-year-olds

Albion United Reformed Church, Stamford St East, OL6 6QQ



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Tamesidefootlightstheatre.co.uk

mencap MENCAP FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT
JULY 2025 EVENTS DIARY

WEDS 2ND JULY	SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning @ The Together Centre, Dukinfield, 287 Birch Lane, SK16 5AU 10.00-11.30am
TUES 8TH JULY	0-6 SEND Stay and Play @ North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL 10.00-11.30am
THURS 10TH JULY	0-6 SEND Nature Explorers @ Leap Allotments, Community Green allotments, Meadow Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 4AN 10.00-11.30am
THURS 17TH JULY	We will be at Tameside SEND Services Event @ Hawthorns School, Manley Grove, SK14 6PJ 10am - 1pm
FRI 18TH JULY	Online Disability Living Allowance Information Session Email familyengagementtm@mencap.org.uk to book your place. 10.00-11.00am
TUES 22ND JULY	0-6 SEND Stay and Play @ North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL 10.00-11.30am
THURS 24TH JULY	0-6 SEND Nature Explorers @ Leap Allotments, Community Green allotments, Meadow Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 4AN 10.00-11.30am

Scan the QR code to register with the project. For further information visit our Facebook page: Mencap Family Engagement Project Tameside or email us at: familyengagementtm@mencap.org.uk

Holy Communion
according to the
1662 Book of Common Prayer
Every Thursday at 12:30 pm
in the Church of St Michael and All Angels
Ashton under Lyne

Taizé service
Song: Silence - Spiritual
Wednesday 7 May at 7:00 pm
St Peter's Church: Ashton under Lyne OL7 0BA

Tameside Fuel4Fun – summer holiday activities

Fuel 4 Fun · Eegu – all across Tameside

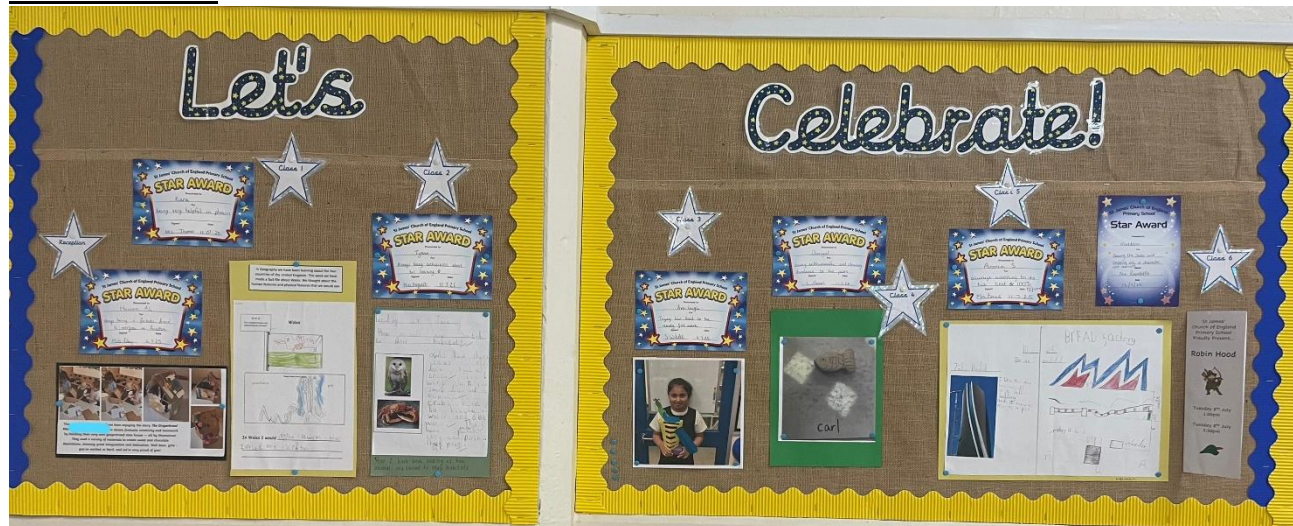
St.James' Holiday Club with Edstart Sports Coaching · Eegu · Eegu – at St James'

Staywise website – free online activities to help keep children safe: [Activity Centre](#) | [StayWise](#)

Curzon Ashton: We're delivering four free holiday courses during the Summer Holidays, starting on Tuesday 5th August 2025. The courses are for those children (7-11) who are in receipt of free school via Tameside MBC.

<https://eequ.org/book/summer-fun-2025-with-curzon-ashton-community-foundation-16868>

Let's Celebrate!



Have a wonderful weekend,
Mr Rolt