



St James' Church of England Primary School

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FRIDAY NOTE

Welcome back to the start of a new school year!

A big thank you to Coach Jake and the Edstart team for running the summer club and for all their hard work over the holidays.

We have a few key dates for your diary coming up, and we're pleased to let you know that our *Learn With* sessions will also be returning over the coming terms.

Communication Plan:

To help both new and familiar families, we've attached our **Communication Plan** so you know the best ways to keep in touch with us. It's also available anytime on the school website. Thank you for being such an important part of our school community and for your continued support.

Diary Dates:

Meet the Teacher:

These start at 2.45pm and if you are unable to make it, I will provide an evening meeting to go through an overview.

Monday 8th Year 1

Tuesday 9th Year 2

Wednesday 10th Year 5

Thursday 11th Year 4

Friday 12th Year 3

Monday 15th Year 6

Other Diary Dates:

Monday 15th September School individual Photographs

Friday 19th September Year 3 school trip to Pools Cavern (please sign up on Arbor)

Friday 3rd to Sunday 5th October St James' Church Scarecrow Festival

Wednesday 8th October Harvest festival at St James' Church

Friday 10th October Flu Nasal Spray in school

Thursday 23rd October Term ends

Monday 3rd November School opens

Attendance:

Attendance Matters

"Every Day Counts – Every Child Succeeds"

Children who attend regularly are more likely to achieve well in reading, writing and maths, and develop the confidence and routines they need to thrive. Missing even a few days can make a big difference, while good attendance helps children succeed both now and in the future. Please support your child by ensuring they are in school every day they are well enough.

Therefore, we are running an Attendance Competition

Together in Faith, We Achieve.

Proud members of Forward as One CE Academy. Working in partnership with Manchester Diocese and Tameside Council.



Visit us at: www.st.james.ash.tameside.sch.uk X: @StJCEPrimary


To encourage great attendance, we're running a fun class competition!

- Each day, every child will write their name on a raffle ticket.
- On Fridays, classes will bring their tickets to Celebration Worship.
- Depending on the class's weekly attendance, a set number of tickets will be drawn:
 - **96–97% attendance** → 3 tickets drawn
 - **97.1–99.9% attendance** → 4 tickets drawn
 - **100% attendance** → 5 tickets drawn

The lucky winners will get to choose a reward from our prize box.


Church and Community News

Mencap Family Activities - September





MENCAP FAMILY ENGAGEMENT PROJECT
SEPTEMBER 2025 EVENTS CALENDAR

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| WEDS 3RD SEPT | SEND Parent/Carer Coffee Morning @ The Together Centre, Dukinfield, 287 Birch Lane, SK16 5AU 10.00-11.30am |
| THURS 4TH SEPT | 0-6 SEND Nature Explorers @ Leap Allotments, Community Green allotments, Meadow Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 4AN 10.00-11.30am |
| TUES 9TH SEPT | 0-6 SEND Stay and Play @ North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL 10.00-11.30am |
| WEDS 17TH SEPT | Disability Living Allowance Information Session and drop in @ AcademyHQ Glass Room, Grosvenor St, Stalybridge SK15 1SD 12.30 - 2.30pm |
| THURS 18TH SEPT | 0-6 SEND Nature Explorers @ Leap Allotments, Community Green allotments, Meadow Lane, Dukinfield, SK16 4AN 10.00-11.30am |
| TUES 23RD SEPT | 0-6 SEND Stay and Play @ North Family Hub, Ashton, OL7 0LL 10.00-11.30am |



The Mencap Family Engagement Project supports families of children 0-6 with Special Educational needs and disabilities or emerging needs living in Tameside. Scan the QR code to register with the project and access our sessions for free.

For further information visit our Facebook page or email us at: familyengagementtm@mencap.org.uk

Registration form code:



THE READING AGENCY **Summer Reading Challenge**
Delivered in partnership with libraries

2025

Story Garden
Adventures in Nature and the Great Outdoors

There's still time to take part in Story Garden in Tameside Libraries!

Everyone aged 4-11 can sign up to take part in **Story Garden** this summer holidays.

It's local, fun and absolutely free!

Read 6 library books and collect stickers for your **Story Garden** pack plus rewards along the way. Complete the Challenge to receive a medal and certificate!

Finish by the 20 September and you'll be entered into a prize draw with a chance to win £100 Sports Direct voucher.

Children at a Tameside Primary School in September will have their finisher's certificates sent to school for presentation.

Not started yet? There's still time!
Registration ends 20/9/25

Not finished by 20 September ?
Continue until Christmas and get your certificate in the library while materials last



Community Litter Pick

Saturday 6th September at 10:30am – meet outside St James Church. All welcome – children must be accompanied by an adult please.



Also attached:

- FA1 Privacy Notice
- SchoolGrid 'how to' guide

Welcome back and we are looking forward to working with all of our families this year. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Rolt