



## Message from the Principal

Dear Parents and Carers,

It has been lovely to welcome all of the children back to school this week. It has also been great to hear about the many different ways that some of our children and families have been celebrating Eid this week- children were very proud to stand up in Collective Worship and share with their peers.

I am pleased to introduce a new SENCO to you for this term- we have been fortunate to have a colleague from another trust school join us. Mrs Burch is an experienced SENCO and Senior Leader who will be working at TGPASJ Wednesday-Friday, and has already started to get to know the children and the school. If you wish to contact the SENCO, you can do directly via the [SJPSENCO@stjames.tgacademy.org.uk](mailto:SJPSENCO@stjames.tgacademy.org.uk).

Best wishes,

Mrs Lynch  
Principal

## PTA

The PTA held their AGM on Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2024, the minutes and report for which are attached. Unfortunately, the AGM was only attended by the outgoing committee members and school staff and there were no nominations to join the committee. This means that the PTA will cease due to lack of support and engagement. Events that the PTA would have normally held through the year such as discos and fayres will no longer be able to be held, which is a great shame as I know they have brought much joy to our children and families.

I would like to say a huge thank you to the outgoing committee who have put so much time and effort into fantastic experiences for our children- both through events and through the money raised.

## West Midlands Police - Shirley Neighbourhood Team

### Message from PCSO Matthew Johnson

The parking situation outside of the school has been brought to the attention of Solihull Police over the past few weeks. I have spoken to parents who have stressed that some of the parking poses a danger to pupils crossing the road, to enter the school gates.

The first concern is at both bottom corners of Danbury Road, which takes you on to Halifax Road. Vehicles have been seen to be parking on these corners, which obstructs the view for parents and pupils crossing the road. In addition, these corners are marked with double yellow lines, meaning that any vehicles parked here can be penalised.

Secondly, there have been reports of parking within the keep clear markings directly outside the school gates. Again, this is highly dangerous and I must stress that all parents abide by the Highway Code. People parking here will be penalised.

Solihull Police will continue to monitor the parking situation, and will conduct school patrols in marked and unmarked vehicles where possible. If you would like to report dangerous parking, please email myself: [Matthew.Johnson1@westmidlands.police.uk](mailto:Matthew.Johnson1@westmidlands.police.uk).

**Please include a photograph of the vehicle displaying the registration.** Please also raise the same report to Solihull Council.



## Egg Dioramas Competition

We were overwhelmed with the egg-celent entries to last term's house competition! During the last celebration assembly of the half term, all of the children who participated stood at the front of the hall and received a huge round of applause as well as being awarded 5 house points each. Please do have a look [here](#) at the lovely photos of some of the entries.

## Summer Term Enrichment Clubs

All clubs (with the exception of Footiebugs and Stardust) do **not** start until week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April – not next week. They will run for 5 weeks prior to half term.

**Summer Term Menu** Please see the summer term menu [here](#)

## Wraparound Request

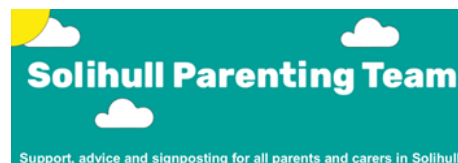
Our pupils in wraparound are thoroughly enjoying using their new kitchen and wooden toys that one of our parents so kindly donated. We really do appreciate your kindness, thank you.

## MCAS Balances

As Summer term approaches, please can we ask that you start reducing any balances for wraparound services as all balances will need to be clear at the end of the Summer term.

## Solihull Parenting Team

Please see the timetable [here](#) for Summer term dates from the Solihull Parenting Team.



## Swimming – Year 3

Swimming has now commenced for Year 3 during the Summer term. Payment for coach contribution can be made via your child's MCAS account. We are so pleased to offer the children an extra term of swimming and we do appreciate your support in this.



## Coffee and Chat

You are warmly invited to attend a coffee morning on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April (held in the library) from 8.45am – 9.45am with the School Engagement Team.

## Stardust Dance / Gymnastics and FootieBugs – Summer Term 2024

Please find information [here](#) for Summer term dates for Stardust Academy and [here](#) for Footiebugs

**'Stand firm in the faith. Be courageous. Be strong. Do everything in love.'** 1 Corinthians 16:13-14



### Upcoming Diary Dates

**Did you know?** You can sync our school calendar with the calendar on your phone, so you always have the most up to date calendar information. Click [here](#) to go the calendar page on our website, click on the button at the bottom of the page that says 'Subscribe to Calendar' and select which of your own calendars you wish to sync it with.

When?	What?	Who?
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Visit to Birmingham Mosque	Year 2
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> April	No Wraparound – staff training	All pupils (Chess club will continue)
Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May	Spring Bank Holiday	Whole school
Thursday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Church Service @2pm	Year 3 & 4 Parents invited to attend
Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May to Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May	Half term	Whole school