



Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Welcome back for the second half of the autumn term. This is one of my favourite times of year in school as we start to look forward to Christmas! On this note, if any parents have any contacts within the local community that would be able to help us with Christmas Trees this year, we would be very appreciative! Please make contact with the office if you are able to help.

I would like to offer my thanks to the PTA for the superb disco they put on for the children last night. A lot of hard work went into the organisation of the event and, judging by the number of sweaty children going home, it is safe to say that the children had a lot of fun! I was most impressed by Mrs Luckhurst and Mrs Fenlon and their 'Thriller' dance moves at the KS2 disco!

Best wishes,

Mrs Lynch
Principal

Weekly Bulletin

Through the Parent Bulletin, we seek to send out as much information as we can via only one document each week. There may be occasional additional emails where information needs to be sent out quickly, but we always try to keep this to a minimum. We hope this helps parents and families to keep track of what is happening in school without having to trawl through dozens of emails! At the end of each bulletin, you will find upcoming diary dates of note.

PTA Updates

- A huge thank you to everyone who helped us to bring together the Halloween disco yesterday! And many thanks to all parents who purchased tickets - we are happy to share that £300 in profit was raised.
- We are now looking ahead to the Christmas Fair and are happy to announce the date for this will be Friday December 15th (more details to follow).
- Anyone who may have some contacts and can help with raffle prize donations or other forms of assistance towards the Christmas Fair, or would like to have a stall at the fair, please contact the PTA.
- Parents wishing to purchase pre-loved uniform can email the PTA and leave a donation of their choice in a sealed envelope with the school office. We are also accepting donations of pre-loved uniform (school-branded items only please.) Please see the up-to-date inventory of available items [here](#).

All correspondence for the PTA should be sent to pta@stjames.tgacademy.org.uk

Timings of the School Day

Just a reminder to all parents that both gates (EYFS and Main Playground) close promptly at 8.34am. The register is taken in the classroom at 8.35am and so any children arriving after 8.34am must enter through the main school entrance and be signed in. Children have to be in Collective Worship each day by 8.40am, so lateness will have a detrimental on your child and their class.

The EYFS gate will not be held open beyond 8.34am to allow parents or children to store bikes or scooters, so if this is your preferred method of transport, please ensure you are arriving in good time for these items to be safely stored away before the gate closes.

TT Rockstars

The competition below is open to all pupils in Y3-6 14-16th November. It's part of **Maths Week England**.

If your child does not remember their **TTRockstars** login, please look in the back of their reading diary - it should be there. If not, please pop a note in their reading diary for their teacher. If you would like more information about TTRockstars (Times Tables Rockstars) just follow this link:

[Parents & Carers – Times Tables Rock Stars \(trockstars.com\)](https://trockstars.com)

The banner features a large black speaker on the left with a yellow lightning bolt above it. The text 'ENGLAND ROCKS' is written in large, bold, white letters with a black outline, set against a background of red and blue with white plus signs and yellow lightning bolts. To the right is a purple box with white text titled 'EVENT DETAILS'.

EVENT DETAILS	
START DATE:	November 14th 2023
END DATE:	November 16th 2023
TIME:	Daily 7:30am to 7:30pm
LOCATION:	England
DAILY CAP:	1 hour per player

HOW DOES IT WORK?

Learners will try to answer as many multiplication and division questions correctly as they can. The winning school and class will be based on the highest average number of correct answers per pupil.

RULES:

1. Every correct answer that a student gives, in any game type, between the hours of 7:30am GMT to 7:30pm GMT each day will contribute to their class and school score.
2. There is a 60-minute limit playtime per player, per day.
3. Each class has a minimum player count of 10. If fewer than 10 in the class play in the competition, their total will be divided by 10 regardless.

Parent Support- The Sleep Charity

Sleep is essential to brain function, by helping children to sleep better, we can help them to succeed in school. Please see the [attached flyer for parents](#).

National Online Safety

National Online Safety have released another great resource designed to support parents in helping their children stay safe online. This resource focusses on how to support your child when they have seen upsetting content online: [Safeguarding News & Events - Tudor Grange Primary Academy St James \(tgacademy.org.uk\)](#)

New Menu

Caterlink have released a new menu that is now being used: [School Meals - Tudor Grange Primary Academy St James \(tgacademy.org.uk\)](#). The menu is on a three-week rotation and the dates for each week underneath the week titles.

Remembrance Day- Poppy Appeal 2023

Poppies and a range of poppy-themed stationery are still on sale at school. Please send in cash only (coins are preferable) to school in a named envelope. The suggested donations are £1 for a poppy (most of what we have been given this year are the new plastic-free poppies); 50p for a reflector poppy or zip pull and £1 for a wristband.

Children in Need- Friday 17th November

This year will be having a 'SPOTacular' Dress up and Donate Day for Children in Need. On Friday 17th November, your child can come to school dressed in something spotty (uniform not required) for a suggested donation of £1. Children participating in PE on that day will need to wear something suitable for PE.

A reminder- Half Term Writing Competition

Mrs Lewis has set up a half term writing competition for all children from Years 1 to 6. The details can be found here: [Half Term Writing Competition](#). Submissions can be handwritten or typed, must clearly have the child's name and class on, and must be returned by Friday 10th November. The competition will be judged by Mrs Myers, the Tudor Grange Academy Trust Lead for English, and Mrs Russell, Associate Principal. We look forward to receiving your spooky entries!

A reminder- School Council

The last day for the letters of application for pupils from Years 2-6 to join the school council is tomorrow, Friday 10th November. Two pupils will be selected from each class. Mrs Lewis, who will be supporting the children with school council, has put together a job description which has been shared with the children before half term. It can also be found here: [School Council Job Description](#). Letters can be handwritten or typed and should be returned to your child's class teacher by Friday 10th November.

School Photographs- Mop up Session

The school photographer will be back in school for a short period on Tuesday 14th November for any pupil who was absent on the school photograph day in October.

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?
Friday 10 th November	Deadline for Half Term Writing Competition	Years 1-6
Friday 10 th November	Deadline for letters of application for School Council	Years 2-6
Friday 17 th November	Children In Need- Spotty Non-Uniform	Whole school
Tuesday 21 st & Thursday 23 rd November	Y6 Level 3 Bikeability	Details to follow
Monday 27 th November – Friday 1 st December	Scholastic Book fair	Details to follow
Wednesday 29 th November	'Journey to the Stable'	Year 1
Friday 1 st December	'Sinbad the Sailor' Visiting Theatre Company	Details to follow
Monday 4 th December – Friday 8 th December	Last week of school-led enrichment clubs	Whole school
Tuesday 12 th December	Last swimming session (restarts Tuesday 9 th January)	Year 3
Tuesday 12 th December AM	EY & KS1 Nativity	Nursery and Year 1 Parents Details to follow
Wednesday 13 th December AM	EY & KS1 Nativity	Reception and Yr 2 Parents Details to follow
Friday 15 th December	Visit to Black Country Museum	Year 1 – details to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	Pupil Christmas Lunch	Details to follow
Friday 22 nd December	Last day of term	Whole School

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

