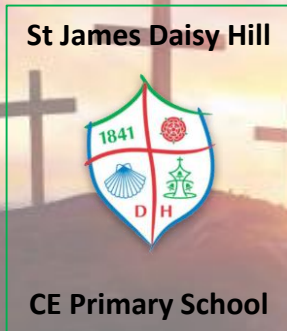


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“Working together to achieve excellence within a caring Christian community of faith, hope and love.”

Message from the Headteacher

Thank you to the many parents, carers and family members who have joined us this week for our Easter services. It was wonderful to see so many of you there!

Thank you also to all the parents who attended Parent’s Evening on Wednesday. We hope you found the appointment useful and informative. If you have not yet been able to speak with your child’s class teacher, please contact them on Class Dojo so that an alternative time can be arranged after the Easter break.

We are extremely sad to be saying goodbye to Wolfenden today after more than 10 years at St James. Miss Wolfenden is a huge part of the St James family and she will be greatly missed. I would like to take this opportunity to thank her on behalf of all the staff, governors and children for her dedication and passion which shines through in everything she does. We wish her the very best for the future and for her upcoming marriage in May! Thank you Miss Wolfenden – you are a superstar!

We wish you all a wonderful and peaceful Easter and we look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Monday 15th April.



Many thanks for your ongoing support, **Mrs Robinson**

Upcoming Dates for your Diary

Monday 15 th April 8:50am	School re-starts after the Easter break
Next half term	Our focus value is Service
Next half term	Our safety focus is water safety
Wednesday 17 th April	School photographs for Class photos
Thursday 18 th April 9:00am-10:00am	SEND coffee morning for all parents carers of children with additional needs.

Worship and Reflection

This week in worship, we have been continuing to reflect on the value of Justice. We listened to the parable of the workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20: 1-16). In the story, the owner of vineyard hired workers at different times throughout the day and pays them all the same wage. Although at first this seemed unfair, we reflected that it meant that everyone was given a fair wage to enable them to support themselves and their families.

We have also been sharing the Easter story in our Easter services and in class. On Tuesday Key Stage 2 welcomed their parents and carers to St James Church and shared the Easter story in rhyme and Easter songs.



Worship and Reflection Continued...

On Thursday we welcomed the parents and carers of our EYFS and Key Stage 1. We were treated to a bunny dance from our Nursery children, a poem from our Reception children, The Jelly Bean poem from Year 1 and learned all about Easter both in our country and around the world from our Year 2 children. We also enjoyed singing our favourite Easter songs!

Jelly Bean Prayer

Red is for the blood He gave.
Green is for the grass He made.
Yellow is for the sun so bright.
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins we made.
White is for the grace He gave.
Purple is for His hour of sorrow.
Pink is for our new tomorrow.

A bag full of jellybeans,
colorful and sweet
Is a prayer, is a promise,
is an Easter treat!



Worship and Reflection Continued...



This Week's News

On Thursday, Reception and Nursery took part in an Easter Bonnet Parade to show off the wonderful and creative Easter Bonnets they had made at home!



Our **LEARNING** this week...

Nursery

Nursery have had a wonderful week learning all about the Easter story. They have made some fantastic Easter crafts and on Thursday, took part in the Easter service in church. They also showed off their Easter bonnets at the Easter bonnet parade and enjoyed some yummy Easter treats. The Easter Bunny even hid some special treats around nursery for them to find! Well done, Nursery. Have a fantastic half term holiday.

The Nursery Team

Reception

In Reception we have had a great week getting ready for Easter. We have enjoyed our visit to Church for our Easter Service and having our families there. This week we have been reading the story 'Sharing a Shell' which has sparked our conversations about the importance of sharing and how people help us. In maths we have been investigating complex patterns by exploring patterns and shapes we see in our environment before creating our own. In our lesson time we have been learning all about the Easter Story. We have discussed Jesus and his sacrifice before him rising again. In our DT we have made a spring vegetable soup by chopping and cooking vegetables in stock. We all really enjoyed eating the soup we created.

Miss Preston and Mrs Derbyshire-Brown

Year 1

A super week in Year 1 completing our D.T unit of 'making smoothies'. The children enjoyed tasting a range of fruits, learning skills of cutting and finally using the blender to make a smoothie. In English the children produced a beautiful set of instructions to explain how to make a smoothie.

Thank you to all parents and carers who were able to join us for our Easter service in church. We would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Easter.

Mrs Bury & Miss Wolfenden

Year 2

Year 2 have really enjoyed their chocolate topic in English and completed the unit by writing a letter recommending their favourite chocolates to a Chocolate Monster. In Maths we learned about data and found out what every staff member favourite chocolate was! We've also been busy rehearsing for the Easter service. Happy Easter to everyone!

Mr Holt and Miss Chesterfield

I have come that they may have

life
and have it in all its
fullness

John 10:10

This week, Year 3 have been working hard to finish their learning based on Stig of the Dump. We spent some time watching a film adaptation of the book and talked about what was similar and different about the two. In maths, we have been introduced to equivalent fractions and in geography, we started to look at the differences between different settlements in the UK. On Tuesday, we sang our hearts out beautifully in church for our Easter service. We hope everybody has a lovely Easter break and look forward to welcoming everybody back on Monday 15th April! Happy Easter!

Mrs Finney & Mrs Woodward

Year 4

We started the week creating our Easter cards and celebrating Easter with a lovely service in Church. In maths we have been dividing a one and 2 digit number by 10 as well as writing hundredths as fractions and decimals.

In PE we have been exploring the climbing equipment. All

Of the children have demonstrated a lot of perseverance, determination and a little competitive spirit. It has been a short but busy half term. Happy Easter Year 4!

Mrs Prill & Mrs Stirzaker-Bennett

Year 5

In English this week, we have been practising our comprehension skills and presentation. In Maths, we have been comparing and ordering decimals up to 3 places. We have completed our Science topic of 'Life Cycles' and are ready to begin our 'Growing Up' topic next term. In RE we reflected on how the crucifix and the resurrection of Jesus belong together to celebrate both the sadness and joy of Easter, and we enjoyed celebrating Holy Week with our Easter Service at church and making Easter Cards. We wish you all a wonderful Easter break with your families.

Mrs Jones and Miss Lee

Year 6

This week Y6 have continued to work hard revising for their SATs in English and maths. They enjoyed singing and going over to church on Tuesday for our Easter service and making their Easter cards. In science they explained how natural selection may lead to evolution. Have a lovely Easter break!

Mr Barker & Miss Clark

Attendance and Punctuality

Every day counts



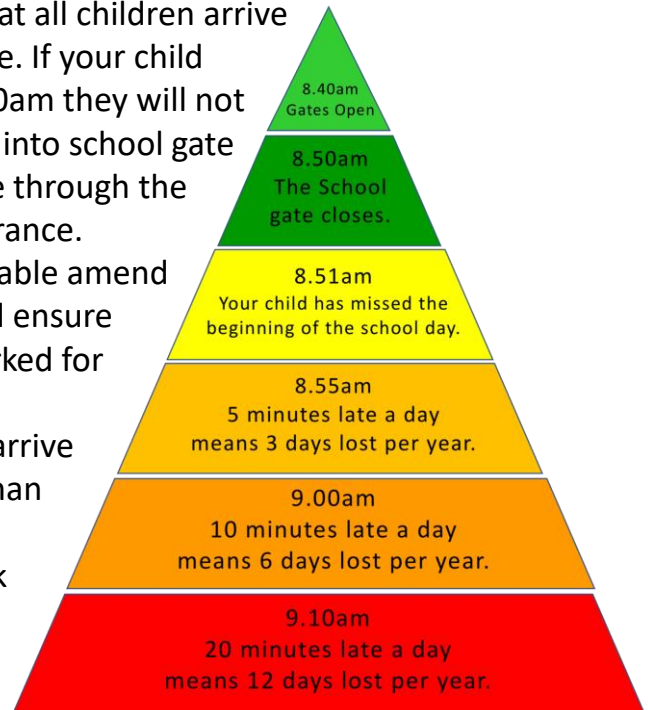
Attendance matters!

Punctuality

It's important that all children arrive to school on time. If your child arrives after 8.50am they will not be able to come into school gate but should come through the main school entrance.

We will then be able amend the registers and ensure your child is marked for a school dinner.

If your children arrive at school later than 9.30am, we are required to mark them as absent for that half day session.



School target for attendance	96%
Current school attendance	95.3%

Classes with the best attendance this week	
EYFS/KS1	RB,1B & 2C
KS2	5J & 6C

Classes with the best punctuality this week	
EYFS/KS1	RB
KS2	4SB

PTFA

PTFA would like to thank everyone who supported the Easter bingo night at church last Friday.

The next PTFA events will be movie nights which will take place on:

7th May - Reception & Year 1 - 3:30 - 5:15

14th May - Year 2 & Year 3 - 3:30 - 5:15

21st May - Year 4, Year 5 & Year 6 - 3:30 - 5:15

More details will be sent home after Easter.

The next PTFA meeting will be Monday 22nd April at 6pm in School. Everyone is welcome to join us for this meeting. All support is greatly appreciated!



Gold Awards for exceptional behaviour

OOSC

Nursery Harry and Miley-Morgan

RB Ivy, Sienna and Jake

RP Ella, Logan, Oscar and Oliver

1B Arthur B, Menaal, Toby and Rose

1W All of 1W

2C Divine and Freyja O

2U Luna and Tilly

3F Hollie

3W Lily B, Asa, Jacob S and Jamie H

4P Erin, Samuel, Charlie W, Charlie G,
Jonah and Theo

4SB All of 4SB

5J Chloe, Emma and Xavier

5L Lola and Freya B

6B Olivia, Elijah, Sienna, Betsy, Eddie,
Archie

STAR AWARDS

Nursery All of Nursery

RB Erin and Jake

RP Jacob and Dominion

1B Reevah and Annabelle

1W All of 1W

2C Divine and Freyja B

2U Luna and Tilly

3F Savannah and Lilly-Rose

3W Lily-Mae, Holloe S and Roisin

4P Alicia and Dotty

4SB Khadija and Henry

5J Charlie and Chloe

5L Maya and Cooper

6B Elizabeth & Elijah

6C Archie and Blake E



Nursery

RB Stevie for Justice

RP Tobias for Perseverance

1B Menaal for Perseverance

1W All of 1W for Courage

2C Kaiden for Respect

2U Olivia for Friendship

3F Ruby for Friendship

3W Jack P for Compassion

4P Bella for Perseverance

4SB Charlie Mc for Perseverance

5J Amber for Courage

5L Walker for Respect

6B Olivia for generosity

6C Oliver R for Service



Headteacher's Awards

Well done to Faye and Elizabeth for a brilliant oral re-telling of The Wizard of Oz which they had written on National poetry day. Well done to Ollie in Year 4 for a fantastic powerpoint presentation! Brilliant work!



Individual Achievements

Congratulations to:

Charlotte for winning an I-Spy award for site seeing in London – she especially loved Buckingham Palace!

Holly for writing a thoughtful poem about friendship!

Chloe for achieving a special gold award at Rainbows!

Holly for achieving her level 3 award in swimming!

We are so proud of you!

