



# ST JAMES

## Preparatory School

### Year 1 Newsletter: Autumn Term, Week 11

#### What have we explored this week?

Well done to Y1C for their wonderful assembly on Tuesday. The story telling was expressive and clear, and the singing was brilliant. We are very impressed that they could sing a round on their own! The artwork on the walls was a beautiful, bright backdrop and we will cherish the joyful memory for ever. Y1L will do their assembly in the Spring Term.



Thank you for the beautiful, heartfelt Christmas cards for Under One Sky from last week's homework. They were detailed, thoughtful and it was clear time had been spent on each one.

This week Mrs Wyatt joined us for our Wednesday swimming class. The children are doing very well learning to kick their legs with a float and put their face in the water, whilst swimming across the pool. We are giving three house points to children with a hat, scarf and gloves. We feel these are very important after swimming. A reminder that swimming hats and goggles are strongly recommended as they support the children during their lesson.

The children had a successful trip to St Columbia's Church to enjoy the St Andrew's Book Festival. The children met the award-winning author Joseph Coelho and listened to his journey into literature and poetry writing. The children had question and answer time to find out more about the life of an author- **"What inspires you?"**, **"Where do you like to write your poems?"**, **"What is your favourite poem?"**

After that we enjoyed a delicious, packed lunch and hopped on a bus back to school. We have been writing some short poems inspired by Joseph Coelho.



## Things to remember












- The Christmas Market is on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 12pm to 4pm.
- The next Performance Tea is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. You can sign up here: <https://forms.office.com/e/KtR46pZ8ac>
- The Nativity performances for parents are on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> December and Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December at 9am. Tickets can be booked here: <https://stjamesjunior.schoolcloud.co.uk/>
- Book Look is on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> December from 8am until 8:45am.
- **If you have not yet connected to your child's ClassDojo account**, please follow the link below:  
1C: <https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=undefined>  
1L: <https://www.classdojo.com/ul/p/addKid?target=class&class=undefined>

As well as being a way of enabling quick communication between home and school, ClassDojo is used to award and tally house points, so you will be able to see when your child receives a house point and what it is for!

You do not need to sign up for the paid '**Plus**' version of Class Dojo.

- In a change to previous communication, Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December is Christmas Lunch. Children are welcome to wear Christmas jumpers on that day and bring in hats to wear for lunch.
- The Christmas Carol Service is on Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December at St **Mary's** Kensington at 9:15am. There will be refreshments for parents in the Courtyard from 8:15am. Children to be in full school uniform, please.
- Term ends at 11:30am on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

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2024-2025**

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07:55 – 08:15	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration	Registration
08:15 – 08:30	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 	Reading 
08:30 – 09:00	Philosophy 	Whole School Assembly 	Story Assembly 	Singing Assembly 	Commendations Assembly 
09:00 – 09:30 Lesson 1	Phonics 	Phonics 	Phonics 	Phonics 	Phonics 
09:30 – 10:00 Lesson 2	English 	Maths 	English 	Maths 	Maths 
10:00:10:20	<i>Break</i>				
10:20 – 11:00 Lesson 3	Maths 	English 	Maths 	Drama 	English 
11:00 – 11:30 Lesson 4				English 	
11:30 – 12:00	<i>Lunch</i>				
12:00 – 12:30	<i>Break</i>				
12:30 – 13:00 Lesson 5	Sanskrit 	Art and Design 	RS 	Sanskrit 	Music 
13:00 – 13:30 Lesson 6	Gym 	Science/FS 	Swimming/ Enrichment 	ICT 	Gym 
13:30 – 14:00 Lesson 7	Library 			Geography/ History 	Sanskrit 
14:00 – 14:20	<i>Break</i>				
14:20 – 15:05 Lesson 8	PSHEE 	Science/FS 	Swimming/ Enrichment 	Geography/ History 	Golden Time 
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