



ST JAMES

Preparatory School

Year 5 Newsletter: Summer Term, Week 3

This week in Year 5

It's great to be back at school, and as always, the children have very quickly settled back into the daily routines.

In English this week, we have been identifying determiners and adverbials in a sentence, as well as writing our own sentences with a variety of adverbials. We will also be spending more time looking at reading comprehensions in class this term; this week our focus was on retrieval and summary questions. In Maths, we have been learning about co-ordinates and angles. Our Science topic this half term is *Life Cycles* and in Wednesday's lesson we learned about reproduction in plants, including going into the playground and vegetable garden to look at real-life flowers to help identify parts of their anatomy.

Last Friday, Y5 children went to the teaching kitchen in the afternoon to do something good for our local community: they made sandwiches to be handed out by our partner charity, [Under One Sky](#). The children worked together enthusiastically and ended up making 56 sandwiches to be donated to our fellow Londoners in difficult circumstances.

For those attending, have a great time at the St James 50th Birthday Performance!



Y5 children making sandwiches for Under One Sky to hand out to those in need.

Things to Remember

- There is no school on Bank Holiday Monday, but **on Tuesday morning we will be departing for our residential trip to Mendip Activity Centre!** Please do pack with your child to ensure they know what is in their suitcase and remember to pack a sleeping bag and pillow! If there is anything you are unsure of or just want to double-check, please get in touch through ClassDojo - I will keep an eye on it over the weekend.
- On Tuesday 13th May, Mrs Fischel has organised for Y5 to visit the National Gallery and take part in a workshop. We will leave in the late morning and get back to school before the end of the day, so drop-off and dismissal times, as well as clubs/buses will be unaffected. The school will provide a packed lunch for the children.
- Please remember that we have a visiting author on 21st May - children can order books up to 7th May and details can be found on Class Dojo.