



## Value of the month – Compassion

### Message from Headteacher



#### Newsletter

As we approach the end of the first term, I would like to thank you very much for all support.

Christmas dinner and Jumper day - Just a reminder that Wednesday 19th December is our Christmas dinner day - Children can wear a Christmas jumper or t-shirt but normal uniform should be worn, including school shoes. If you do not have a jumper then a Christmas hat or hair accessories will be fine. Please bring in £1 which will be donated to 'Save the Children' charity or pay on Arbor; thank you for your support.

Staffing - We are very sad to announce that Sue (in the Kitchen) who has been with us for 19 years, is moving on for personal reasons. We, as a school, will miss her but we wish her all the best.

InVentry and Lates - In January, we will have a new signing in system. This will mean that if you arrive after the gates are closed (8.50am) you will be required to walk your child/children to the office and sign in on the system with their name and lunch request. This will then register how many minutes late you are, which will then be monitored over time. The same will apply if you are taking your child out of school for any reason such as 'medical appointment' you will be required to clock them out of the new system and reasons why.

Wishing you all a very Happy Christmas  
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## HEADTEACHER'S AWARD



The Headteacher's Award was presented to pupils in Year 4,5 and Year 6. These children have exemplified our values, by showing compassion towards others and being excellent role models. Well done.

# Upcoming Events

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

### ATTENDANCE

Year Group	Attendance % for the Academic Year so Far
Reception	93.45%
Orange Class (1)	93.89%
Yellow Class (2)	94.75%
Green Class (3)	93.96%
Violet Class (4)	93.19%
Blue Class (5)	96.24%
Indigo Class (6)	93.47
Whole School Attendance – 94.2%	
National Attendance – 94.7%	
Whole School Target – 96%	

Dates for your Diary	
16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity – 9.15am EYFS/FS Nativity - 11am
17 <sup>th</sup> Dec	KS1 Nativity – 9.15am EYFS/FS Nativity - 11am
18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Dinner
20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Last Day – Finish at 2pm
6 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Inset Day
7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	First Day of Term
17 <sup>th</sup> -21 <sup>st</sup> February	February Half Term

### Reception Applications for children born between 1/9/20 to 31/8/21

Applications are now open and close on 15th January 2025. You need to apply through the County in which you live. You can obtain further information through Herts County Council or Essex County Council.



### PTA

The PTA would like to thank those who support the 'Christmas Disco' event.

The total raised will be announced soon.

A special thank you to everyone who helped make this event possible – the children had a great memorable time.

Thank you to all who attended the PTA meeting to discuss changes and ideas for PTA events. If you have any suggestions – please come along to our next meeting – we would love to hear new ideas. Next meeting to be confirmed.

Here are some areas that the PTA money has assisted with.

Reception Teddies

A supplement for PE trips

A supplement for the Panto



# Christmas Festive Activities



Panto



Nativities













Starting in January 2025, St James church will be holding a monthly Messy Church on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of every month.

This is a free all age, family friendly event focused on having fun and creating time for us to come together and hear the stories of Jesus, plus other bible stories, and growing as a community.

We will do crafting, singing, listen to a story and then eat some yummy food together, what could be better!

- 19<sup>th</sup> January – In the Memorial Hall (4pm-6pm)
- 16<sup>th</sup> February – In the Memorial Hall (4pm-6pm)
- 16<sup>th</sup> March – In the Church (4pm-6pm)
- 18<sup>th</sup> April (Good Friday) – In the Church (10am-12am)
- 18<sup>th</sup> May – In the Church (4pm-6pm)
- 15<sup>th</sup> June – In the Church (4pm-6pm)
- 20<sup>th</sup> July – In the Church (4pm-6pm)

This is a free event, no need to book, just turn up!