

St James C of E Academy

Year 6

Summer Term Newsletter



Welcome back to the Summer Term in Year 6!

We hope you had a restful Easter break and enjoyed some quality time with your loved ones.

The Summer Term at St James is always a busy and exciting one for our Year 6 pupils. The children worked incredibly hard throughout the Spring Term and have shown great enthusiasm and determination in their learning. We're so proud of their efforts and want to continue encouraging this positive attitude as we move forward.

We understand how busy family life can be, but we would like to highlight the importance of our Home Learning tasks. Recently, we've noticed that some children have not been completing their homework regularly., especially their online maths homework. Please encourage your child to complete all homework .

As we approach SATs, we will continue to set written homework to help the children prepare. We will review the format of this after the SATs are completed. Key dates related to SATs can be found in the notices section and were also shared in the Autumn term presentation (available to download from the Year 6 page on our school website).

During SATs week, we recommend ensuring your child gets plenty of rest and a good night's sleep—this will help them feel refreshed and ready for the day ahead.

If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact us via Class Dojo or by emailing the Year 6 team directly at YR6@stjames.covmat.org.

We're looking forward to a fantastic and successful Summer Term with your children!

Warm regards,
The Year 6 Team

Notices

This term, both classes will continue to take part in PE on a Tuesday and Wednesday. Your child will need to arrive in school wearing their PE kit on this day. Please ensure your child wears trainers and that he / she wears something suitable since PE lessons will also take place outside.

Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle into school. As the warmer weather approaches, it may be worthwhile sending your child into school with two water bottles and also sun cream / a sun hat if required.

SATs

Breakfast club will take place from 08:00 to 08:35 for those children who have signed up on the days of SATs (Monday — Thursday (inclusive)

Monday 11th May 2026—
Spelling and grammar paper

Tuesday 12th May 2026 —
Reading paper

Wednesday 13th May 2026 —
Maths paper 1 (arithmetic)

Maths paper 2 (reasoning)

Thursday 14th May 2026 —
Maths paper 3 (reasoning)

English	Maths
We will begin our Summer Term learning by continuing our work on Goodnight Mr Tom. We will then spend a week or so revising grammar. After this, we will read Macbeth where the children will get to write creatively when writing a setting description and a news paper report. The children will get plenty of speaking and listening opportunities when we have a focus on drama too.	During our Maths lessons this term, we will continue with angles, shape and coordinates. In the week before SATs, we will revisit formal methods of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also review work on fractions, decimals and percentages since we would like to consolidate and address any errors / misconceptions in this area prior to the formal assessments.
Science	History/Geography
We will learn that some plants reproduce asexually, not requiring a male and female, but reproducing by copying itself. We will look again at how animals reproduce, building on their knowledge from previous years. They will learn about internal and external fertilisation and will understand that different animals reproduce in different ways. We will then move onto Evolution. In this unit, children will be introduced to concept of evolution: the process by which living organisms (plants and mammals) develop and change, over time. We will look at inheritance, variation, adaptation and evolution by natural selection.	During this term, we will continue the study of Africa in Geography, They will then look at 'Globalisation' as a topic. In History, the children will learn all about Human Rights. They will learn about the Gender Gap, will move on to looking at the UN Convention on the Rights of the child, and immigration.
Arts	RE
In Art, we consider how Picasso developed cubism which led to abstraction and then explore work of significant British artists of the 20th century. We will then consider abstraction by looking at the work of sculptor Barbara Hepworth and painter Frank Bowling. In DT we will be looking upcycling fashion by using sewing techniques.	As a Church School, the children will receive an RE lesson every week. We will reinforce the Christian Ethos through whole school worship time. We will continue our Worldviews units—What do organised Worldviews have to tell us about truth and where it might be found. We will also complete our Understanding Christianity unit of Salvation.