



# St James' Church of England Primary School

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## Opening doors to our future.

*I know all the things you do, and I have opened a door for you that no one can close. Revelation 3:8*

16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has literally flown by, and we already find ourselves entering our Christmas festivities. Watching the children enjoying their Christmas performances, sharing them with their families is such a moving experience, after several years of social distancing and separation.

We really have had an amazing term, learning about our concept of community, and how it encompasses our school environment, where we are geographically in relation to our locality, our nation and globally. We have observed historic moments together, with the loss of the Queen and watched exciting sporting events; coming together as the St James' family.

So, we wish everyone a fantastic, well-earned Christmas, which of course includes our brilliant children who make all the hard work worthwhile, the staff who have worked tirelessly over this term and of course our parent community who have supported us throughout all the challenges that have been thrown at us! Merry Christmas to you all!

## End of Autumn Term/Start of Spring Term

On Monday we will resume normal drop off (8.45-8.55) and pick up (3.10/3.15) times and routines- as long as the snow and ice has disappeared as forecast!! If anything changes, please look out for emails or check on the school website.

The last day of term is **Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**. The whole school will finish at **1.30pm**.

The Spring term begins on **Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> January**.



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## Final Christmas Events



**Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**- Children will be walking to the church for our annual Christmas service with Reverend Richard. Please ensure they have a coat and appropriate shoes to wear.



Christmas Dinner will be also be served on **Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December**. This must be booked and paid for online.



**Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> December**- Whole School Christmas Christingle Service at 9.15am. Year 6 will be leading this service and so Year 6 parents only are invited to come along and watch.

### **School Tours for Reception Places September 2023**

We have one more school tour on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> January 10.00am for parents looking at schools for Reception places starting in September 2023. Please contact the school office to register your interest in attending.

### **Applications for Reception Places: Deadline Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> January**

If you have a child due to start school in September, applications must be made by 15<sup>th</sup> January.

<https://www.essex.gov.uk/admissions-to-essex-schools-for-the-next-school-year>

Best wishes,

Gina Bailey  
Executive Headteacher

Casey Cox  
Head of School



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