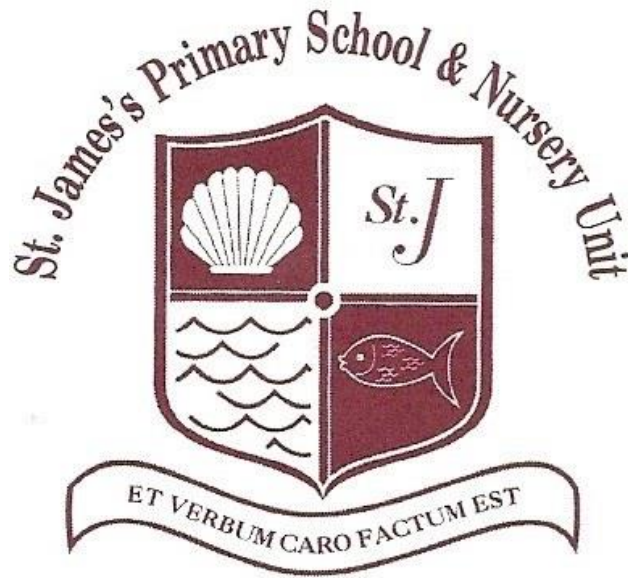


# St James's Nursery News



## June 2024

As we welcome the month of June, we find ourselves at the close of another remarkable school year. This month is filled with reflection on the growth and achievements of our young learners, celebrations of milestones, and heartfelt farewells as we prepare for the summer break. We are immensely proud of the progress each child has made and are grateful for the support and involvement of our St James's Nursery Unit community.

In this final newsletter of the year, we are inviting you to our Nursery Celebration. Please join us on Thursday 20th June at 9.30 am as we celebrate the journey and look forward to the bright futures of our little ones. More information on this can be found below.

We hope you and your child have enjoyed your year with us here at St James's. We hope you have a wonderful and safe summer holiday and we wish you all the best for next year!

## June Learning Focus



**Theme:** We're All Going on a Summer Holiday.

**Colour:** Revision of all colours

**Shape:** Consolidation of all shapes

As we embark on our final month of the school year, our theme is 'We're All Going on a Summer Holiday.' This exciting theme will not only prepare our children for the upcoming break but also spark their imaginations of the world around them. Here are some engaging ideas for you to explore with your child at home.

### Exploring Different Destinations

- **Books and Stories:** Read picture books about different holiday destinations. Discuss places like the beach, mountains, countryside and cities.
- **Map Activities:** Look at maps and globes together. Show your child where different countries are and talk about how people travel to those places.

### Creative Arts and Crafts

- **Postcard Creations:** Have your child design and make postcards. They can mark-make and have a go at writing their name on them.
- **Souvenir Making:** Create 'souvenirs' from imaginary trips using craft materials. Think seashell necklaces and paper airplane tickets.

### Sensory Play

- **Beach in a Box:** Fill a shallow box with sand and small toys. Let your child build sandcastles, dig and explore.
- **Water Play:** Set up a water play area with toy boats, cups and scoops to mimic seaside fun.

## Music and Movement

- **Travel Songs:** Sing songs about travel and holidays, such as 'The Wheels on the Bus' or 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'.
- **Dance Around the World:** Introduce music from different cultures and encourage your child to dance and move to the rhythms.

## Practical Life Skills

- **Packing a Bag:** Practice packing a small bag for an imaginary trip. Discuss what items are needed and why.
- **Picnic Planning:** Organise a picnic and let your child help with planning, preparing snacks and setting up.

We hope you enjoy these moments of learning and fun together!

In Nursery, during the month of June we will be consolidating our awareness of many concepts and skills taught this year, including:

- Practising songs, rhymes and poems.
- Using mathematical language and learning about problem solving, prepositional language, pattern, number and shapes through play.
- Providing a print rich environment through access to books, mark making opportunities and phonetical games.
- Encouraging children to be independent, take on roles & responsibilities, participate in conflict resolution, be considerate to others and concentrate on a directed tasks.

We will also spend time preparing our children for the transition to Year 1. Children who are moving into our primary school will take part in a transition programme where they will get the opportunity to see their new teacher and classroom.

## Dates For Your Diary



## JUNE

**Monday 3rd June** - Final Nursery Fund installment for those paying half-termly

**Thursday 6th June** - Summer Fair

**Monday 10th June** - Jo Jingles

**Tuesday 11th June** - International Day of Play

**Thursday 20th June** - St James's PS Year 1 Induction at 6pm

**Thursday 20th June** - Nursery Celebration at 9:30am

**Friday 28th June** - Half Day finish for Summer Holidays. Staggered finish time to be confirmed.

## Summer Fair 6th June



## Nursery Celebration 2024



We are so excited to celebrate our children's achievements at our Nursery Celebration Ceremony.

This will take place on **Thursday 20th June at 9:30am.**

Please remember to book your tickets for the celebration through School Money.

There will be a maximum of 3 tickets allocated per child which you can book. There is no charge for the tickets.

To find your tickets:

1. Open the Schoolmoney app
2. Click on the icon with three lines
3. Click on clubs
4. Your Nursery Celebration tickets for you to book will appear here.

**We would be grateful if the audience would refrain from filming during the performances. Highlights will be recorded and shared on Seesaw.**

We ask that all children come to Nursery in their uniform wearing either a white polo shirt or summer dress. Children may go home with their parents / guardians after if you wish.

## Nursery Fund



Thank you for your continued support towards our Nursery fund this year. Your contribution towards our Nursery Fund goes a long way towards enhancing the experiences and opportunities we provide for our Nursery children.

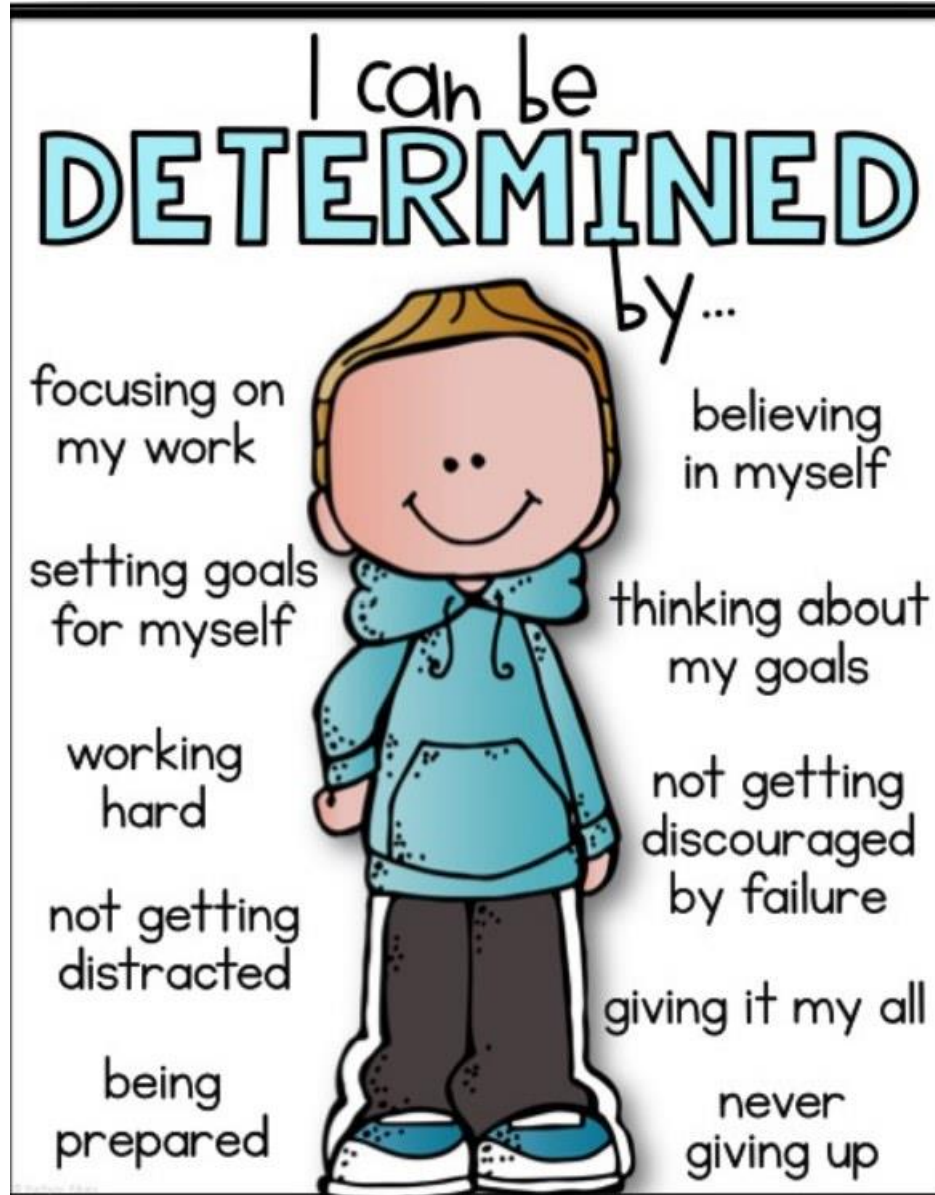
Your final contribution this half term will allow us to provide:

- Daily snack
- Our monthly birthday cupcakes & birthday bubbles
- Replenishable resources for play such as playdough etc.
- Monthly Jo Jingles sessions
- Wee Critters Visit
  - Photographs and materials for each child's individual learning portfolio

Our final Nursery Fund payment for those paying half-termly is due on **Monday 3rd June**. We hope you are able to continue to support our Nursery Fund with this final installment. We are only able to provide the above enhancements with your contributions and they go a long way towards supporting your children's experiences in Nursery.

If you are unsure how to pay for Nursery Fund please don't hesitate to approach the Nursery staff or Mrs Brown for assistance.

## St James's PS & NU Value of the Month



In St James's Primary School and Nursery Unit we focus on a different value every month. This month we are focusing on determination. At the end of the month one child from each class will be awarded a special certificate for showing determination.

You may want to talk with your child about what determination is.

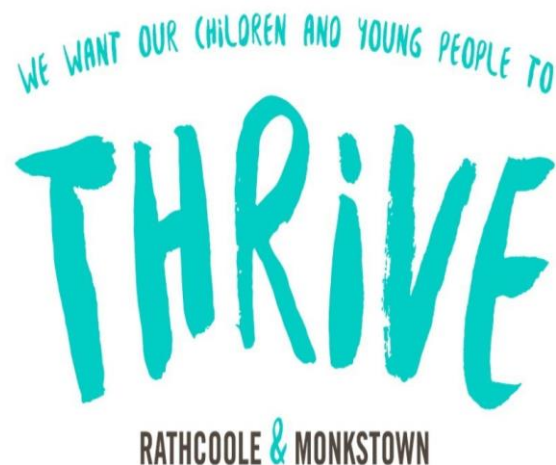
Determination in Nursery can be ... not giving up when things are hard.

Can you help us?



As we are coming to the end of the Nursery year, please don't throw away your old Nursery uniforms. If they are no longer going to be of any use to you we would be very grateful if you brought them into Nursery at the end of June.

We would welcome any Items such as t-shirts/polo shirts, joggers/leggings, skirts/summer dresses, socks & plimsoles/welly boots etc.



Our partnership with THRIVE aims to promote aspiration, achievement, wellbeing and collaboration.

This month in Nursery we would like to celebrate how:

**We can learn.**

This year our Nursery children have learned so much. From learning about space to exploring the deepest jungles it has been a pleasure to see their curiosity in action.

**We can be healthy and well.**

The children have made great strides with their independence and self care skills. They have had visits from people who help us to stay healthy and well, and enjoy playing in our new outdoor area.



### **We can be connected.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who has given up their time to support the children in their learning. From volunteering during our Christmas trip to attending our multiple parent events, we greatly appreciate your dedication.

### **Goodbye! Have a Lovely Summer Break. We Will Miss You!**

