



St Jude's Church of England Primary School
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Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another year at St Jude's. I hope you all had a wonderful holiday and made some special memories together.

It has been so exciting welcoming the children back into school this week, and it has been brilliant to meet some of our new reception starters too! We are looking forward to the many events that we have planned this half term and cannot wait to see what we can achieve as a team.

As you may have now been made aware by your children, I have shared some news this week. I got married over the summer holiday so will now be known as Mrs Reid. We are in the process transferring things here at school and I am still getting used to the name change! I also want to take this opportunity to say a huge thank you for your all well wishes and the kindness you have shown. The families at St Jude's make it a very special place to work.

Please do keep an eye out for our weekly newsletter, which will usually be shared every Monday. The next newsletter will be shared on Monday 18th September. Our newsletters are a central place to find updates on what we have been up to as a school, and key dates and events for the future.

I hope you all have a restful weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week!

Mrs Reid (née Douch)

Head of School



Attendance

It is essential that our children are in school as much as possible—every school day counts!

If your child is not well enough to attend school, please let the school know by 9am on the day. This can be done by calling the school or sending an email to admin@stjudeslambeth.org. If we do not hear from you, we will contact you directly.

If you need to take your child out of school during term time for any other reason, please notify the school as soon as possible. You will need to provide fill in a **Request for Pupil Absence Form** which can be obtained from the school office. The Head of School will then make a decision if this absence can be authorised or not.

If your child has a medical appointment, we encourage families to make the appointment for out of school hours. If this is not possible, the school must be notified with proof of the appointment so that the absence can be authorised.

We ask that family holidays are always taken during our school holiday dates. Please see the school year dates below to help you plan any future trips.

New School Year Dates 2023—24

Back to School: Wednesday 6th September

Break up: Friday 20th October 2023

Back to School: Monday 30th October 2023

Break up: Thursday 21st December 2023

Back to School: Wednesday 10th January 2024 (staff INSET days Monday & Tuesday 9th January 2024)

Break up: Friday 9th February 2024

Back to School: Monday 19th February 2024

Break up: Thursday 28th March 2024

Back to School: Tuesday 16th April 2024 (staff INSET day Monday 15th April 2024)

Break up: Friday 24th May 2024

Back to School: Monday 3rd June 2024

Break up: Wednesday 24th July 2024



Important Dates



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Meet the Teacher—Introductory Talks

Once the children have had time to settle in to the new academic year, we invite parents and carers to come and meet the teacher. This is an opportunity for your child's class teacher to explain routines, timetables and expectations. It is also an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have. These meetings will be held in the **school hall**. Please note the date and time for your child's class:

Reception— Thursday 5th October, 5.30pm

Year 1—Tuesday 3rd October, 5.30pm

Year 2— Tuesday 19th September, 5.30pm

Year 3— Thursday 28th September, 5.30pm

Year 4/5— Thursday 21st September, 5.30pm

Year 5/6—Tuesday 26th September, 5.30pm

Class Assemblies

Throughout the year we welcome parents to see your child's class assembly. These assemblies are a showcase of the children's learning. Please find the dates below; these are subject to change but we will notify you as soon as possible. They will be held in the **school hall at 9.05am**.

Reception— Tuesday 26th March and Tuesday 2nd July

Year 1—Tuesday 21st May and Tuesday 16th July

Year 2— Tuesday 19th March and Tuesday 7th May

Year 3— Tuesday 30th January and Tuesday 18th June

Year 4/5— Tuesday 28th November and Tuesday 30th April

Year 5/6—Tuesday 14th November and End of Year Production (date TBC)

PE Update

From Monday 11th September, children will come into school in their PE kits on the days they have PE and stay in it for the whole day (with exception to Reception class who will change into their uniform).

This is to maximise learning time and ensure they can get straight into their PE lesson.

It is essential that children wear the correct PE uniform:

- white t-shirt
- navy sweat shirt
- navy blue shorts
- navy blue tracksuit
- plimsolls/trainers

If you need to purchase additional uniform, visit the School Uniform Direct website for more details:

www.schooluniformdirect.co.uk

Alternatively, the PTA regularly host second-hand uniform sales in the playground. We will let you know when these are scheduled!

The days for each year groups' PE are as follows:

Reception: Friday (please send your child's school uniform in their bag to change into after)

Year 1: Tuesday and Thursday

Year 2: Monday and Wednesday

Year 3: Monday and Thursday

Year 4/5: Monday and Thursday

Year 5/6: Tuesday and Friday



If there are any changes to this, we will update you as soon as possible.