

January Newsletter 2024

# St James Nursery and Pre-School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcome everyone for our Spring Term.

Please remember to bring in warm, waterproof coats, gloves, hats and boots. Please label all clothing.

We welcome ALL donations of spare clothes.

## Spring

This term we will be hatching our duck eggs; the children will watch the eggs during incubation and then hatching and caring for them during their first weeks.

We will also celebrate and learn about Chinese New Year, Pancake Day, Valentine's Day, Springtime, Mother's Day and Easter.

## Stay and Play

We are planning a 'Stay & Play' session this term for you to come in and play with your child – further details to follow.

## Maths

This term we are starting a new play-based 'Maths champion programme' which includes staff training, resources and supporting and embedding children's maths learning through play and interactions.

## New 2 year funding, 30 Hours Funding and Tax-Free Childcare

The government will be expanding its funding offer from April 2024. If you need information and/or think you may qualify, please see this website to apply [Childcare Choices](#) | [30 Hours Free Childcare, Tax-Free Childcare and More](#) | [Help with Costs](#) | [GOV.UK](#)

## School Leavers 2024

*You will need to apply for your preferred Reception school place by 15th January [Apply for a school place \(southampton.gov.uk\)](http://southampton.gov.uk). We will be introducing our school Leavers key group which will focus on being independent, taking turns and early school skills.*

*We are asking everyone to bring in a family photo to add you to our 'family boards'*

Natasha (Business Manager & Owner), Lisa & Charmaine



## Upcoming Dates

### Term-time only:

**Half term** (12<sup>th</sup>-16<sup>th</sup> February)

**Easter** (29<sup>th</sup> March 3<sup>rd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> April)

**Easter closure** (Fri 29<sup>th</sup> March & Mon 1<sup>st</sup> April)

All dates are on our website

## Further Announcements

We welcome 2 new Early Years Apprentices (Jasmine & Kideest) who are starting their Level 3 qualifications

**We have Jess back from her maternity leave working in Owls**

*If you would like an appointment to discuss your child's progress and development, please email*

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