



Newsletter



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Headteacher: Mr J Emery

Friday 2 May 2025



	w/b 28 April 2025
Year 3	99.0%
Year 4	99.4%
Year 5	93.9%
Year 6	96.6%
TRJS Overall	97.2%

Well done to Year 3 and 4 for smashing the TRJS target of 97.5% and being top HEROES this week!

HOT CHOCOLATE WITH MR EMERY

Congratulations to everyone who has received the **TRJS Weekly Values Award** and shared hot chocolate and biscuits with Mr Emery. Don't forget to be ready to tell us all about your hobbies and interests out of school. Oh, and jokes are always good!

Year 3	Freddie M, Aurora B
Year 4	Evie-Mae W, Olivia Ha
Year 5	Felix R, Sophie B
Year 6	Josh W, Layla S

Debts

At the end of last term, we reminded everyone that there were a considerable number of parents who are in debt for dinner money or wrap around care. We have sent out letters to ask that all debts are cleared by Friday 2 May (today). If large amounts are still owing (over £27.50 for dinner money and over £50 for Wrap Around) the school may ask that a child does not continue to have school dinners or attend Early Birds/Night Owls until the debt is cleared. Thank you for your support.

Family Holidays

We have sent reminders out throughout the year to ask parents to avoid holidays during term time. Please use the 13 weeks of school holidays. Attendance at school is so important for our children. Any absence is proven to affect progress. They only get one chance at their education, so let's give them the best chance possible by attending regularly at school. Thank you for your support.

Sports Day

The TRJS Sports Day is booked for Thursday 22 May. This event is for the whole day, with different year groups participating in different events during the course of the day. The outline is available on the school website under “Newsletters”. Parents are invited to check the schedule to plan their time for the day. There will be a break from 12pm-1.15pm when parents will be asked to leave the school premises. Please note that “Heats” means that all children will be having a go on the day. Where it states “Finals”, the heats will have been done in school and the children who have reached the final will be informed closer to the day. As always, we remind children to wear the correct TRJS PE kit, wear a hat, sunscreen and bring a water bottle (and a coat in case of inclement weather!). If any parent would like to offer to help serve refreshments for the parents, then please let us know before the day.

PE Uniform Update

A reminder that we are asking all children to come to school, dressed in their PE kit for **BOTH days** of PE each week. Please note that there is no change to the school expectations for PE kit. We remind parents/carers that children should wear house-coloured T-shirt, plain black shorts, plain black jogging bottoms, plain black hoodie/tracksuit top and sports trainers. We ask that children avoid fashion wear with different colours, football tops. We have seen a huge improvement in PE kit and the vast majority of children are looking very smart, so thank you for your support. It would be great to see everyone smart for the TRJS Sports Day (which is all day on Thursday 22 May).

Marathon Marvels!

Two members of staff from TRJS have completed the London Marathon. What an amazing achievement! Miss Hurdman decided to raise funds for our school (over £450 raised already) and Mrs King is raising money for Alzheimer’s (over £1200 raised so far). Miss Hurdman is a glutton for punishment as she is doing the Milton Keynes Marathon next week! Both Go Fund Me pages are still running, so, if any parent would like to donate, please do! (Thank you to all those who have done so already.) Miss Hurdman will be looking to book and pay for an exciting learning activity for all children to enjoy. Watch this space!

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/thomas-russell-junior-school>

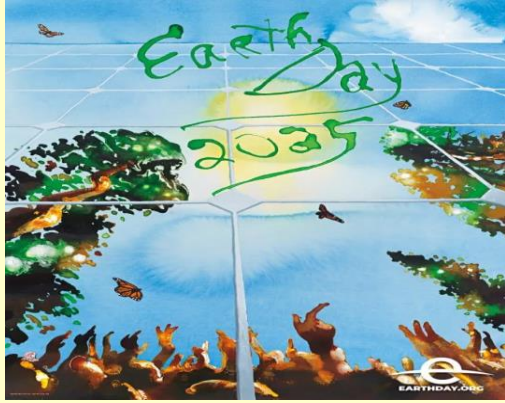


https://2025tcs londonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/helen-king-kick-dementias-butt?utm_campaign=website&utm_medium=email&utm_source=enthuse



Sun Safety

As the summer sun begins to shine, we have reminded the children about sun safety. We are all aware of the potential harm from the sun's rays, so let's remember the safety rules. We expect to see all children applying sunscreen and wearing a hat at lunchtimes and during PE lessons. Thank you.



School Council

Thank you to the school council (including Nat and Oscar) for leading our assembly to help us all reflect on the devastating impact on our planet of single-use plastics. We tried this quiz in assembly; you may find it illuminating! We have been thinking about how we can reduce plastic with our packed lunches and snacks that we bring to school. Well done, school council.

https://www.earthday.org/plastic-pollution-quiz/?_gl=1*159yh2j*_up*MQ..*_ga*MTA5OTEzMTgwMC4xNzQxNjE0NTc3*_ga_QENXCBT7TN*MTc0MTYxNDU3Ny4wLjAuMTc0MTYxNDU3Ny4wLjAuMA..

Imogen's Run

Imogen M in Y5 is doing a 2.5km run on Saturday morning for Birmingham Children's Hospital. Please find the link to her story and sponsor page below. Go, Immy! Over £400 raised so far. We are very proud of you. 😊

<https://ajbellgreatbirminghamrun2025.enthuse.com/pf/queen-imogen>



Tribe @ St James' Barton

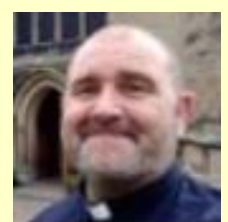
Exciting news! From Sunday 11th May we are introducing 2 new weekly groups aimed at children and young people.

On Sunday mornings at part of our 10.30 morning service we will be having a " Sunday School" where children of **all ages** will be engaged by our team of helpers with crafts, games and other activities for 30 mins or so, while parents and carers enjoy the service. Children will be returned to parents towards the end of the Service.

For young people aged between **8 and 14** from 5.30 to 7 pm every Sunday there will be a gathering at St James' for chat, games, music, snacks and activities, in a safe space run by our volunteer team.

Please do get in touch for more information or if you would like to help with either of the above.

Many thanks
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VE Day

The children have been busy this week making bunting for the VE celebrations in Barton. Thank you for everyone's contribution.

Dates for the Diary

Y6 SATS week	Monday 12- Thursday 15 May
Y6 Circus Skills Workshop	Friday 16 May (all day)
SPORTS DAY	Thursday 22 May (All Day)
HALF TERM	Mon 26-Fri 30 May
Y6 Residential	Monday 2-Wednesday 4 June
Y6/7 Transition Day	Tuesday 1 July (Y3,4 and 5 will all move up to their next class)
INSET DAY	Friday 4 July (school closed to pupils)
Music Night	Monday 7 July 6pm
Y6 Leavers' Party	Friday 11 July 4.45-6.15pm
Y6 Leavers' Performance	Friday 18 July 10am
Last Day of Term	Friday 18 July

Wishing everyone a good bank holiday weekend. We look forward to seeing everyone on Tuesday 6 May.

J Emery

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