

Thursday 19th May 2022



Dear Parents,

[Playing a board game](#)

[Going shopping](#)

[Baking a Cake](#)

[Catching a bus or train](#)

[Going to the doctor](#)

What do all of these activities have in common? I can see you all scratching your heads, trying to think of what could possibly link 'playing a board game' with 'baking a cake'?. If I told you that you the word I was thinking of was *numeracy*, what would your reaction be?

For many people, the idea of maths evokes some strong emotions, much like my feelings towards Marmite - either you love it, or you hate it - but *why*? Considering numeracy is '*the ability to understand and use maths in daily life*', and not the understanding of the more complex concepts of maths - such as algebra - that many feared at school, surely we should value its importance and not see numeracy as something to be afraid of!

Not many of you, myself included, will have known that yesterday was National Numeracy Day. I stumbled across it when having the pleasure of working with some children in Year 3, as they were exploring the concept of measurement and how to convert from centimetres to metres (and vice versa). I was astounded by the children's ability to problem-solve and explain their reasoning when answering questions about everyday activities, like whether an object would fit through a door. This got me thinking about how many adults - again, myself included - make mistakes when ordering things that turn out to be the wrong size, or end up cutting a piece of wood too short for its intended use. Is this because, for some people, maths was just a scary subject that they told themselves they 'didn't understand' or thought 'I'm just not good with numbers'?

The aim of the charity behind National Numeracy Day is to build the nation's number confidence and skills, and highlight the importance of numeracy within our everyday lives. Their research has shown a staggering number of adults who do not feel confident that they have the numeracy skills needed to undertake many of the activities mentioned above. As a result, the charity have created a number of resources to help support people in identifying their level of numeracy and what they can then do to develop their understanding further.

If you would like to develop a better understanding of numbers, click on the link below for ideas on how to develop numeracy skills for yourself, for work or even to be able to better support your child with homework.

<https://www.nationalnumeracy.org.uk/>

Whether your experience of maths in school and beyond brings back positive or negative memories, the best gift that we can give to our children is to tell them that **maths is fun, maths is important and maths is for EVERYONE!**

I challenge you all to spend the weekend taking note of all the ways in which you use numbers together – I think you might just surprise yourselves!

Kind regards,
Mrs Curtis

If your child receives a positive test result for COVID-19, please contact admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk, giving the child's name and class. Children with a positive result should stay at home and avoid contact with other people for five further days if symptomatic, or three days if asymptomatic.



WRITING COMPETITION

We understand that some parents are having difficulty logging into the Young Writers portal in order to submit entries for the writing competition. To this end, we have been given a new link, which can be found below.

<http://www.youngwriters.co.uk/writing-portal/start?code=86431-532>

The original letters regarding the competition, which were emailed to parents, can be found at <https://www.jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk/school-newsletters-and-parent-letters>.



VOUCHER SCHEME

FUNDS FOR FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN ENTITLED TO FREE SCHOOL MEALS

Funds will once again be provided over the holiday by Royal Greenwich to those FSM families who consented. If parents/carers are not in receipt of Free School Meals for their child but feel they would qualify, they should apply at <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>. Should you find you are not eligible but are experiencing hardship, please contact the school.



AFTER-SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Parents may now book as many activities as they would like for their child(ren), so long as they are for the correct year group, and we would encourage parents to do so, as take-up for some of the activities has been disappointing, meaning they are at risk of being withdrawn.

Copies of the letter and rota, with details of how to set up your account and book, can be found at <https://tinyurl.com/4jh5msdy> and <https://tinyurl.com/ytwru9yy>. Parents of children eligible for the benefit Free School Meals, who are entitled to one free activity, should contact the school office after setting up their account but before booking.

SCHOOL TRIPS

TRIP PAYMENTS

At James Wolfe, we like to offer pupils the opportunity to experience a variety of enrichment activities that support the curriculum. These include trips to museums, theatres, farms and the like, as well as visits by authors, workshops etc.

We ask parents to help make this happen by contributing £20 for the academic year. Without these contributions, we may not be able to offer such a variety of experiences.

If you have made your £20 contribution for this academic year, thank you very much! If you have not yet made the contribution, we would be very grateful if you could make the payment as soon as possible. Thank you.

IMPORTANT DATES

Summer Term 2022

- Tuesday 3rd May to Friday 27th May -- KS1 SATS Month
- Thursday 19th May -- Year 4 Mercury Class Assembly
- Thursday 19th May -- Football Team League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Club)
- Friday 20th May -- Year 4 Pluto Class Assembly
- Tuesday 24th May -- Year 5 Jupiter Class Assembly
- Tuesday 24th May -- Mixed Kwik Cricket Tournament - 10x Yr5/6 (Charlton Park)
- Wednesday 25th May -- Year 5 Mars Class Assembly
- Wednesday 25th May -- Piano Recitals (10:45 RH, 2:00 RP)
- Thursday 26th May -- Year 5 Earth & Mars Trip to Horniman Museum
- Thursday 26th May -- Year 5 Neptune Class Assembly
- Monday 30th May to Friday 3rd June -- Half Term
- Tuesday 7th June -- Year 1 Silver Birch Trip to Mudchute Farm
- Wednesday 8th June -- Year 4 Pluto Hygiene & Nutrition Trip to Pizza Express
- Wednesday 8th June -- Girls' League Medal Presentation (Meridian Sports Club)
- Thursday 9th June -- Football Team League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Club)
- Friday 10th June -- FJWS Meeting (9am RP)
- Monday 13th June -- Year 3 Trip to British Museum
- Monday 13th June -- Year 5 Earth & Mars Vikings Trip to National Maritime Museum
- Tuesday 14th June -- Year 4 Pluto Trip to the Tower of London
- Tuesday 14th June -- Year 1 Willow Trip to Mudchute Farm
- Wednesday 15th June -- Year 3 Ash & Cedar Class Assembly
- Thursday 16th June -- Year 3 Poplar & Oak Class Assembly
- Thursday 16th June -- Year 5 Jupiter Vikings Trip to National Maritime Museum
- Thursday 16th June -- Football Team League Fixture Day (Meridian Sports Club)
- Friday 17th June -- Football League Medal Presentation (Meridian Sports Club)
- Monday 20th June to Wednesday 22nd June -- Year 6 School Journey Group 1
- Monday 20th June -- Year 3 to Year 4 Transition Meeting for Parents (9:30)
- Tuesday 21st June -- Year 1 Fir Trip to Mudchute Farm
- Tuesday 21st June -- Year R to Year 1 Transition Meeting for Parents (9:30)
- Wednesday 22nd June to Friday 24th June -- Year 6 School Journey Group 2
- Wednesday 22nd June -- Year 4 Venus Hygiene & Nutrition Trip to Pizza Express
- Wednesday 22nd June -- Year 2 Rowan & Maple Class Assembly
- Thursday 23rd June -- Year 2 Beech & Elm Class Assembly
- Thursday 23rd June -- Year 5 Neptune Vikings Trip to National Maritime Museum
- Friday 24th June -- Year 5 Earth Class Assembly

Friends of James Wolfe School

Hi everyone,



It's full steam ahead in our planning for the Summer Fair! Please make sure it's in your diary for Saturday 2nd July. If you can help in any way, from volunteering on the day to planning ideas, please get in touch. We would really like this fair to be the best one yet!

We are also on the look out for any food or coffee vans that are willing to come and sell on the day. We would like to offer a variety of food options. If you know someone that could help us out, then please let us know.

Please follow/like us on Twitter/Facebook to find out more about what we do, as well as about upcoming social/fundraising events. All are welcome!

Email: friendsofJWS@gmail.com

Facebook: <https://en-gb.facebook.com/FJWSGreenwich>

Twitter: <https://twitter.com/fjwsgreenwich>

CENSUS DAY!
Join us 19/05/22 for some Tasty Dishes!

MAINS
Trinidad Chicken and Rice
Veggie Burrito with Potato Wedges

DESSERTS
Blueberry Vanilla Muffin Cake
Vanilla Ice-Cream
Strawberry Jelly

JUBILEE DAY!
Join us on Thursday 26th May

MAINS
A selection of scrumptious sandwiches with your favourite fillings
Pizza whirl, mini sausage roll, potato wedges, carrot and cucumber sticks and coleslaw

DESSERTS
Strawberry Jelly
Jubilee cup cake

DON'T FORGET! SCHOOL MEALS ARE FREE FOR ALL PUPILS IN RECEPTION, YEAR 1 AND YEAR 2.

PLEASE SPEAK TO YOUR SCHOOL FOR MORE INFORMATION SIGN UP TODAY!

Instagram: @stanleyssportsacademy
Website: www.stanleyssportsacademy.com

Every Half Term Stanley's Sports Academy will be running Camp at your school!

8:30am to 5:30pm
Email in to ask for a timetable of activities!
Visit our website for prices.

Stanley's SPORTS ACADEMY

Book Now! Only 5 FREE Spaces left.
Email: nadira.a@ssportsacademy.org

Lots of different sports!

Monday 30th May – Wednesday 1st June

You are invited to

Piano Recital

featuring James Wolfe individual piano students

Presented By
Noa Rodriguez



Wednesday 25th May
Royal Hill 10.45am
Randall Place 2.00pm

James Wolfe Primary School



**Exclusive Offer for James Wolfe Primary Pupils
Bring a Friend for Free in 2022**

Dear Parent/Carer,

We would love you to join us soon at our multi award-winning Holiday Camp taking place at your child's school.

Dates: wc 30th May + wc 25th July - wc 22nd Aug + wc 24th Oct

Rated 5* by parents on Feefo, our Ofsted-registered Holiday Camps bring together the very best of music and childcare to engage and inspire your child every school holiday.

Each day is wonderfully different and includes our "Learn Together, Play Together" morning lessons. Choose from either guitar, violin and ukulele. Free hire of an instrument for every child too.

Afternoons include our carefully-created workshops, designed by our experienced Head Office team and based on the theme of the week. They include: art, music, dance and sport.

Bring a Friend for Free

To celebrate our 10th birthday in 2022, we have an exclusive offer too. Every child who books with us is welcome to bring a friend for free for a day too! To make the most of this special offer, please contact the Head Office on 0121 296 9204.

Why Consider Us?

- EYFS Ofsted-registered
- Free hire of an instrument
- Qualified, experienced, fully DBS checked team
- Standard hours run 9:30am – 4pm
- Wrap-around care from 8am – 5:30pm
- 10% sibling discount
- Childcare vouchers and tax-free childcare accepted

We look forward to seeing you soon!

Amy and The Strings Club team

www.thestringsclub.org | 0121 296 9204

activ camps

Ofsted Registered

£10 Discount for GSSP Families!
Check our website to see if your child's school is eligible!

ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AGED 4-12 YEARS

MONDAY 30TH MAY 2022 TO WEDNESDAY 1ST JUNE 2022

FROM 8AM-4PM EVERYDAY

Lots of fun things to do during **HALF TERM** from as little as £18 PER DAY per child!

All staff are DBS checked and all lead staff are FIRST AID TRAINED

BOOK TODAY

WWW.ALLKIDSCAN.CO.UK
0208 856 8160

CAMP LOCATIONS

CHARLTON
Fossgate Primary School
Victoria Way (Entrance via Caydon Road), Charlton, SE7 7NQ

ELTHAM
Gordon Primary School
Grange Hill Road (Entrance via Craigton Road), Eltham, SE9 1QG

NEW ELTHAM
Wyborin Primary School
Footscray Road, New Eltham, SE9 2EH

PLUMSTEAD
Barnrookburn Primary School
Church Manor Way, Plumstead, SE2 0WY

WOLWICH
Plumcherry Primary School
Vincent Road, Woolwich, SE18 6RG

SIPUP - CURRENTLY UNAVAILABLE DUE TO BUILDING WORKS
Surreywood Park Primary School
Sherwood Park Avenue, Sidcup, DA15 9JQ

COST DETAILS

£18 PER CHILD PER DAY £54 PER CHILD PER WEEK*
*Mon-Wed

TIMES

STANDARD DAY 9-3PM
EARLY DROP OFF FROM 8AM
LATE PICK UP UNTIL 4PM
Early Drop off (from 8am-9am) = £5
Late Pick up (from 3pm-4pm) = £5

SUMMER CAMP!

Summer bookings are now online and available for you to book.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT
WWW.ALLKIDSCAN.CO.UK

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BOOK TODAY



School success starts with attendance

ATTENDANCE

The current version of our Attendance Policy can be found on our school website. Parents are reminded of the importance of high attendance. High attendance leads to great achievement.

We receive a number of requests for pupils to be absent from school during term time. Parents are reminded that the school cannot authorise a leave of absence for a holiday and we will only grant a leave of absence for exceptional circumstances. The process for applying for a leave of absence is as follows:

1. A Request for a Leave of Absence form is completed by the parent.
2. An appointment will be made with the Headteacher or Head of Campus to discuss the request.
3. The school decides if it will authorise the leave of absence.

Parents should note that flights (etc.) should not be booked before a leave of absence is authorised.

Every day of school missed by a pupil reduces their attendance by 0.5%, meaning that a child with 95% attendance has missed ten whole days of school and a child with 90% attendance has missed twenty whole days of school. By the time a pupil is persistently absent (85% attendance), they have missed six weeks, or half a term, of schooling.

Days Absent at End of Year	Absence Percentage	Attendance Percentage at End of Year
1	0.5%	99.5%
5	2.5%	97.5%
10	5%	95%
20	10%	90%
30	15%	85%



ARTS DIRECTORY

Calling all parents... do you work within the creative arts or have a particular artistic skill? We would love to hear about it! James Wolfe are looking for parents who would be happy to share their arts expertise with the children. If you are happy to be contacted about the possibility of coming into school to share your skills and knowledge, please complete the form at <https://forms.gle/oZN1JuG7XJgQSeLQ7>. Thank you!



OUR LIBRARIES

Our libraries are always looking for book donations and adult volunteers! If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Katey Hearn at friendsofJWS@gmail.com. Donations can be left with the School Office.



EMAIL ADDRESSES

Emailing letters directly is now our usual way of communicating with parents. If you believe you are not receiving these, please check your spam/junk folder -- and review your settings to allow "James Wolfe" and "jameswolfe" if you find them there. If you do not find them, please message us at admin@jameswolfe.greenwich.sch.uk, putting your email address and child's name in the title.



NO PARKING AROUND THE SCHOOL

We remind all parents not to park in the restricted areas on the roads surrounding the school, particularly the roads surrounding our Royal Hill Campus, as they are part of a Low Traffic Neighbourhood (LTN). Please walk to school with your children if at all possible, but if you must drive, please do not park in restricted areas. This is for the safety of all children arriving at and leaving the school, and is more important than ever due to the current road closures and road works taking place in the area.

Please can we also remind parents not to park their cars in the residential bays in Old Pearson Street when dropping-off their children to Nursery and Reception.



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[Website](#)



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