



23rd March 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

Re: Spring Term Week 11 Headteacher Update

Over the weekend, we received a formal apology from Bee Network following the significant disruption caused on Friday evening. As you may be aware, both the first and final buses experienced mechanical issues, with the buses breaking down on site and preventing other vehicles from safely leaving the school grounds. This understandably led to considerable inconvenience and delay for our children, families and staff. In their communication, they expressed a wholehearted apology, acknowledging the impact of the incident and the disruption caused by the recovery process. They have assured us that both their management and engineering teams are taking this matter seriously and will make every effort to prevent such an occurrence in the future.

This week we will be drawing the winner of our Easter Attendance Challenge. All children who have achieved 100% attendance during the last three weeks will be entered into a prize draw. One lucky winner will receive a voucher to treat their family to an Easter Sunday roast dinner; a wonderful opportunity to come together and celebrate as a family.

St James' have been taking part in our Big Lent Walk raising money for CAFOD. We are now in our final week, we have been asking families to contribute and join in. Please track our progress or donate through our school page [here](#).

In the Gospel yesterday, we hear Jesus proclaim, "I am the resurrection and the life," words that sit at the very heart of our Catholic faith. In the raising of Lazarus, we are reminded that even in moments of sorrow, uncertainty, or loss, Christ brings hope, renewal, and new life. As we continue our journey through Lent, this message invites us to trust more deeply in God's promise, to believe that light can emerge from darkness, and to recognise that through faith, we are always offered the opportunity for a fresh start. It is a powerful reassurance for our whole school family as we strive to live with hope, compassion, and resilience in all that we do.

A reminder that school closes at 12.15pm on Friday and all buses have confirmed that they will be here at this time. I hope you have a lovely Holy Easter break, when it comes. Our staff will also be taking a well-deserved break over the Easter period, spending time with their families, and as such will be unavailable via email, thank you in advance for not contacting them. If you need anything in these final few days, please do not hesitate to get in touch c.griffiths-davies@stjamesheadle.co.uk

Yours faithfully

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