



'Working Together to Fulfil Potential'

End of Year 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

As the academic year draws to a close, I would first of all like to thank all of the children for their amazing attitudes to, and enthusiasm for learning throughout the year - this is what makes our job so rewarding. They, along with their families and friends of the local school community have welcomed me to James Brindley and have all helped to make this a successful year for the school. I would also like to extend thanks to our Governors for the time they give voluntarily, to ensure our school is doing its best; and all teaching and support staff for their continued dedication to making the school the best it can be.

We bid a fond farewell to our Year 6 children, as they move on and start their next journey in education. We know they will continue to do us proud! We also wish Miss Sutton luck in her new role within the central trust team.



School Games Mark

We are thrilled to share that we have once again achieved our Platinum School Games mark! This is our 4th successful application, spanning the last 8 years and something we are extremely proud of.

We received fantastic feedback, which recognises the commitment of the whole JB team:

"One only has to read the evidence provided by James Brindley to see this is a school that prioritises young people! It is a fantastic summary of the hard work that goes on in the school day after day, and week after week to provide the most appropriate opportunities for the children. Mrs Sharrock leads the subject superbly, and the 'team' at James Brindley support attendance at our events and all the fabulous intra school activities.

A Platinum Award is fully deserved."

PTA

Thank you to all those who contributed in some way to the Summer Fair. Despite the rain, we still managed to enjoy the fair and raised a phenomenal £2000, which will now go back in to the PTA fund and support ongoing activities and events next academic year.

We are keen for all parents to share their ideas and thoughts on how we can continue to provide a wider range of fun fundraising events, and general activities to support the children's enjoyment of school. We encourage anyone interested to join our PTA in the new academic year. Meetings will be held each half term – so do please come along!

Uniform reminder for the next school year:

Nursery & Reception

- Grey shorts or trousers, grey pinafore dress or grey skirt;
- Gold polo shirt, royal blue V-neck jumper/cardigan with school logo;
- grey socks and black shoes.

Year 1 to Year 6:

- Grey shorts or trousers, grey pinafore dress or grey skirt;
- White shirt, school tie;
- royal blue V-neck jumper/cardigan with school logo;
- grey socks and black shoes.

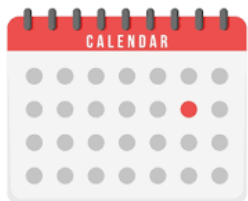
Outdoor Clothing: James Brindley fleece or James Brindley showerproof coat with school logo or other suitable dark coat.

Indoor PE Kits:

- Gold Logo T-shirt,
- Blue shorts
- Pumps

We also continue to have strict guidance around the wearing of jewellery and accessories:

- small studs only to be worn;
- no necklaces/rings or smart watches - these will be confiscated until the end of the day
- all long hair **MUST** be tied up appropriately for the duration of the school day. All hair ribbons and bands should be royal blue (or yellow to match summer dresses) and discrete in size.



Key Dates for September

A full calendar of events for the academic year will be shared in September but a few important dates to note for our return to school.

Parent Welcome Meetings: We would like to invite all parents/carers from Reception to Year 6 to meet with class teachers on **Monday 9th September**, where you will have the opportunity to find out more about the year ahead. There will be two sessions from which you can choose to attend; 15:30 or 16:00.

Roald Dahl Day: On Friday 13th September, we will be celebrating Roald Dahl Day to inspire and motivate our children to read. Children will complete a range of activities and pieces of work based on a selection of Roald Dahl's much-loved books. On this day, children are also invited to come to school dressed up as a Roald Dahl character. In assembly we will judge the best outfits from the day, and those children who impress will receive a book of their choice as a prize. For costume ideas, take a look at [our events page](#) on the school website.



The only thing left to say now, is have a happy and safe summer, and we look forward to welcoming you all back on Thursday 5th September.

Kind Regards



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