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Dear Parents and Carers,

Well done to our reception children who have completed their first week at school. Today is the last day of our phased transition and Foxes will be joining us full time from Monday!

Our Meet the Teacher parent consultations will be taking place later next month and is the first formal opportunity for you to sit down with your child's class teacher. The focus of this meeting will predominantly be on how your child has settled and their attitude towards their learning, although may also touch on some academic elements. Academic progress and attainment will be covered more fully as part of the 2025 consultations and interim reports. I have attached a parent guide that details our assessment and feedback procedures at St James'.



[Parent Guide to Assessment at St James'](#)

Meet the Teacher will take place across two evenings.

Wednesday 2nd October (16.00 – 18.30)

Monday 7th October (15.30 – 18.30)

You will be able to book a 10-minute consultation with your child's class teacher on either evening. Mrs Peckham (SENDCO) will also be available on Wednesday 2nd for identified children. Booking for the October parent consultations is done via the Arbor App. Booking will go live at 6pm on Monday 16th September and close at 9am on Monday 30th September.



[Arbor Guide to Guardian Consultations](#)

If you are unable to book online, please contact the office team who will be able to help you out or manually book an appointment.

Kind regards,

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Mr Lawford

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Key Diary Dates

16 th September	<p>Clubs Launch</p> <p>We have so many fantastic clubs on offer, both at lunchtime and after-school. Most clubs are booked via Arbor with links to Tennis included for booking with our external partners. The new year is a wonderful opportunity to try something new.</p> <p>Clubs List</p>
16 th September (19.30 – 21.00)	<p>PFA AGM</p> <p>The PFA raises vital funds for our school, come along to their Annual General Meeting to find out about accomplishments to date, plans for Events coming up this year and the different ways you can get involved. Refreshments will be provided</p>
24 th September	<p>Owls iSing Pop Rehearsal Day at Trinity School</p> <p>In preparation for the concert at the end of October all of Owls (Year 3 and 4) are invited to attend the iSingPOP Rehearsal Day at Trinity C.E. First School in Verwood where the children will be taught a number of different songs and dances. Please see this letter for further information.</p>
25 th September (17.30 – 19.00)	<p>Open Evening for Prospective Parents</p> <p>If you know of any parents who have children who will start school in September 2025, we have our Open Evening later this month. Find out more on our Facebook page.</p>
26 th – 30 th September	<p>Scholastic Book Fair</p> <p>The scholastic book fair is a travelling book shop which will be set up at school. This event helps raise hundreds of pounds for the school which we have reinvested in new books and whole class readers. More details to follow.</p>
2 nd and 7 th October	<p>Meet the Teacher</p> <p>An informal opportunity to meet your class teacher and see how the first month at St James' has been.</p>
10 th October (08.30 – 12.00)	<p>Individual Student Photographs</p> <p>Fraser Portraits will be in school in the morning to take individual photographs, these will also include school sibling photographs</p>
15 th October (09.30 – 10.15)	<p>Harvest Festival at Holtwood Methodist</p> <p>On the 15th October, the whole school will gather at Holtwood Methodist church for our harvest festival. 'Nick the Vic' will lead us in a time of collective worship, celebrating all that we have and how to demonstrate generosity. We would love you to join us for this service, which will begin at 09.30am.</p>
23 rd October	<p>Year 4 iSing Pop Concert at Salisbury Cathedral</p> <p>All of Year 4 will be travelling to Salisbury cathedral to join all the other Year 4 children from DSAT to perform an exciting concert. Tickets will be available closer to the time.</p>
25 th October	<p>Last Day of Autumn One</p>

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