

## SAMARÈS SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We have enjoyed another successful week at Samares. During our recent assemblies on New Year's resolutions, we introduced our whole-school resolution focused on keeping our learning environment well cared for, tidy and well organised.

As part of this, we launched a new initiative called '**Tidy Up, Team Up**'. Each week, the class that works together most effectively to create and maintain a respectful learning environment will win a small prize. This could include a voucher for a new book for their book corner or a wet play resource, five minutes of extra playtime, or some healthy snacks for morning break.

Miss Rowland and I already visit classrooms daily to see the fantastic learning taking place, and we will now also be reviewing learning environments during these visits. We'll be awarding spot prizes along the way too.

Our first winning class this week is **Year 6** – well done! 🎉

### **Oracy update**

As a Voice21 Centre of Excellence, we are proud of the outstanding work taking place to develop pupils' oracy across our school. Over the last term, we welcomed colleagues from across the Island to attend our oracy assemblies, where they were impressed by the pupils' confidence and clarity of expression.

As a staff team, we remain committed to strengthening oracy within our teaching practice and reflecting on its impact in lessons. This focus will drive our professional projects this term. Our goal is to model and promote high-level language, encouraging pupils to build on each other's ideas, develop their own thinking, and challenge one another in a respectful and constructive way. More information about Oracy can be found on the link below:

<https://www.samares.sch.je/page/?title=Voice+21&pid=51>

### **Mobile Library and Winter Reading Challenge**

The mobile library visits our school the second Monday afternoon of each month and this is a great opportunity for children to borrow a variety of books. Please encourage your child to take a look and record these books as part of the winter reading challenge.

### **Jersey Sport**

Jersey Sport has released their Spring term activities.

[Click here to read their programme.](#)

## **Term Dates**

Term dates for the next academic year can be found here:

[Term Dates - Government of Jersey](#)

Please note our last **INSET day** for 2025/6 is Friday 13th February 2026 and school will be closed for children on this day.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions, comments or queries.

Many thanks,



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