



James Marks Academy Trust

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Friday 20th March 2026

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Executive Head's message



Dear Parents and Carers,

I have returned, and even though I had the most incredible trip I am genuinely delighted to be back. I had some difficulty around getting a return flight home, but I was tenacious and it paid off in the end.

It is great to return and hear that the pupils have now finished their mock exams and have done really well, and find pupils and staff alike very happy as we approach Easter.

With the end of year exams approaching Tony will be writing to Roman Fields parents to inform you that RF will have to collapse the timetable when English Language and Maths GCSEs are scheduled, just because we need to ensure that all pupils' sitting these exams have their individual needs met. If there was an alternative we would absolutely take this up, but unfortunately there isn't. This doesn't mean we won't see the pupils not sitting the exams on these days, we will, it will just be a little later. Please note the JMA will need to do the same but for English Language only. Tony will communicate the dates and times to parents and organise transport accordingly. You have my sincere apologies in advance for any disruption this may cause. Please note that if you have something on which means your child really must attend school at the usual time, could you let me know on an individual basis as I will do everything I possibly can to accommodate this request.

This week has been really busy in terms of recruitment. I am delighted to inform you at this point we are fully staffed for September 2026 across both the JMA and RF. We do have one outstanding vacancy for a HLTA at FHEC however, so if any parent knows anyone who may be interested in the role I would appreciate it if you could point them in my direction.

The sun is shining, the pupils and staff are embracing Red Nose Day, so all is good with us all. My hope is this is the same for everyone, enjoy both the weather and the Easter break next week.

Kind regards Trevor

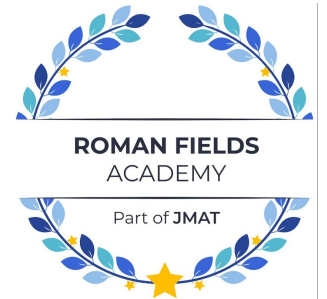


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Pupil successes at Roman Fields Academy



Stars of the week - 13/03/2026

GOLD - Freddie

SILVER - Jake

BRONZE - Ash

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Aiyla

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Jessica



Stars of the week - 20/03/2026

GOLD - Tom

SILVER - Brody

BRONZE - Flo, Alfie

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Freddie

ROMAN FIELDS SPIRIT AWARD - Natan





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Stars of the week - 13/03/2026

GOLD - Darcy

SILVER - Louie

BRONZE - Luca

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Harrison

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Teddy



Stars of the week - 20/03/2026

GOLD - Sam

SILVER - Joshua

BRONZE - Caley

100% ATTENDANCE FOR THE WEEK - Finley

JAMES MARKS SPIRIT AWARD - Charlie





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Dates for the diary

Friday 27th March - Last day of school before we break for Easter holidays

Monday 30th March till Friday 10th April - Easter break

Monday 13th April - INSET DAY (staff only)

Tuesday 14th April - Pupils back to school

Monday 20th April - Year 11 English Literature Macbeth Theatre trip

Monday 4th May - BANK HOLIDAY

Monday 25th May till Friday 29th May - Half term

Thursday 23rd July - Last day before breaking for summer holidays

Happy Easter to all our pupils , family and friends

We hope all of you get a well deserved break.

We have an inset day on Monday 13th April.

We look forward to seeing all the pupils back on Tuesday 14th April.





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Roman Fields - Red Nose Day

Thank you to everyone for taking part in our Red Nose Day fun. Everyone looked fab in red.

The pupils played the mystery cup game last year and enjoyed it so much we did it again. They love the excitement of what they can win.

The sweets in the jar competition will be announced on Friday 27th March at the end of term awards.

Thank you everyone for your support.





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James Marks Academy - Horticulture lessons

A Y8 horticulture class recently had the opportunity to work with our grounds maintenance team on a flower bed at the front of the school. Working with the gardeners, they helped to plant some new shrubs. They learnt some new techniques including how to use a double-shovel.

The group worked hard and demonstrated fantastic communication and teamwork skills. The end result was a big improvement and we look forward to watching the plants grow.





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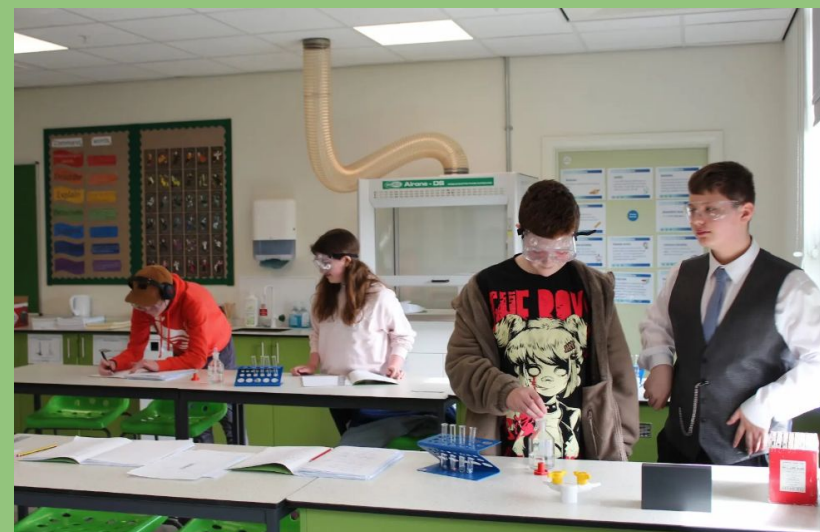
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James Marks Academy - Science lessons

9B have started their unit on chemical reactions. They carried out an investigation looking at the reactivity of 4 different metals and dilute hydrochloric acid. Out of the four metals, they concluded that magnesium was the most reactive.

They then tested the gas which was produced, using the 'squeaky pop' test. This was positive, so they knew that the gas must have been hydrogen.

The group followed up their investigation by writing word and symbol equations to show the chemical reactions that took place.





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Family Lives spring online workshops

Spring Term Online Workshops are available to book 2026 for parents in Hertfordshire. There are various workshops on several different topics.

If you are interested please check out their website for more information:

www.familylives.org.uk

Or call Louise and Lesley on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email: services@familylives.org.uk

Family Lives

Spring Term Online Workshops 2026 for parents in Hertfordshire



Sibling Rivalry - Online via MS Teams

This parenting workshop promotes cooperation and manages conflict between siblings.

Friday 13 March 9.30 to 11.30

Anxiety around ADHD - Online via MS Teams

This workshop helps parent/carers understand what ADHD is, why it makes sense for a child to be anxious if they have ADHD and provides strategies to help support you and your child.

**Wednesday 18 March 7pm to 9pm or
Thursday 26 March 9.30am to 11.30am**

Empowering Parenting - Online via MS Teams

A workshop to equip parents with practical tools, resources and strategies to enhance parenting skills and navigate parenting challenges effectively

Friday 20 March 9.30am to 11.30am

Its a Dads Life - Online via MS Teams

A workshop for dads to help build strong attachment and relationships with their child.

Tuesday 24 March 7pm to 9pm

For more information, you can scan our QR code to make a referral or call Louise and Lesley on 0204 522 8700/8701 or email services@familylives.org.uk.



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Family Lives spring online workshops

FREE online courses for parents/carers of Hertfordshire, they focus on different topics and there are new courses starting after the Easter holidays.

If you would like more information or interesting in booking please email:

bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk

Families in Focus



Award winning online, interactive courses with Francine & Lesley

Handling Anger in Your Family

A FREE Online Course for Hertfordshire Parents of Primary-Aged Children (No SEN Needs)

This course will support you to create more calm & connection at home

- Understand why children react with anger
- Recognise what's happening beneath the behaviour
- Learn tried and tested techniques to help children de-escalate
- Support your child to change reactions to trigger situations

Monday evenings from 7pm to 8.30pm

April 13th 20th 27th & May 11th 18th

Email Francine & Lesley:
bookings@familiesinfocus.co.uk



Understanding & Supporting Anger of Children with Autism & ADHD

FREE Online Course for Parents in Hertfordshire

Why join Francine & Lesley on this course?

- Understand more about Autism, ADHD, and sensory needs
- Learn what's happening in your child's brain during anger
- Gain practical tools for emotional regulation
- Build calmer routines and reduce daily stress
- Connect with other parents in a supportive space

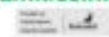
6 x Tuesdays: 9.30am to 11.30am

OR

6 x Tuesdays: 12.30pm to 2pm

April 14th 21st 28th & May 5th 12th 19th

Email Francine & Lesley:
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A Complete Guide to Parenting Children with Autism & ADHD

(Including children on assessment pathways)

FREE Online Course for Hertfordshire Parents of Children Aged 2-11

Support, Understanding & Practical Strategies for Family Life Living with Neurodivergent Children

This evidence-based course helps you:

- Increase understanding of Autism, ADHD, and sensory needs
- Make sense of your child's behaviour and emotional responses
- Learn practical, tried-and-tested strategies for calmer days

Support siblings with understanding and connection

Navigate EHCPs, and local services

Wednesday mornings 9.30-11.30 or

evenings from 6.30pm to 8.30pm

April 15th 22nd 29th & May 6th 13th 20th & June 3rd 10th 17th





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Easter fun at Church Farm

Ardeley

Church Farm are running lots of Festive fun activities over the Easter holidays.

If you are interested then please visit their website for more details-

<https://www.churchfarmardeley.co.uk/plan-a-visit/what-s-on/easter-events>

Address -

Church Farm, Ardeley, Stevenage
SG2 7AH

easter at church farm
28th March – 12th April

Visit Church Farm Ardeley
A real working farm!

Easter Farm Day Pass
Includes:
Easter Themed Activity Book
Woodland Play Area
Easter Bunny Riddle Trail
Farm Bingo & spot the Easter Bunny
See the Lambs, Rabbits & Farm animals
Walk around the farm

Additional Activities
Meet the Easter Bunny
Easter Egg Hunt
Lamb Bottle Feeding
Goat Walking
Tractor & Trailer Rides
Fairy Trail

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Potential Kids - March activities

Please see leaflet attached for the Potential Kids Easter Holiday Programme which is now available to book.

If you would like further details then please contact Emma Boulton -

Email: emma@potentialkids.org

Address: [Potential Kids, The Galleria Outlet Centre, Comet Way, Hatfield, Herts, AL10 0XR](#)

EASTER FUN POTENTIAL KIDS

Sessions for neurodivergent children, young people and their siblings

BOOKINGS:
potentialkids.org.uk/events

Further event details can be found on our website

Happy Easter

Promoting social inclusion, new friendships, physical activity, life skills, learning and social skills

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