

# St James' C of E Academy

## Newsletter



Spring 2 Week 1 2026

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*This half term we are focusing on the Christian value of Courage*

We hope everyone enjoyed a well-deserved break. With this half term being just five weeks long, it's set to be even more jam-packed than usual, and we're excited for everything ahead.

This week, Year 3 celebrated their long-awaited Egyptian Day, and what a fantastic day it was! The children arrived in amazing costumes, and it was wonderful to see them fully immersed in their topic as they made bread, explored ancient traditions, and brought their history learning to life. A huge thank you to parents for your support with costumes and preparation — it really helped make the day special as they concluded last half term's topic.

A big well done to Year 4, who enjoyed a brilliant visit to the library yesterday. Their behaviour was fabulous, and they represented the school beautifully. We hope they enjoyed taking part in the activities and having the chance to choose some exciting new books. Our thanks also go to the adults who supported them on the visit — your help is always greatly appreciated.

Looking ahead, we are excited for World Book Day next week! On Thursday, children are invited to come to school in their pyjamas or other appropriate comfortable clothing. We're looking forward to a day filled with reading fun, including lots of book-related activities, live lessons, and plenty of chances to enjoy stories together.

Wishing everyone a lovely weekend and a great start to this busy half term ahead.

*Let Your Light Shine*

### ATTENDANCE

Reception 97.96%

Year 1 97.48%

Year 2 100%

Year 3 96.83%

Year 4 100%

Year 5 93.41%

Year 6 94.44%

Well done to Year 2 and 4 who have this week's highest attendance!

### USEFUL DATES

04/03/26 - AGC meeting for Governors

05/03/26 - World Book Day - see Dojo post for info

13/03/26 - Mothers day service in church 2:30pm

16/03/26 - Assessment week

26/03/26 - Easter service in church 9:30am

27/03/26 - PTFA Easter Egg raffle

27/03/26 - Break up for Easter holidays

13/04/26 Children return to school

11/05/26 SATs week

13/05/26 AGC meeting for Governors

14/05/26 PTFA School discos

18/05/26 Assessment week

25/05/26 May half term holiday



## Presentation Perfectionists

This half term, our Celebration Collective Worship will be spotlighting the importance of presentation across all subjects. Each week, the certificate will go to pupils who take real pride in the way they set out their work. We'll be recognising neat handwriting, careful layout, and attention to detail, as well as the effort put into making learning look its very best. It's about celebrating not just what we learn, but how we show it, encouraging everyone to value clarity, care, and creativity in their work.

Year R - Esme for her creative play and stories.

Year 1 - Daisy for her beautiful interpretation of pointillism.

Year 2– Eimear for her wonderful science drawings.

Year 3– Arthur for always putting a lot of effort in his art and creative work.


Year 4 - Jonah for his absolutely amazing story

Year 5 - Tommy for his amazing Chinese characters.

Year 6 - Lacey for her creative flare in her drawing skills.



**Congratulations to Sapphire for earning the most team points this week**

WEEK THREE	Option One	Macaroni Cheese	NEW Chicken 50% Enchilada Bake with Paprika Wedges	Sausage with Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Mild Caribbean Chicken with Golden Rice	Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Option Two	 NEW Chefs Special Lentil Curry with Rice	Tomato Pasta	Vegan Sausage and Roast Potatoes and Gravy	Caribbean Stew with Golden Rice	Red Pepper Frittata with Chips & Tomato Sauce
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Oaty Cookie	Pear Crumble with Custard	Fruit Salad	NEW Jamaican Ginger Cake with Custard	Cornflake Tart



### LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS



Reception– Harry for using his cutlery independently

Year 1— Jake for sharing his toys on the playground.

Year 2– Jibril for showing his resilience on the playground and building a toy again.

Year 3– Maddie for always using her manners.

Year 4 - Daisy for always being respectful to friends and adults.

Year 5– Toby for being a good helper in the hall.

Year 6– Max for his good manners and politeness.



### Team Points



Our students earn team points for their academic efforts and achievements across all lessons.

Well done to these children who have earned their Bronze and silver awards.

Gold

Year 6 - Freddie and Ollie

House teams can see their running total for the year on display in the hall. Keep up the hard work everyone!

### NEVER GIVE UP



We bounce back after challenges and tough times. We know that we can overcome difficulties.

This half term, we are concentrating on our forth SHINE value - Never Give Up. We have already begun learning about this in Collective worship this week and pupils have begun to think about the ways in which they can be persevere as learners in school. We hope that these skills will support children to become more resilient at home and to 'keep trying'.

For more information, our Shine Values posters are on the school website [here](#)

