

# St James' C of E Academy

## Newsletter



Autumn 12 28-11-25

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*This half term we will be focusing on the Christian value of Truthfulness*

What a fantastic week at Southam St James!

Firstly, a huge well done to all our pupils for their brilliant attitude to learning during Assessment Week. The children have worked incredibly hard to show what they've learned, and it's been wonderful to see their determination and positivity shining through. Alongside their assessments, pupils have enjoyed some creative DT tasks—the smell of Year 1's freshly baked jam tarts in school was a real treat for everyone!

Today, we've celebrated our annual Christmas art day, and the school has been buzzing with creativity. It's been great to see so many children letting their light shine through art, crafting festive items that we know parents will treasure at the end of term. The joy and imagination on display have truly brought the Christmas spirit alive in our classrooms.

Finally, we're looking forward to a very special event this weekend: our school choir will be performing at the Southam Christmas Light Switch-On this Sunday at 3.45pm. We hope to see lots of you there to support the children as they share their voices and let their light shine in the heart of our community.

Thank you for your continued support and encouragement. We wish all our families a joyful weekend.

Laura Richards

Headteacher

*Let Your Light Shine*

### ATTENDANCE

Reception 89.23%

Year 1 96.10%

Year 2 99.13%

Year 3 93.48%

Year 4 98%

Year 5 93.60%

Year 6 89.57%

Well done to year 2 who have this week's highest attendance!

### USEFUL DATES

30/11/25 Christmas lights switch on– PTFA stall in Southam

05/12/25 - PTFA Christmas cake break.

09/12/25 - KS1 theatre visit– Tiger who came to tea.

**10/12/25 - School Christmas Dinner.**

11/12/25 - Christmas jumper day.

**12/12/25 - KS1 Performance, 1.30pm.**

**15/12/25 - KS1 Performance, 1.30pm.**

**15/12/25– KS2 choir performing to Tithe lodge .**

16/12/25 - KS2 theatre visit– Peter Pan.

17/12/25 - KS2 Carol service in church 2:30pm.

19/12/25 - Carols round the tree 2:45pm.

05/01/26 - Teacher training day.

21/01/26 - Academy Governance meeting.

09/2/26 & 12/02/26 Parents evenings.

13/2/26—PTFA Yes! Day.



## Reading Rockstars

*This half term, we are celebrating children who have really shone with their reading and phonics. This could be in class, out loud, explaining a reading comprehension answer or super effort with home reading.*

Year R– Kamara for her enthusiasm in phonics.

Year 1– Daisy for determination and resilience with a practice phonics assessment.

Year 2– Eimear for trying hard with her narrator role.

Year 3– Arthur for improved fluency in reading.

Year 4 - Edward for always doing his reading without fail.

Year 5 - Jack for trying hard and using expression when reading.

Congratulations to Ruby who got the most team points this week!



### WEEK TWO

0/11/25  
/12/25  
/1/26  
6/01/26

#### Option One

Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges

Spaghetti Bolognese



BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa

Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice

Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips Tomato Sauce

#### Option Two

Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice

Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese

Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice

Cheese Whirl with Chilli and Tomato Sauce

#### Vegetables

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#### Dessert

NEW Gingerbread Cookie

Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce

Fruit Salad

Sticky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard

Vanilla Shortbread



### LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS



Reception– Beau for being polite and playing nicely.

Year 1– Dylan for remembering rules at lunchtime.

Year 2– James for playing sensibly with others.

Year 3– Rosie for always using her manners.

Year 4– Grace for playing sensibly on the playground.

Year 5– Tess for her excellent manners.

Year 6- Tate for tidying the playground.

Well done everyone—we hope that you enjoyed your treat and trip to top table today.

## HONESTY



We always tell the truth and this means that we are trusted by others.

This half term, we will be concentrating on our second SHINE value - Honesty. We will begin learning about this in Collective worship and lessons after half term but it would be great if you can begin conversations about this at home before then.

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

### 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 or silver award.

#### Year 1

Florence M

Grace J

#### Year 5

Freddie

Ted

Jessie

Toby C

Ben

Habi

Aicha

Imogen

Jack J

Jack R

Oliver

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

