

# St James' C of E Academy

## Newsletter



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

### A Big Thank You and Well Done!

We want to say a huge *well done* to everyone for supporting **Children in Need** and making our non-uniform day such a success! It was wonderful to see the enthusiasm and generosity across our school community.

This week has also been **Anti-Bullying Week**, and we are incredibly proud of the kindness and compassion shown by our pupils. Their thoughtful actions and positive attitudes truly reflect our school values.

On **Remembrance Day**, our pupils demonstrated great respect and maturity as we commemorated those who served and sacrificed. It was a moving and meaningful occasion, and we couldn't be prouder of how they approached it.

### Looking Ahead

Next week, Year 6 pupils head off on their residential trip to **Willersley Castle**! We know this will be an amazing experience filled with adventure, teamwork, and fun. We hope they have a fantastic time and create memories that will last a lifetime.

Thank you for your continued support, and we wish all our families a wonderful weekend ahead

Laura Richards

*Let Your Light Shine*

### ATTENDANCE

Reception 95.73%

Year 1 92.47

Year 2 98.07

Year 3 95.32%

Year 4 95.59%

Year 5 95.13%

Year 6 90.87%

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

### USEFUL DATES

19/11/25 - Year 6 residential

24/11/25 - Assessment week

28/11/25 - Christmas Art workshop day

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



## 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 1– Florence M for showing great understanding of comprehension skills.

Year 2– Daisy for her enthusiastic reading of a script.

Year 3– Eliza for reading more at home and improving her reading fluency.

Year 4 - Amelia S for excellent reading in class.

Year 5 - Toby C for his enthusiasm and expression in reading.

Year 6 - Max for volunteering to read and his brilliant emphasis when reading..



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
17/11/25 8/12/25 12/1/26 2/2/26	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– Bella for playing nicely with friends.

Year 1—Daisy for playing fairly on the playground

Year 2– Mason for being polite and having manners.

Year 3– Iris for being willing to try new foods.

Year 4– Thomas for respecting the hall rules.

Year 5– Jadan for good behaviour on the playground

Year 6– Alex for good listening on 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 award.

#### Year 3

Eliza, Geoffrey, Harriet, Ivy and Oscar

#### Year 5

Jace and Jadan

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

