

St James' C of E Academy

Newsletter



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

Welcome Back!

It's been lovely to welcome all the children back after the half-term break — we've really enjoyed seeing their smiling faces and hearing about their adventures. This half term is a busy one, so please keep checking the school calendar for upcoming events and activities.

Anti-Bullying Week – Coming Up Next Week

Next week is Anti-Bullying Week, and we'll be focusing on kindness, friendship, and how to be a good friend as well as 'the power of good'. You can support this at home by talking with your child about what kindness looks like, sharing stories about helping others, or encouraging them to say something kind to someone each day. Together, we can help children feel safe, valued, and confident.

Finally, if children are at Remembrance Parade on Sunday, I would love to collate photographs of them in their various uniforms (Beavers, Rainbows etc). I know that a lot of the school will be there and it would be good to share this in school on Tuesday. Please send any photos to me via email.

Have a lovely weekend!

Laura Richards

Let Your Light Shine

ATTENDANCE

Reception 95.38%

Year 1 98.12%

Year 2 98.26%

Year 3 98.42%

Year 4 95.60%

Year 5 95.60%

Year 6 87.39%

Well done to Year 3 who have this week's highest attendance!

USEFUL DATES

10/11/25 - Y6 meeting re Residential, 3.15pm

14/11/25 - Children in need - non uniform

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

11/12/25 - Christmas jumper day

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 1– Georgia for perseverance and effort with new words in phonics.

Year 2– Leo for trying really hard during Whole Class Reading.

Year 3– Geoffrey for a brilliant effort in his class reading.

Year 4 - Amelia W Brilliant reading and effort in English!

Year 5 - Bella for Her enthusiasm in reading and English.

Year 6 - William M for engaging and focusing on reading that he enjoys.



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

WEEK TWO	Option One	Option Two	Vegetables	Dessert
10/11/25 1/12/25 5/1/26 26/01/26	Classic Cheese and Tomato Pizza with Wedges	Mild Mexican Chilli with Rice	Vegetables of the Day	NEW Gingerbread Cookie
	Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegan Spaghetti Bolognese	Vegetables of the Day	Chocolate and Beetroot Brownie with Chocolate Sauce
	CHICKEN SHACK BBQ Chicken or Quorn with Seasoned Potatoes and Sweetcorn Salsa	Vegetables of the Day	Fruit Salad	
	Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Rice	Creamy Chickpea and Coconut Curry with Rice	Vegetables of the Day	Slicky Toffee Apple Crumble with Custard
	Breaded Fish or Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce	Cheese Whirl with Chips and Tomato Sauce	Vegetables of the Day	Vanilla Shortbread

LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS

Reception– Jaxson for trying new foods.
 Year 1—Vinnie for tidying up the playground.
 Year 2– Flo for helping her friend.
 Year 3– Geoffrey for his good manners and politeness.
 Year 4– Edward for his lovely manners.
 Year 5– Jessica for being an amazing helper.
 Year 6– Kayden for following the rules of the playground.

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

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 2

Evie
Tommaso
Louis

Year 3

Rory
Jack
Louis
Poppy

Year 5

Habi
Jack R
Fraser

Year 6

Austin
Kiki

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

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](#).