

St James' C of E Academy

Newsletter



Autumn 8 – 23-10-25

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

Dear Parents

I am quite sure you've already seen the photos, but the highlight of our week was for sure our visit from Gladiator Steel on Tuesday. The PFA arranged this a long time ago and the secret was most definitely worth keeping to see the look on children's face when they met him in school. Steel (aka Zack George) delivered a great session to pupils in the hall and then spent time meeting every class. We are certain that it was a morning many children will remember for a long time. Thank you again to our fabulous PFA for arranging the visit.

A huge thank you too to those of you who took part in the Activate fundraising challenge. You raised a huge amount of money which the PFA will use to support projects in school—we are very grateful to you all.

Finally, I hope you all have a wonderful half term and are able to enjoy some quality family time together.

Best wishes, Laura Richards

Let Your Light Shine

ATTENDANCE

Reception 100%
Year 1 97.22%
Year 2 91.30%
Year 3 96.49%
Year 4 99.11%
Year 5 90.71%
Year 6 92.31%

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

USEFUL DATES

27/10/25 - 31/10/25 - Half term
03/11/25 - Children return to school
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– The 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
05/01/2026 Teacher training day
21/01/2026 Academy Governance meeting
09/2/2026 & 12/02/2026 Parents evenings



Calculating Champions

This half term, we are celebrating children who have really shone in maths lessons and demonstrated a great understanding of the learning in these lessons this week.

Year 1– Joseph for showing resilience and perseverance for number bonds up to 10.

Year 2– Lucy for working hard in maths lessons!

Year 3– Poppy for her excellent work showing increased confidence

Year 4 - Hettie for her brilliant work in maths!

Year 5 - Ethan for his perseverance and resilience in maths

Year 6 - Austin for his excellent explanation of how to order fractions.



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



WEEK ONE

3/11/25

24/11/25

15/12/25

19/01/26

9/2/26

Option One

Plant Balls in Tomato Sauce with Rice



Beef Lasagne with Garlic Bread



Roast Chicken, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Pork hotdogs

Fishfingers with Chips & Tomato Sauce

Option Two

Autumn Vegetable Lasagne

Beetroot and Lentil Burger in a Bun with Potato Wedges

Vegetarian Wellington with Roast Potatoes and Gravy

Veggie hotdogs

Cheese and Bean Pasty with Chips and Tomato Sauce

Vegetables

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Jackets

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Dessert

Cheese and Crackers

NEW Apple Crumb Cake with Custard

Fruit Medley

Campfire crispy cake

Jelly with mandarins.

LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS

Reception– Porsha for clearing up nicely after lunch

Year 1—Joseph for trying his vegetables

Year 2– Eimear for helping a friend

Year 3– Scarlett for being polite and well mannered

Year 4– James for trying broccoli

Year 5– Ruby for being a fantastic helper in the hall

Year 6– James for his excellent manners

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.

Next 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 1

Ivy-Rose, Daisy, Vinnie, Joseph M, Georgia, Edward, Arlo, Joseph K, Noah

Year 4

Henry, Tammy, Jonah, Grace, James, Jackson, Elliot, Millie, Joshua, Thomas, Skyla, Amelia, Lucy, Chloe, Daisy, Sophia, Alana, Dexter, Edward, Ava-May, Jasmine, Hettie, Matthew

Year 5

Tommy, Toby F, Tess, Oliver C, Jack R, Imogen, Harry F, Ethan, Bella

Year 6

Alex, James, Jessica, Maeve, Oliver, Ollie

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

