

# St James' C of E Academy

## Newsletter



Autumn 7 - 17-10-25

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

Dear Parents

It was lovely to see so many of you at our first parents' evening last night—we're looking forward to seeing lots more of you next week. If you haven't yet made an appointment, please do book one or contact your child's teacher to arrange one. It's a really valuable opportunity to discuss your child's progress so far this academic year.

Next week we are looking forward to welcoming a special guest to school on Tuesday to celebrate the end of the PTFA Activate Challenge. Thank you to all of you who have embraced the challenge, supported children to get active and helped to raise money for our PTFA. We will be in touch again next week with more news, photos and an update on the amount you have all raised.

Finally, don't forget that next Friday is a training day for teachers so school will be closed to pupils. The last day in school before half term will be Thursday 23rd October.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Best wishes, Laura Richards

*Let Your Light Shine*

### ATTENDANCE

Reception 95.38%

Year 1 96.88%

Year 2 96.96%

Year 3 94.74%

Year 4 96.8%

Year 5 92.80%

Year 6 87.39%

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

### USEFUL DATES

21/10/25 /22/10/25 - Parents' Evening,

24/10/25 - Training Day - school closed to pupils

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



## 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**– Jake for getting the hang of some tricky addition methods!

**Year 2**– Leo for always putting 100% effort in maths!

**Year 3**– Alex for super understanding of addition and subtraction and excellent contribution during maths discussions.

**Year 4** - Daisy for her excellent concentration, understanding and effort in maths!

**Year 5** - Jace for his perseverance and effort in maths.

**Year 6** - Kallum for working really hard and not giving up when tackling challenging division.



Congratulations to RUBY for earning the most team points this week



<b>WEEK TWO</b>  08/09/25 29/09/25 20/10/25	<b>Option One</b> Cheese & tomato pizza with salad	Park Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Fish and Chips	Inset day not in school
	<b>Option Two</b> Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Quorn fillet, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese Whirl and chips	
	<b>Vegetables</b> Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Peaches and ice cream	
	<b>Dessert</b> Iced Vanilla Sponge	NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad		



### LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS



Reception– Hunter for his willingness to try new foods

Year 1–Alice for mastering using her cutlery independently

Year 2– Isabelle for being polite and helpful on the playground.

Year 3– Harriet for playing really nicely on the playground

Year 4– Dexter for being kind and sharing toys with others

Year 5– Habi for playing nicely with others on the playground.

Year 6– William for being polite and respectful at lunchtime



### 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.

## STAY FOCUSSED



We concentrate on one task at a time, giving that task 100% of our attention, and don't allow ourselves to be distracted by anything else

This half term, we will be concentrating on our first SHINE value - Stay focussed. It has been great to see children continuing to work hard to demonstrate this value all around school this week - both in class, during collective worship and at lunchtimes.

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

### Year 1

**Florence, Rupert, Jake, Alice**

### Year 4

**Albie and Amelia W**

### Year 5

**Aicha, Jack, Ben, Freddie**

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

