

St James' C of E Academy

Newsletter



Autumn 5 - 3-10-25

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

Dear Parents

It has been great to see so many of you in school and church today - both at Celebration Assembly, in our Coffee & Catch up and again in church this afternoon. We really enjoy welcoming you to join us and sharing the many achievements of children in school.

Mrs Hothi and I enjoyed chatting to parents this morning and talking about the great work happening in school. It was lovely to be able to answer your questions and share news and information with you. We really hope to welcome even more of you to the next session we hold like this. Look out for one or two changes on the newsletter after some great suggestions by parents this morning too.

Next Friday we are inviting all children to wear something yellow for World Mental Health Day. We want all children to feel comfortable in school on this day so please adapt this as you need. Children can either swap out one item for something yellow or come to school head to toe in yellow...or anywhere in between! Equally, we are happy for children to stay in school uniform - whatever makes it easiest to come to school happy and calm.

Have a great weekend! Best wishes, Laura Richards

Let Your Light Shine

ATTENDANCE

Reception 99.15%

Year 1 96.45%

Year 2 96.10%

Year 3 96.0%

Year 4 97.33%

Year 5 95.58%

Year 6 88.83%

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

USEFUL DATES

10/10/25 - World Mental Health day, wear yellow

10/10/25 - Open Morning for Sept 2026 starters

16/10/25 - Parents' Evening, 3.30-5.30pm

20/10/25 - Parents' Evening, 4-6.30pm

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



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– Grace for showing mathematical fluency when using number lines.

Year 2– James for his excellent effort and work in maths!

Year 3– Rory for his effort in understanding place value.

Year 4 - Grace for a superb effort in her maths work.

Year 5 - Casey for trying hard and working independently, showing perseverance with subtraction.

Year 6 - Charlie for being brilliant at maths and always working hard in his calculations.



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



WEEK THREE 15/09/25 06/10/25		Option One	Option Two	Vegetables	Dessert
	Tomato pasta	NEW Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice	Roast of the day, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	NEW Greek Macaroni Paslitsio (like lasagne) with Greek Salad and Tzatziki	Breaded Fish and Chips
	Classic Vegan Bolognese	NEW Chefs Special Savoury Rice	Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Rice, Greek Salad and Tzatziki	All Day Vegetarian Breakfast
	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day
	Pear & Cocoa Upside Down Cake	Cheese and Crackers	Fruit Medley	Jam and Coconut Sponge	Oaty Cookie

LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS

Reception– Kamara– Fantastic manners!

Year 1– Grace– Really good at clearing up after lunch.

Year 2– Settling in to her new school at lunchtime .

Year 3– Louie– Trying new food and veggies!

Year 4– Joshua– Being helpful on the field and tidying up toys.

Year 5– Tess H for being polite and helpful on the field.

Year 6– Freddie– for being respectful and polite to adults in school.

Team Points

Our students earn team points for their academic efforts and achievements across all lessons. Team points have been reset at the start of this term, and certificates will be awarded when children reach the following number of points:

Bronze - 50

Silver - 100

Gold - 200

Platinum - 300

Diamond - 500

House teams will be able to see their running total for the year on display in the hall.

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](#).

