

St James' C of E Academy

Newsletter



Autumn 4 - 26-09-25

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

Dear Parents

I can't believe we are already almost at the end of September - this term seems to be flying super quickly. It was great to see so many children at our school discos last night. The hall was full of sparkles, lively dance moves and smiling children - a great way to celebrate all being back in school together. Thank you to our PTFA for organising this and making sure that everyone had a great time - we are all very grateful.

Next week sees us heading to church on Friday afternoon for our Harvest Festival. Year 4 will be leading our service and the whole school will be walking to church to join them. We hope that lots of you will be able to join us too. If you are able to help us walk to church in the afternoon, please let your child's class teacher know. We will be leaving school between 2.00 and 2.15pm and need quite a few extra adults to ensure everyone stays safe on the walk.

Finally, your child will be bringing home a copy of our new Ofsted report and a letter from school to accompany it. We hope that you will take the time to read it and that some of you will join Mrs Hothi and I next Friday after our Celebration assembly for a cup of coffee, a biscuit and a chance to chat and ask any questions.

Have a great weekend! Best wishes, Laura Richards

Let Your Light Shine

ATTENDANCE

Reception 94.21%

Year 1 96.35%

Year 2 98.48%

Year 3 94.97%

Year 4 97.78%

Year 5 94.89%

Year 6 89.42%

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

USEFUL DATES

03/10/25 - Harvest Festival in church, 2.30pm

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



Calculating Champions

Year 1– Alice showing independence with place value.

Year 2– Isabelle for her superb effort in maths.

Year 3– Harriet- for excellent participation in maths discussions showing growing confidence.

Year 4 - Alana for her brilliant effort in her timetables.

Year 5 - Jessica for her well thought out problem-solving and reasoning in lessons and during discussions and Imogen, for always being engaged in the lesson and being a good role model for contributing well to discussions .

Year 6 - Harry for being brilliant at maths and always making an effort in his learning.

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



WEEK TWO	Option One	Cheese & tomato pizza with salad	Park Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Roast of the Day, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes, & Gravy	Special Census Menu	Battered Fish with Chips & Tomato Sauce
08/09/25 29/09/25 20/10/25	Option Two	Lentil and Sweet Potato Curry with Rice	Vegan Hot Dog with Wedges & Tomato Sauce	Quorn fillet, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy	Cheese & Tomato Pizza or Macaroni cheese With potato wedges Choc-Orange Cookie	Cheese and Tomato Quiche with Chips
	Vegetables	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day	Vegetables of the Day		Vegetables of the Day
	Dessert	Iced Vanilla Sponge	NEW Strawberry and Apple Crumble with Custard	Freshly Chopped Fruit Salad		Vanilla shortbread

LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS

Reception– Dorothy for never giving up and settling in to new school rules.

Year 1–Joseph for trying hard to finish all his dinner.

Year 2– Lucy for always trying to eat her lunch independently.

Year 3– Maddie– for having lovely manners

Year 4– Hettie– for being polite and having good manners

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

Year 6– Ollie for always being polite and respectful.

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 FOCUSED



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](#).

