

St James' C of E Academy

Newsletter



Autumn 2 - 12-09-25

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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 all children making a great, settled start to the term this week. Every time I've visited a classroom, children have been engaged in learning, on task and eager to share their learning. I've enjoyed awarding Classdojo points and stickers and sharing work with children too - well done to them all for getting off to such a great start in their new year groups.

We were delighted to see lots of you in school for our 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Wednesday. If you weren't able to attend and have questions to ask, please contact your child's teacher via ClassDojo and they'll be able to help you.

We are excited that our PTFA will be sharing a brand new event with children in Collective worship next week - look out for more information on Monday. Also, don't forget to buy your disco tickets online - we're looking forward to seeing lots of children there for a boogie.

Have a wonderful weekend!

Best wishes, Laura Richards

Let Your Light Shine

ATTENDANCE

Reception 91%

Year 1 88 %

Year 2 99%

Year 3 96%

Year 4 100%

Year 5 94%

Year 6 96%

Well done to Year 4 who got the highest attendance this week!



USEFUL DATES

15/09/25 - PTFA Activate launch in Collective worship

17/09/25 - Academy Governance Meeting, 5pm

19/09/25 - Individual school photos in school

25/09/25 - PTFA school discos

25/09/25 - Phonics Info session, YR parents, 5.00pm

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



Calculating Champions

Year 1 - Rupert for showing mathematical fluency in his place value skills.

Year 2 - Oscar for being truly brilliant in maths - good effort!

Year 3 - Jack for excellent participation, sharing ideas and putting in all round excellent effort.

Year 4 - Albie for being a fabulous mathematician.

Year 5 - Jadan for his excellent maths challenges with Mrs Michelin

Year 6 - James for excellent effort and participation in maths.

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



WEEK THREE

15/09/25
06/10/25

Option One

Smokey Bean Burger with Potato Wedges



NEW Green Thai Chicken Curry with Rice



Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Roast Potatoes & Gravy



NEW Greek Macaroni Pastitsio with Greek Salad and Tzatziki

Breaded Fish and Chips

Option Two

Classic Vegan Bolognese



NEW Chefs Special Five Bean Jollof Rice



Veg Wellington, Roast Potatoes & Gravy



Spinach and Cheese Whirl with Rice, Greek Salad and Tzatziki



All Day Vegetarian Breakfast

Vegetables

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Dessert

Pear & Cocoa Upside Down Cake

Cheese and Crackers

Fruit Medley



Jam and Coconut Sponge



Oaty Cookie



LUNCHTIME SUPERSTARS



R - Emily for adapting to lunchtime rules in the hall

Y1 - Jake for clearing his plate independently

Y2 - Oscar for always finishing his food!

Y3 - Poppy for always having excellent manners.

Y4 - Henry for his lovely manners at lunchtime.

Y5 - Esme for eating nicely and trying her vegetables

Y6 - Charlie for his ability to remember the rules at lunchtimes.

Well done everyone - enjoy your visit to top table!

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](#).

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!



With the new year starting, we would like to remind parents of our uniform and PE Kit expectations.

School Uniform

- School sweatshirt/cardigan **with School Logo** (*No hoodies*)
- Red polo shirt (no logo required)
- Grey trousers or shorts for boys or girls (*No leggings*)
- Grey skirt or pinafore dress
- Red and white check summer dress
- Grey, black or white socks or tights (**no** patterns, bright colours or characters please)
- Black sturdy shoes (**no** trainers, open sandals or shoes with high heels)
- One/pair of small stud/s (which can be removed for PE lessons) and a watch

Please remind your child to bring their coat or a waterproof layer to school every day, especially as we run into the colder, wetter months. Children will be outside for break time and lunch time unless the weather is unsuitable; there is nothing worse than sitting in class with a damp jumper, or unable to warm up properly because they weren't prepared for the weather outside.

Water bottles and school equipment required for the day should be in school every day. If the weather is warm, please remember to apply sun cream in the morning and send in a sun hat. Our weather is very unpredictable - it is much better to be over-prepared than to get caught out!

PE lessons

Continuing this year, children will be expected to arrive in school in appropriate PE kit on their designated PE days, which should have been communicated to you by your child's class teacher.

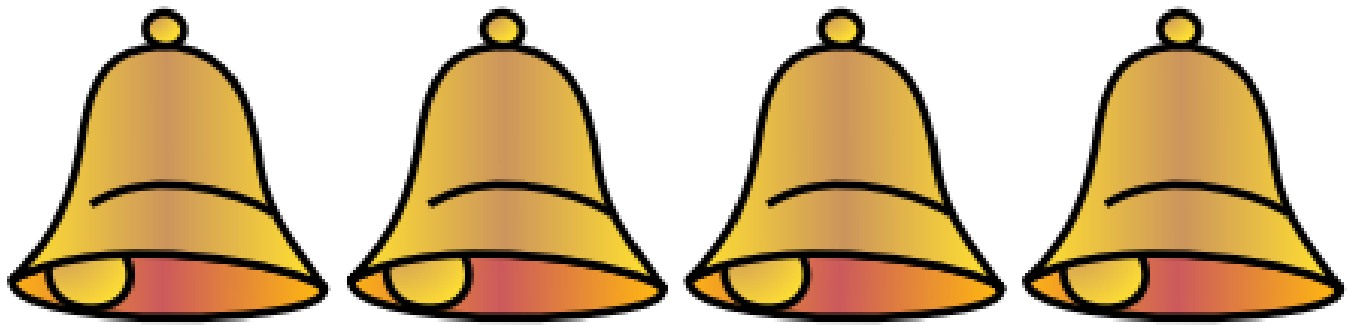
A reminder of our PE Kit expectations:

- Plain black sports trousers - these **must not** be branded, nor carry additional colours or words on them
- Plain black shorts or skirt
- School polo shirts and sweatshirts should be worn on the top half, with the option of the school fleece in the winter
- Trainers should be worn to school, and PE pumps are allowed for indoor PE lessons

ALL jewellery should be removed for every PE lesson, this includes sports watches, as a matter of health and safety. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, we ask that earrings be removed before they come to school in the morning.

Even in the colder months, we will endeavour to take the children outside for PE wherever possible. With this in mind, please ensure your child has a warm, waterproof layer in school with them (a coat is perfectly suitable).

As PE is part of the curriculum, every child is expected to participate. Refusal to participate in PE lessons will be treated in the same manner as refusing to complete written work in other lessons. If your child is unable to participate due to injury, this should be communicated to the class teacher via Class Dojo or email prior to their lesson.



Walking family treasure hunt

Sunday 14th Sept

St James Church , Southam.

Begins at St James church between 2 & 2:30pm,
to be completed by 4pm.

Pushchair friendly!

£10 family entry (2 adults and preteen children)

£5 Individual adults and older children

Tea and Cakes available

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and win a Hamper!



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